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FELTIA SUBGOTHICA, HAWORTH, OR AGROTIS (SUBGEN. AGRONOMA) JACULIFERA, GUENEE, WHICH?

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The latest statement of this case by the two recognized authorities, Mr. Grote and Prof. J. B. Smith, is as follows:

From "Bull. 44, U.S. Nat. Mus, p. 81 (1893)," by J. B. Smith, *Peltia subgothica*, Haw.

jaculifera, var. Gn. jaculifera, Gn. tricosa, Lint.

From "List of N. Am. Europteridæ, * * * and Agrotidæ p. 24 (1895)," by A. R. Grote.

Subgen. Agronoma.

Agrotis jaculifera, Gn.

subgothica, Auct. nec Haw.

tricosa, Lint.

jaculifera, Sm. in err.

jaculifera, var. A, Gn.

From 1873, when jaculifera, Gn. was first placed in the synonymy of subgothica, Haw. by Mr. Grote, until 1890, all American entomologists accepted the reference and did not use Guenée's name. In 1874, Dr. Lintner described Guenée's jaculifera, var. A, as a distinct species—tricosa, and correctly restricted Mr. Grote's herilis (described in 1873) to jaculifera, var. B, Gn. Prof. Smith's revision of the synonymy (Bull. 38, U.S. Nat. Mus., p. 111) was made in 1890, principally on the authority of Mr. Butler, who said the year before that "tricosa, Lint., is typical jaculifera; herilis is a poor variety." Mr. Grote bases his recent revision on the authority of Mr. Tutt, who stated (CAN. ENT., XXIII., 159 and 202): "I think there can be no doubt that Haworth's description applies to a well-known variety of Agrotis tritici."