

In Dr. Fyles's concluding remarks on *congrua*, he says :

(c) Dr. Hulst and others have bred it.

(d) *S. antigone* has been found to be identical with it.

These statements are too positive to be scientific. Dr. Hulst and others have bred *antigone*, and it seems probable that that species is the same as *congrua*, but that is all we can say at present.

In the January number of the present year Dr. Dyar very briefly points out Dr. Fyles's error, calling attention to the fact that of *cunea* the abdomen is described as "*concolori nigro-maculato*," the English description saying "back and abdomen ash colour." Drury's figure shows a white abdomen, while the abdomen of Dr. Fyles's specimen is yellow. Dr. Dyar pronounces this much-spotted *Spilosoma* to be *prima*, Slosson, and Mr. Beutenmuller thought last June that Mr. Winn's specimen of the same species which I showed him was possibly that species, but if so, either Mrs. Slosson's types must have been aberrant or she laid too much stress on the "cream-colour, almost buff" tone of the moth, as in these specimens the only yellowish tone is on the nervures.

I entirely disagree with Dr. Fyles, as I can see no resemblance, beyond the most superficial, between his specimen and Drury's figure, while I have a specimen of *H. punctatissima* from New Jersey which is practically identical with the figure of *cunea*.

I am, as mentioned by Dr. Dyar, at work upon the question of the relationship existing between *punctatissima* and *textor*, but am not in a position to make any report as yet.

NOTE.—Since writing the above, Dr. Fyles has published another paper upon this matter in the March number of the CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST, and in this has made plain what had better have been pointed out at first, that by *cunea* he merely referred to Drury's type and not to the species which has since been known by that name, but he falls into other errors.

He is wrong in implying that Dr. Ottolengui doubted the identity of *cunea*, Drury, and *punctatissima*, A. & S.

What Dr. Ottolengui expressed a doubt about was whether *textor*, Harris, and *punctatissima*, A. & S., were the same.

Abbot's figures of *punctatissima* ♂ and ♀ are admirable. What does Dr. Fyles mean by "an irregularly spotted insect?" The figure shows perfect bilateral symmetry. The figure of the larva is poor, but no worse than hundreds of other figures which have been made of larvae.