

*Cerastis cupida.*

*Noctua cupida*, Grote, Proc. Ent. Soc. Phil., Vol. III.

Eastern States; New York; Pennsylvania.

*Telesilla cinereola.*

This species is the *Placodes cinereola* of Guenee, but the generic name had been previously used, and Herrich-Schaffer in consequence proposed the present designation for the European *amethystina*, and which should be retained for our species. Lederer's term *Eucarta* is later and has been withdrawn, in favor of *Telesilla*, by its author. Hubner enumerates the European species under *Trigonophora*, the type of which is quite distinct structurally from *Telesilla amethystina*.

*Plusia gamma*, (Linn).

*Habitat*, California (Hy. Edwards, No. 147).

I cannot distinguish the American specimens specifically. This species has been credited to Canada by Kirby (p. 307), and also to Hudson's Bay by Mr. Walker, in the British Museum Lists.

*Adipsophanes miscellus*, Grote.

*Habitat*, California (Hy. Edwards, No. 187).

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## ENTOMOLOGICAL READINGS,

### *Suggestive and Reflective.*

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"There are no satisfactory distinctions between some of the moths which enable any one to say that they are of such and such species, and very frequently they are separated into different kinds because they happen to feed on various plants, and because the moths are not all colored in the same manner. Of course the Entomologists that believe in the real nature of species have taken a vast deal of trouble with the Noctuina, but those who do not think a species to be anything more than an abstract idea, and that it really consists of the sum of the variations of a closely allied series of forms, do not see the use of this Natural History hair splitting."—*Duncan's Transf. of Insects*, p. 125.