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Tetralonia medicata, n. sp. - 2, Medicine Hat, Alberta, May 30, 1904. Length, about 141/2 mm.; like T. atriventris Sm., but pygidial plate narrower (as in fuscipes Rob., from Washington, D. C.); hair of head (except occiput), of pleura and under part of thorax, all black, of thorax above creamy white ; hair of legs black, or nearly, except on inner side of anterior and middle tibiæ and anterior tarsi, where it is reddish, on middle tarsi, where it is red, brilliant on inner side, and the scope of hind legs, which is golden red; clypeus coarsely, irregularly punctured, with a median ridge; mesothorax dull, finely granular; mandibles with an orange patch ; wings not so brown as in atriventris or fuscipes; abdomen without bands.

When working on this species, I had occasion to examine a cotype of Cresson's Melissodes dubitata. The specimen, which agrees excellently with the description, shows that dubitata is not Tetralonia atriventris, as has been supposed, but is a valid species of true Melissodes. It is readily distinguished from T. atriventris by the clypeal structure and sculpture (punctures very dense) and the shining mesothorax.

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Anthophora bomboides Willingi, n. subsp. - &, Prince Albert, Sask., June 18, 1905. Rather small; pale hair wholly dull white; middle of thorax with a small amount of black hair ; first two abdominal segments with pale hair (first three in true bomboides); sides of second segment posteriorly with black ; third and following with black hair ; scape with a small light spot ; clypeus yellow, except a crescent-shaped black mark on each side, the convexity inward, and the lower inferior corners broadly; lateral marks reduced to narrow stripes contiguous with the black part of clypeus; labrum yellow, except lateral and apical margins, and the usual lateral spots. Proportions of antennal joints, venation, toothed hind basitarsi, etc., normal.

## A DECISION ON MEIGEN'S 1800 PAPER.

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In the CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST of October, 1908 (pp. 370-373), I published a discussion of this paper of Meigen's, to which I added a brief item the next month (p. 432). Some time afterward, learning that the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature was accepting certain nomenclatural questions for consideration, expecting to render opinions on them, I sent to Dr. Charles Wardell Stiles, secretary of the Commission, copies of what I had published on the Meigen paper, and asked him to have the question taken up by the Commission. I did not precisely specify the question to be considered, but simply gave him my

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