

of marginal cell ; abdomen rather narrow, with coarse black hair, except on first segment and anterior middle (tapering laterally) of second, where it is tawny-yellow ; hair of legs black, spinules on tarsi ferruginous.

Hab.—Calgary, Alberta, British America (*F. H. Wolley Dod*).

The coloration of the abdomen is as in *B. separatus*, which, however, is a *Bombias*. The insect is probably a race of *B. hyperboreus grœnlandicus*, (Smith), but it has the yellow on the abdomen reduced. It is also related to *B. pleuralis*, Nyl., which Friese makes a subspecies of *B. Kirbyellus*, Curtis.

A REMARK ON THE IGNOTUS ÆNIGMATICUS.

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With special interest I read in the pages of this journal, 1908, No. 7, a paper by Mrs. A. T. Slosson, "A Bit of Contemporary History," treating of the habits of one of the most peculiar and interesting representatives of Coleoptera. Nearly all the past year this minute creature attracted my attention, being an uninvited guest at my home. Some of my observations and considerations about this subject I hope to expose on the pages of *Revue Russe d'Entomologie* in the next issue ; at present I will confine myself to the remark that this mysterious stranger of my esteemed entomological colleague is, properly speaking, a very old friend of ours, described and figured in 1839 by V. Motschulsky (*Bull. Soc. Nat. Moscou* xii., page 76, t. v.; f. 1-6), from Transcaucasia, under the name of *Thelydrias contractus*. Afterwards this species (without doubt identical will *Ignotus ænigmaticus*!) was described by Reitter from specimens from the Transcaspian Province and Turkestan, and placed by him, very unfortunately, in the group of *Driloris* (family *Cantharodidæ*). *Bestimm ; Tabelle d'Europ. Coleopt.*, XXIX., 1894.

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