## The Canadian Antomologist.

Vot. XXIX.

LONDON, MAY, 1897.

No. 5.

## CALLIMORPHA AGAIN

Larva of Haploa fulvicosta and notes on the male genitalia.

BY HARRISON G. DYAR, PH. D., NEW YORK.

The difficulty of defining species in this genus is increased by the constancy of the local forms or races. I have elsewhere referred (Ent. News, VII., 218) to the race of fulvicosta which Mr. O. D. Foulks has discovered at Stockton, Md. Mr. Foulks was so kind as to send me over 100 hibernated larvae, from which I bred a long series of moths. The type form is large, the size of reversa and colona, both wings immaculate yellowish-white, head, collar and the tips of the abdominal rings ochre-yellow.

In var. A the fore wings are nearly pure white, the hind wings much yellower, suggesting conscita, though never so dark as that form.

In var. B the ground of fore wings is white, marked faintly with ochreous bands in which the full pattern of colona can be traced; the costa is narrowly brown-black; the hind wings are pale ochreous. This looks like a washed-out colona, related to it in the same way as var. A. is to conscita.

Var. C is only slightly yellowish on both wings, the hind wings scarcely at all darker; fore wings marked with various streaks and spots of brown-black, especially along the costa and margins, all more or less distinctly connected by ochreous shades, in which the full pattern of reversa can be read. This is a washed-out reversa, stained with the creamy yellow so characteristic of the Maryland race.

All these forms insensibly intergrade. I believe that this is practically the extent of variation in this Maryland race. There are no specimens that are true colona, conscita or reversa, but these forms are all strongly suggested. The view naturally presents itself that these names apply to local races rather than to distinct species. In his work on Callimorpha (Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., 1887, p. 338) Prof. J. B. Smith describes the genitalia of colona, Lecontei, contigua, reversa and vestalis. The differences shown are at best slight, and Prof. Smith assumes the