

tion as to the identity of *Lonchocerus* Dahlbom and *Rileyæ* Howard. His statement that I had not consulted the European literature is, of course, uncalled for and absurd. I had not only familiarized myself with the European descriptions, but had sent specimens to Dr. Mayr, who so ably monographed the European Encyrtinæ some years ago, and whose opinion corroborated my own as to the novelty of this form. Mr. Ashmead's comparison of Thomson's description with my own must have been most hurried, as they differ so widely that I would advise him to retract his expressed opinion for the sake of his entomological reputation.

I tabulate here the differences which can be noted from comparison of the two descriptions and my figure of *Rileyæ*. The quoted portions in the *Rileyæ* column are from the description, and the unquoted portions can be verified from the figure. *Lonchocerus*, by the way, is nothing but a synonym of *Mira*, if Thomson is right in supposing that Dahlbom founded the genus for Dalman's *Encyrtus platycerus*. Dahlbom's genera in the Encyrtinæ were described, however, without any indication of types.

RILEYÆ HOWARD.

"Face * * * gently rounded, and has a strong, glistening, transverse, clean-cut ridge just above the insertion of the antennæ."

Antennal club not jointed.

Mesoscutum transverse, "highly polished."

"The mesoscutellum has a strong tuft of erect, black hairs" at tip only.

Wings not shortened; when closed reaching considerably beyond tip of abdomen.

"The stigmal vein is given off immediately at the juncture of the submarginal with the costa." Consequently there is *no* marginal vein.

Abdomen flattened ovate, cutely pointed behind, "highly polished."

LONCHOCERUS DAHLBOM.

"Caput subtriangulare, vertice sat lato, lateribus tereti, medio subacuto."

"Clava 3-articulata."

"Mesonoto [mesoscutum] haud transverso, dense albo-sericeo."

"Scutellum dense holocericeo - pubescens."

"Alæ abbreviatæ, Thorace vix superantes."

"Stigmate [marginal vein] lineari, distincto."

"Abdomen subglobosum, dense albo-pubescens."

In conclusion, I wish to apologize for the slip (or misprint) in the use of "1887" for "1888." The change does not alter the relative order of the events, and the date of reading the paper is unimportant.