

Dr. Mayr, in "Die Europäischen Torymiden," in a foot note gives the synonymms of this genus as follows:

Podagrion Spinola. Ann. du Museum d'Hist. Nat., xvii., 1811, p. 147.

Palmon Dalman. Vet. ac. Handl., 1825.

Priomerus Walker. Ent. Mag. I., 1833, p. 118.

Bactyrishion Costa. De quib. nov. Ins. Gen., 1857, p. 5, f. 4.

Several species in this genus are known to science, and it is a remarkable fact that the habits of only one species are known, *Podagrion* (*Palmon*) *religiosus* Westwood, and that that also should be parasitic on *Mantis* eggs (*Mantis religiosus*).

NOTES ON THE LARVÆ OF HARRISIMEMNA SEXGUTTATA, HARR.

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During August and September the larvæ of this fine moth are often seen feeding on the lilac. When full grown it is of peculiar shape and markings, and taken altogether, a hideous looking object, and one which few people besides an entomologist would care to have anything to do with.

Mature larva, 1.75 inches long.

Head and adjoining segment black, segments 3 and 4 yellow with black points, segments 5, 6 and 7 are brown varied with white, and 8, 9 and 10 are white, 11, 12 and 13 are brownish black. It is deeply incised between the segments, and the abdominal feet are long, especially the first two pair. Segments 6 and 12 are much produced dorsally, being very pointed; this, together with the habit of arching the body between the anterior feet and the long abdominal ones, causes it to present a very irregular and jagged outline.

On the top of all the segments are a few rather long scattering hairs. It has the peculiarity of retaining the cast off skin of the head and part of second segment on these hairs, which are not shed with the rest of the skin; first near the tip of the hairs the head case is small, a little below this is another, and so on. We have quite often seen three of these cast off skins on a larva at one time.

They will, if ever so slightly disturbed, raise the front part of the body back to the abdominal feet, and thresh it violently from side to side; in fact, their heads shake nearly all the time, like a person with the palsy.