

Such, then, is the history of this now celebrated sheet, printed in 1806 by Hübner as a Sketch, or rough draft, for his own use and for the examination of some learned persons, expressly stated by him to have been subject to their approval *before even he himself would embrace it*, never known to have been approved by any one, never claimed to have been more than a "provisional sketch" or draft of the book which in 1816 was published as the Verzeichniss, and which differs materially from the draft, as would any completed and published book or paper from the *original draft of same, discovered by Mr. Scudder seventy years after it was printed and nearly as many after it had been forgotten, and proclaimed by him as an authority in nomenclature, not only over the Verzeichniss, which is its other self, but over all works of Hübner, and all works of all authors since 1806, superseding—wiping out as with a sponge—the labors of three generations of Entomologists.* And plainly, if this little Sketch can claim of right such prodigious distinction, the nomenclature of every department of Natural Science is at the mercy of any leaf or printed slip which may hereafter be discovered in the attics or the junk-shops of the civilized world. It becomes us therefore to scrutinize this sheet closely.

Mr. Scudder relies upon the mention of the Tentamen in the Verzeichniss, and upon a reference to what is understood to be the Tentamen in the preface to the Lepid. Zutraege, but in which the name or the title does not appear; also to a reference by Ochsenheimer, and later by Dr. Hagen in the Bibliotheca Entomologica, 1862, as evidence that it was known to Entomologists for years as an existing work, *and by implication that it was recognized as a work having authority.*

Hübner's own references, whether direct or indirect, proved nothing, and as to that in the Biblioth. Ent., Dr. Hagen informs me that when he mentioned the Tentamen in that work, he had never seen it, and knew it only from Ochsenheimer's mention, and now that he has seen it, he is explicit in his rejection of it as having either authority or value.

Ochsenheimer, Schmett. Eur. iv, 1816, says: "Hübner has under the title Tentamen, &c., published on a quarto sheet a sketch of a system of Lepidoptera, in which to the divisions adopted by him are given generic names of unequal value. Hubner seems to be aware of this himself, for he says in concluding, 'let no one suppose that this arrangement will require no farther correction.' *This sheet I saw only long after the printing of my 3rd Vol. was done.*" This was then after 1816, as