

unlikely. Did it get here by shortened stages and lengthened time through several generations? That starts the question of food plant, what it is, and can it be obtained between there and here? Latitude might thus arrest its progress, at least its permanent progression that way. I have often wondered why insects, which I have every reason to believe were in a locality, could not be got; and am impressed with the idea that there must be many in a locality where one is got, and that some may be in localities where none have yet been seen; and when one is taken in such localities we are apt to conclude that it is the only one that ever was there.

It was in the autumn of 1881 that I took my first specimen of *Heliothis armiger* at Hamilton. An. Rep. Ent. Soc. of Ont., 1881, p. 30. And Dr. Saunders, then of London, now of Ottawa, assured me that up to that time he had not taken it. It was considered then to be but a transient visitor; now it could be taken here in numbers every season, although reported as injuring corn for the first time last season—a good illustration of how a migrant establishes itself in a new locality where its favorite food plant is easily obtainable. And others may be doing the same, of whose presence we have as yet had no indication.

The other species new to the Society's collection of that sending were :

*Bryophila teratophora*, H. S.

*Manestra anguina*, Grote.

*Schinia trifascia*, Hub.

*Galgula subpartita*, Guen.

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As a postscript to the above, I will now notice another of Mr. Bice's rare finds. Amongst the *Hydracia* sent to me by Mr. H. Bird, Rye, N. Y., was a handsome specimen of *H. Necopina*, Grote, which Mr. Bird said was considered by many to be a mythical species until he discovered its food plant, and secured it in sufficient numbers to distribute freely. Mr. Bice called and saw the specimens; looked at them long and intently; pondered much, but said little. He went home and turned over his more recent captures, called a few days later with a box in his hand, which I took and opened; and there, to my surprise and delight, was a *Necopina*; lacking the lustre of the other, but quite unmistakable. Mr. Bird's specimen recalled something he remembered taking, but said nothing about it until he should see, for fear he might be mistaken.

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