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PRELIMINARY LIST OF THE NOCTUIDÆ OF CALIFORNIA.

Part VI.

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55. *Agrotis exsertistigma* Morrison (see ante p. 26). Sauzalito, Mr. Behrens, Oct., Nos. 16 and 209.

I sent specimens of this species to Mr. Morrison, keeping no memorandum or duplicates. Afterwards I supposed, from his brief comparison, that Mr. Morrison had described Californian specimens which I had considered as *alternata* Grote, under the new name. Subsequently Mr. Morrison returns me my specimen of *exsertistigma*, and I see that it is a distinct species which should not have been compared with *alternata*, as it is structurally different by the conical abdomen; the species should have been credited as received from me. That *redimacula* and *exsertistigma* are described by Mr. Morrison without any mention being made of the fact that I supplied the material either in part (*redimacula*) or wholly (*exsertistigma*), is a breach of etiquette. Mr. Morrison should not have hesitated to acknowledge so slight an indebtedness. *Agrotis alternata* does not appear to occur in California.

28. *Agrotis cupidissima* Grote (see ante pp. 214 and 27.)

Mendocino, June, Mr. Behrens, No. 4 (red label); also No. 164. The Californian specimens are light red colored, with powdery geminate lines, and variable in appearance; one is pale fawn, unicolorous, without marks on primaries save indications of the stigmata and the dotted t. p. line. Again, three specimens have the orbicular somewhat V-shaped; open above. The t. p. line is more regular than in *cupida*; it is accompanied by black dots. The subterminal line is nearer the margin than in either