

striped ones, doing violence to all his notions of symmetrical arrangement. He would have rejected the blue tax with abhorrence. What does the word "*Brenthis* Hübner" mean, if not that the genus *Brenthis* was created by Hübner, and that his definition includes the species sought to be placed under it? If it has any other meaning I am ignorant of it, and if it does mean that it is false. This is a fair sample of the uses to which Hübner's absurd and worthless Catalogue has been put. Very few Lepidopterists in this country know anything of Hübner's books, and most are disposed to accept in some degree the dicta of any one who sets up to reform the nomenclature. But if reform be needed, which is very questionable indeed, it is not to be brought about by lugging Hübner into the arena. To go back at this time of day to the Verzeichniss is to go back to the balls and tops and games of school-boys.

NOTE ON DATANA PERSPICUA G. & R.

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Since the original illustration and description of this species, ten years ago, in the Proceedings of the Entomological Society of Philadelphia, it has not been noticed, except by the late Mr. B. D. Walsh, in the same Proceedings, vol. 5, p. 194-5. I have been since last year indebted to Prof. C. V. Riley for a number of specimens of *perspicua*, raised from larvæ found on Sumach. It is enough to say that the specimens bear out the specific validity of a form which is perhaps the most easily recognized among the difficult species of this genus. I was able to separate the imagos of a number of the species bred by Prof. Riley, by the characters laid down by the late Mr. Robinson and myself in our revision of the genus. Specimens of *contracta*, *integerrima*, *ministra* and *perspicua* were sent me by Prof. Riley; no true specimens of *angusii* were included. I observed the larva of *integerrima* at Detroit, August 13, and again on Grand Island, Niagara River, Aug. 19, apparently nearly full grown. I have not had hitherto any specimens of *perspicua*, before receiving those sent me by Prof. Riley, who will, I hope, give us some observations on the genus before long. I am glad also to be able to find that the facts