

"The resemblance of the Quebec *Spilosoma* to Drury's is superficial—  
"most superficial."

The size is the same.

The contour is the same.

The coloration is the same.

The arrangement of the spots is the same.

The triangle is in the right place.

The variation in the abdomen is accounted for, and there is no straining to fit an extreme variety, or a spotless female, into the case.

What the resemblance *internally* may be, I cannot say. I must leave Mr. Lyman to find out. And with this parting shot, I retire from the field—*my guns uncaptured*; my forces unbroken.

#### DESCRIPTION OF PLATE 4.

The plate is made from an admirable photograph taken by Prof. H. Walters, M. A., Morrin College. The figures of the moths are of the natural size.

Figs. 1 and 2 represent *Hyphantria textor*, Harris. The insects were raised at Levis by myself.

Figs. 3, 4, 5 and 6 show specimens of *Spilosoma congrua*, Walker. One male is all but immaculate—it has a tiny dot at the angle of the second fork of the median nerve. The abdomen of the insect represented was originally pure white; it is now yellow, white at the edges of the segments and towards the tip. The other male represented is more spotted, and has now an ash-coloured abdomen with longitudinal rows of spots. One female answers to Grote and Robinson's description. The other is more spotted.

Figs. 7 and 8 represent a pair of *Hyphantria punctatissima*, S. and A. The moths were sent to me by Mr. H. H. Newcomb, of Boston, and were raised by Miss Emily L. Morton, of New Windsor, N. Y. Miss Morton says of these insects: "I have raised a great many of them, and there is very little variation; the female is invariably immaculate."

In Figs. 9 and 10 a pair of the *Spilosomas* we have had under consideration are seen. The male was taken at Bergerville, Quebec, by Miss Bickell; the female was taken at Bourg Louis, Quebec, by Edgar Walters. In the Plate the black pectinations of the antennæ of the male do not show against the dark background.

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[This controversy is now closed, so far as the pages of this magazine are concerned.—Ed. C. E.]