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ON SOME OF OUR COMMON INSECTS.

THE BEAUTIFUL WOOD NYMPH—*Eudryas grata*.

BY THE EDITOR.

This moth (see fig. 6) is truly a beautiful creature. Its fore wings are creamy white with a glossy surface, with a wide brownish purple stripe

Fig. 6.



Colors, creamy white and brownish purple

along the anterior edge, reaching from the base to a little beyond the middle of the wing. On the outer margin is a broad band of the same hue, widening posteriorly, with a wavy white line running through it, composed of minute pearly dots or scales. It is bordered internally with dull deep green. The brownish purple band is continued along the hinder edge, but it is much narrower here and terminates a little before it reaches the base. There are also two brown spots, one round, the other reniform, near the middle of the wing, often so suffused with pearly white scales as to be indistinct above, but clear and striking on the under side.

The hind wings are reddish yellow, with a broad brownish purple band along the outer margin, extending nearly to the outer angle, and powdered here and there with a few whitish pearly scales; there is also a faint dot on the middle of the wing which is reproduced more prominently on the under side. The under surface of both wings is reddish yellow. The head is black, and there is a wide black stripe down the back, merging into a series of spots of the same, which extend nearly the whole remaining length of body. The sides of the body are reddish yellow with a row of blackish dots close to the under surface. The fore legs are beautifully tufted with white, the shoulder covers also are white, and so is the under surface of the body.