

be fully and accurately stated. Where changes were made in the synonymy, in the catalogue, they represented published views on the subject, often expressed by a number of authors. Mr. Lyman himself covers the ground fairly well in the 29th Rept. Ent. Soc. Ont., p. 18, where he says: "In entomology, as no doubt in other branches of natural science, some men are lumpers and others splitters. To the latter I would say that the describing of new species should certainly not be done on the chance of their proving distinct, and to the former that once a form has been described as a new species IT SHOULD NOT BE LUMPED EXCEPT UPON OVERWHELMING PROOF." I may state that I still think quite a number of the names listed in the catalogue will prove synonyms, but we need proof, or opinions based on proof, with the REASONS set forth to prove the case.

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NOTE BY MR. LYMAN.—Dr. Skinner is no doubt correct in his view that a cataloguer should not be a lumper, but at the same time it is, I think, usually expected that a catalogue should reflect in some degree the more conservative views of its compiler.

Under *Chionobas Tarpeia* Dr. Skinner very properly explains that there is considerable doubt of the species having ever been taken in North America, and if the species of *Argynnis* of the *Eurynome* group had been followed by a note to the effect that their distinctness was open to considerable doubt, no one could have objected, and such a note would tend to attract more attention to the study of these interesting forms. But Dr. Skinner went much further in the case of the Pacific Coast forms of *Chionobas* in lumping *Gigas*, Butl., *Californica*, Bdl., and *Iduna*, Edw., under *Nevadensis*, Felder.

No monographic work had been done in this case except by Edwards, who maintains the distinctness of the forms. Elwes had "revised" *Oeneis*, but in the case of these species had added nothing to what was already known about them.

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