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?Ab. (e) rufibrunnea Warren (Nov. Zool., VII, p. 181, 1900). This seems to be a form close to punctum-notata Haw., in which the white central band is more or less suffused with light reddish brown. The types, two females, came from Argentine, South America, so there is always a slight doubt as to their standing. Mr. Prout, who has seen the types, believes they are aberrations of citrata. The form I have identified as this one came from Mr. E. H. Blackmore, Victoria, British Columbia, and seems quite rare. There are several other aberrations of citrata Linn. found in Europe, but as I have not seen them as yet from North America, I think it is better not to list them.

2. Var. brunneata Packard, (Proc. Bost. Soc. Nat. Hist., XI, p. 47, 1867 [1861 in error, in Dyar's list]; Monograph, p. 108, pl. VIII, fig. 38, 1876).

This northern form was described from Labrador by Packard, and is very closely allied to citrata if not a variety or race of it. It is a small, stunted form, brown-shaded, with a cinereous central band, three times as wide at costa as on inner margin. It is difficult to say whether this should be listed as a distinct species or variety, as I have only seen two or three specimens other than the type. Taylor's Mesoleuca casloata resembles brunneata Pack., but is larger. They are, however, closely allied. In Dyar's list brunneata Pack. is incorrectly placed under truncata Hufn., and should be referred to citrata. In Ent. Zeit. Stettin, XXV, p. 160, 1874, Mœschler described "Cidaria suspectata," which must be close to brunneata according to the description. There is a copy of the original description in the Packard Monograph, page 130, 1876. The type of suspectata is said to be in the Staudinger collection and was taken in Labrador, as was brunneata. Both Staudinger and Moeschler later regarded suspectata as identical with brunneata, but there is a slight doubt as to the correctness of this view. The older authors did not have a very clear eye for differences, and in most cases were not very careful in their comparisons. Packard in the Monograph mixed the forms, as figure 38, plate VIII, is evidently Dysstroma citrata ab. punctum-notata Haw., the white central band of the fore wings showing plainly. On the same plate, figure 39, is brunneata Packard, while figure 40 is probably ethela Hulst. In the Packard collection there is a specimen just

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