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SYNONYMICAL NOTES ON SOME HETEROCERA IN THE BRITISH MUSEUM.

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During the latter part of September, and early in October, 1891, I spent two weeks in London, and most of the time in the entomological rooms of the British Museum. My aim was, primarily, to identify the noctuids described by Walker, and in this I succeeded, the MSS. incorporating the notes there made being now in the hands of the printer. So large is the material in this magnificent collection, that I found opportunity for only a very hasty glance at other families of the Heterocera, and on a few species only I made brief notes. So far as they are synonymic they are here given.

Alypia crescens, Wlk.

1856—Wlk., Cat. Lep. Brit. Mus., Het. vii., 1774.

This is the same as *Alypia grotei*, Bdv., Lep. Cal., 1868, 70. Walker's name has priority. I have not the reference to Herrich-Schæffer's *Agarista bimaculata*, which Mr. Grote, Bull. Buff. Soc. Nat. Sci. i, 31, doubtfully refers here. Mr. Stretch in 1876, Wheeler's Rept. v., 802, gives *bimaculata*, H.-Sch., as the species, and cites *grotei* as a synonym of it. *Alypiodes flavilinguis*, Grt., Trans. Kans. Ac. Sci. viii., is another synonym, *vide* Mr. Henry Edwards in Papilio iv., 13. The genus *Alypiodes* is probably a good one, and it is also probable that Herrich-Schæffer's name will be found to ante-date Walker's, so that the species will probably remain as given by me in the recent List.

Eudryas Stæ Johannis, Wlk.

1856—Wlk., Cat. Lep. Brit. Mus., Het. ix., 144.

The type is marked "Taken on the church door at Horsley Downs." There is nothing in the specimen or record to authorize the reference of this species as North American, and yet this is probably correct. The insect is like *grata*, with slightly suffused primaries and deeper yellow immaculate secondaries. It is probable that in some way the pupa of