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SOME RECENT WORK IN THE GENUS CATOCALA.

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Since the revision of this genus by the late Dr. Hulst, in 1884, contributions to our knowledge have not been extensive, while the material gathered in recent years has been very great. The popularity of the genus among students of Lepidoptera had made the necessity for a revision very keenly felt, so that when Prof. French generously undertook the work, a year or so ago, a feeling of gratitude was aroused by enthusiasts, who have known the thoroughness with which his work would be attended.

In offering him my assistance, I placed at his disposal a large number of Western forms, many of them from remote localities where no great amount of collecting in this genus had yet been done. I was not greatly surprised when my own opinion of some apparently new species was confirmed by that of Prof. French. Though reluctant about presenting these new forms until more material could be gathered for a more thorough study and comparison, I have consented to do so, since the assistance offered me by a more competent scholar has enabled me to bestow full credit for the work on Prof. French, who wrote the descriptions and modestly declined to "deprive me of the pleasure of naming my new forms."

Such sincerity is in marked contrast with some modern methods, where the object of contributing to our knowledge of science is lost sight of in the keen desire for personal prominence.

Catocala Frenchii, n. sp.

Expanse of male, 2.50 inches; of female, 2.75 inches.

General or ground colour, pale glaucous gray, sprinkled over with black or dark brown atoms, so as to make the general aspect a pale blackish, rather than a brownish tinge, differing in that respect from *C. Californica*. Lines distinct; basal line black, single, with a whitish