

little village of New Harmony who knew about Say, and who were distinctly of the opinion that his residence in their village sheds lustre on its history. The village library is an admirable one, housed in a beautiful building, and among the treasures of the library are certain of Say's manuscripts, among others, one written upon the day of his death.—L. O. HOWARD, Washington, D. C.

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#### NOTE ON THE GENERIC TITLE TRIFURCULA.

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In my "Descent of the Pierids," Jan., 1900, I have used *Trifurcula*, Staud., Iris., VII., 56, for a genus of Andean Pierids, but this name is preoccupied in the Lepidoptera by Zeller, 1848, Staud. & Rebel, Cat. II., p. 221.

Staudinger states (l. c.) that he had at first named the genus *Piercolias*, so this name, though open to criticism, should be used for the Pierid genus with the type *huanaco*, Staud. The morphological value of the neurational character of the primaries of *Piercolias*, which led Staudinger to choose the name *Trifurcula*, does not seem to have been appreciated by him. The gradual progress of R<sub>2</sub> towards the apices, and of M<sub>2</sub> towards the Radius, brings these branchlets in juxtaposition.

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#### SPINNING METHODS OF TELEA POLYPHEMUS.

In reply to the query suggested by Prof. Grote, in the April number of the ENTOMOLOGIST (page 110), with reference to the spinning methods of *Telea*, I have discussed the subject with Dr. Fletcher, whose opinion is that only some of the cocoons are so suspended, but recent search has decided me that in this locality this is the case with the majority.

On April 2nd I found two cocoons on a small willow bush, one suspended, with the leaves firmly attached to the stem; the other had been spun between the overhanging sides of a large leaf that had fallen across the limb, thus forming a complete canopy, but the cocoon was firmly fastened to the twig with a lot of silk. Diligent search amongst the leaves on the ground failed to reveal any fallen cocoons. On April 8th I found two cocoons, both suspended on a wild currant bush, and though there was a pile of dry straw lying against the