

and as the Irishman said, "Hit the nail right where a great many have missed it before." Better to "give a counsel of perfection" and hit a few facts than to make a collection of Argynnids with only one or two of each species, and imagine one knows all about the genus.

Permit me to repeat, that each collector interested in the final disentangling of this genus should do all in his power to build up "large series of species from every locality," for the very reason that "every few miles in every direction is a separate locality," and we must know the fauna of many more of these localities before completing the knowledge of the Argynnids.

As to the dimorphic males, there may be more to say some day, or the author's views may prove incorrect. Stranger things than to name varieties of well-known males as new species have been done by those who hasten to place their names (be they bishops, doctors or laymen) after the names of supposed new species.

What I have written is not with any thought of opening up a controversy, or in any sense to express my objection to the reviewer's remarks; but to make more clear my views upon the subject, and prevent possible wrong conceptions concerning the paper reviewed, both as to its aims and contents.

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BOOK NOTICE.

A NATURAL HISTORY OF THE BRITISH LEPIDOPTERA, ETC.—By J. W. Tutt, F. E. S. Vol. II. London and Berlin: May, 1900, pp. vi.—584, plates i.—vii.

The second volume of Mr. Tutt's exhaustive work has now appeared, and this continuation merits all the good words which were so freely spent upon the appearance of the first volume. We have first 100 pages devoted to general subjects, such as Metamorphosis in Lepidoptera, and the External Morphology of the Lepidopterous Pupa. And then (pp. 102-434) there is such a full account of the Psychides as has not yet been published. This is the chief characteristic of Mr. Tutt's work, that everything which has been written on a species has been consulted; the original description is given, the synonym is exhaustive, all known and many new biological facts are carefully added. The number of pages devoted to a single species is thus far in excess and the work has so much more value for consultation. With regard to the Psychides, it