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CEUTORHYNCHUS NAPI OR CEUTORHYNCHUS RAPÆ.

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In the report of the Commissioner of Agriculture for 1888, p. 136, Miss Mary E. Murtfeldt gives some notes on the development of *Ceutorhynchus napi*, Gyll., which had worked serious injury to cabbage in Missouri, the species having been determined, as stated by Miss Murtfeldt, by the late Dr. C. V. Riley, at that time United States Entomologist. Prior to the publication of Miss Murtfeldt's notice, she had informed me of her "find," and on my writing to ask her if there was not a mistake, and if she did not refer to *rapæ*, she replied that she, too, had not felt sure of the correctness of the determination until she had written Dr. Riley a second time with reference to the species, and the determination had been reaffirmed. This appeared to settle the matter, and I was satisfied that *napi* must be correct, though not before known to occur in North America.

In Bulletin 22, Division of Entomology, United States Department of Agriculture, p. 73, Miss Murtfeldt mentions *Ceutorhynchus rapæ*, Gyll., but does not state whether or not it is the same insect that had been previously mentioned, and there is nothing to imply that such was the case.

In Bulletin 30, of the same series, p. 50, mention is again made of *Ceutorhynchus rapæ*, and this time in a manner that might imply that it was identical with *napi*, but there is nothing definite to this effect, though a correction might have been made in either this or the reference previously cited. Miss Murtfeldt was clearly going by the information given her from the Department of Agriculture, and any errors in that information would not be hers, but of the Division of Entomology, whose place it was to make proper corrections of such, even though of a clerical nature, as a matter of justice to the many who looked to the then United States Entomologist as authority on such matters.

Last May I received young cabbage plants from Montgomery County, Ohio, that were being destroyed by larvæ of some insect burrow-