

2. All monomial collective names should be derived from the Greek, and have a plural form.

3. Only the surname of the author who first proposed a group need follow its name, whether the group be used in its original or in a modified sense ; but when it is desirable to indicate at the same time its recognized altered limits, the surname of the writer who first proposed the accepted circumscription may follow in a parenthesis.

In systematic nomenclature, the object is to register titles, not to gratify pride, and the names of authors are appended for convenience, not fame ; the question of justice or injustice has no place here ; and yet the above recommendation ought to be satisfactory to those who view this matter in a different light.

NOTES FROM THE EAST.

PIERIS RAPÆ.—The yellow variety of this butterfly occurs here every summer, from the commencement until the end of the season ; what I have seen of them were of a delicate sulphur yellow. I netted all that I met with, but never found a yellow female on the wing. In July, 1870, I had a pot of mignonette growing on my window-sill, and observed a *white* female *Rapæ* laying eggs on it. I reared seven or eight of the caterpillars, feeding them on mignonette, and they all assumed the pupa state ; after the butterflies had emerged, a friend unfortunately opened the box and some of them escaped before I had seen them. When I examined the box there were five yellow females remaining in it. They had the dark markings very strongly produced, as the later broods generally have ; not knowing at the time the scarceness of the yellow females, I did not preserve them, and I have not seen one since. I believe, with the exception of one reared by Mr. Bowles at Quebec, it is the only instance on record. Last spring I found some chrysalids of *rapæ* containing parasites, but did not succeed in breeding them, as the change from the cold of the open air to the warmth of the house killed them. Last summer *rapæ* was very abundant here, and now the chrysalids may be seen in great numbers suspended to the fences about the city. The parasite has increased wonderfully during last season, for nearly all the chrysalids that I have seen this year are infested with them. I do not think that more than one in fifty has escaped their attacks.—F. B. CAULFIELD, Montreal, P. Q.

MACROBASIS FABRICII.—This beetle was very numerous here last season, and did a considerable amount of damage to the potatoe vines ; in