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ON THE GENUS CATOCALA.

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Catocala Meskei, Grote.

Forewings dentate, pulverulent, of a rather lighter grey than *C. unijuga*. Median lines black, single, not very distinct. A whitish space before the large bisannulate concolorous reniform; sub-reniform likewise whitish, closed, joined to the t. p. line, the latter jagged but without very prominent discal teeth, making a deeper and narrower sinus above vein than in *C. unijuga*. Subterminal upright, dentate, shade (preceding the blackish line) distinct. Terminal line appearing as black lunulated interspaceal marks. Hind wings bright red, somewhat pinkish. The black median band is straight, not regularly curved as in *C. parta*, and straighter than in *C. unijuga*, rather narrow, nowhere greatly excavate, rounding and narrower on the interspace between veins 1 and 2 opposite the excavation of the marginal band, arrested at vein 1, but a few blackish scales mark its continuance towards internal margin. Marginal band narrower than in *C. unijuga*. Ciliae white, with a few red scales at base, especially at apices. Beneath the median band of the hind wings is narrower than above, with the same peculiarities, constricted at veins 2 and 5, and continued by scattered scales beyond vein 1. Expanse 78 m. m.

Lent me by Mr. O. Meske, after whom I name the species, from near Albany, N. Y., and who writes me that it has been taken in considerable numbers by a collector in that vicinity.

NOTE 1.—Mr. Walker's description of *C. junctura* applies to the secondaries of *C. meskei*, but the color is not "red lead, orange-red towards the base," nor is there any "large elongated apical spot," nor