

Ochsenheimer's 3rd Vol. bears date that year. Mr. Scudder has inadvertently copied this as 1st Vol., 1807, instead of 3rd Vol., 1816. So as Dr. Hagen, in a note, says, "the Tentamen was not known to the chief Lepidopterologist of his day for ten years or more after it was printed, though he was in intimate communication with Hubner, and that he did not know it shows clearly that Hubner did not think it of importance enough to be communicated to him."

Herrich-Schaeffer, in different Regensburg pamphlets, 1857-1869, states that he has bought all the plates, books and scientific material belonging to Hubner, and will continue Hubner's works. He gives a list of them, with dates of their original publication, and includes the Verzeichniss bek. Schmett., and the Syst. Alph. Verz. (which is another catalogue), but says not a word of the Tentamen, the best proof that he did not regard it as a scientific publication.

Dr. A. Speyer, Ent. Zeit. Stett., 1875, Vol. 36, p. 98, thus expresses himself: "Grote swears by the priority principle and has vigorously carried out the same, not only in regard to species, but to genera and higher divisions. He has laid hold of a yet older catalogue of Hubner's than the Verzeichniss in the Tentamen, &c. *I have never met with the Tentamen, which, according to Ochsenheimer, contains a plan of a system of Lepidoptera, on a quarto sheet, and neither I presume have most of my readers. I have therefore been obliged to pass no judgment on the right of those generic names to supersede later ones chosen by Hubner himself or by others.*"

"The Tentamen is not recorded in the large yearly Index of all German publications," as I am informed by Dr. Hagen, "published at Leipzig, which Index is regarded as the most correct existing." And the same distinguished Entomologist also assures me that he himself "has most of the catalogues of the libraries belonging to prominent Entomologists, and which have been offered for sale during the past forty years, and the Tentamen is not mentioned in one of them, not even in those of Zincken-Sommer, Charpentier and others who were contemporaries of Hubner and were prominent and accomplished Lepidopterologists. These men and Ochsenheimer and Germar were the '*peritis*' of their time and there is no evidence that one of them had seen it; and," adds Dr. Hagen, "*a work in nobody's hands, printed for private purposes, cannot be considered as a scientific publication.*"

So that this sheet, so far as appears, was known to German authors,