

assuming *ferrugata* to be preoccupied by the other species, is *corculata*, Hfn., *Berl. Mag.*, iv., 94.

So far as I have ascertained, *spadiccaria*, Bkh., does not occur in the New World, and the following of Packard's citations must be deleted, as belonging thereto:—

Ferrugata, Cl. Ic. Ins., 6, 14, 1759 (perhaps).

Hüb., Schm. Eur., 460.

Stph., Nomencl., Br. Ins., 44, 1829.

Stph., Ill., iii., 216, 1831.

Stph., Cat. Br. Lep., 186, 1850.

Also, theoretically, the larval description from Newman's "British Moths," though practically the two larvæ are so similar that the description of one will apply to the other. Nevertheless, it will be well for American workers to bear in mind that our *ferrugata* is not identical with theirs.

PROFESSOR C. V. RILEY.

Every entomologist in North America will, we are confident, join with us in the expression of the deepest regret that Professor C. V. Riley has felt compelled, owing to the impaired state of his health, to resign his position as entomologist of the United States Department of Agriculture. The admirable work that Dr. Riley and his staff have accomplished, both in scientific and economic entomology during the many years that he was Director of the Division, is so well and widely known that it is unnecessary to enter into any details here. There are few who possess in so eminent a degree as Dr. Riley scientific ability, accurate knowledge, painstaking industry and acute powers of observation; these gifts and attainments have been abundantly manifested in the immense additions that he has made to the knowledge of insect life in all its various phases, and it would be a calamity indeed if they were withdrawn from active exercise. It is gratifying, then, to learn that Dr. Riley will retain the honorary Curatorship of the Department of Insects in the U. S. National Museum, at Washington, and that he will now devote himself to some long-contemplated work of a purely scientific character. We earnestly trust that the relief from the cares and anxieties of administrative work in a Government Office will speedily restore his health and strength, and that we shall see the fruits of his labours during many a year to come.

While we deplore Dr. Riley's resignation, we cannot refrain from