

distinguish between continuous residents, summer breeders, and birds of passage? These moths are our birds. The ornithologists have already a trinomial nomenclature, which we may come to use in time. After awhile the most self-important classifier will come to appreciate the fact, that the laws of Nature are of general application, and that the value of Natural Science is tested by its ability to broaden our views and widen our understanding. It is clear we must compare our results with those reached in other branches of Natural Science.

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A RARE MOTH.

*Dear Sir*: Permit me, in the pages of your valuable journal, to record the capture here of an interesting moth,—the rare and beautiful *Hepialus auratus*, Grote. Towards the close of last July, while strolling through a cool shady ravine at Lancaster, near this city, I came upon my treasure resting upon the leaf of a wild gooseberry bush that grew on a knoll, surrounded by as rich a growth of vegetation as nature can well produce in this latitude. As it hung to the leaf with its wings steeply closed over its back, and the tip of its long body elevated, it was a very difficult object to detect; and in the deep shade in which it occurred, greatly resembled a yellow, partially dead, leaf. The well known larvæ of *Graptæ progne*, which feed on this plant, derive perhaps some protection from a similar coloring. May not this circumstance indicate the gooseberry as the food-plant of the golden *Hepialus*? The type specimen of this species was taken by the late Mr. W. W. Hill in the Adirondacks, July, 1877, and was described by Mr. Grote in the CAN. ENT., vol. x., page 18. As I find no reference to the capture of another example, I presume the present to be its second recorded occurrence.

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CELIPTERA BIFASCIATA, BATES.

*Dear Sir*: Mr. John B. Smith has compared my types of *Celiptera bifasciata*, described as a new species in the CAN. ENT., May, 1886, page 94, and informs me that it is evidently identical with *Phurys vinculum*, Guen.

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