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ON A NEW CANADIAN CRAMBUS ALLIED TO CONCHELLUS.

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Mr. Wm. Saunders has collected a species of *Crambus*, which is apparently unnoticed by Prof. Zeller or Dr. Clemens, who have written most frequently on our American species. The new species, which I call *C. interruptus*, is very easily recognized and has been figured by Prof. Townend Glover on his Plates of Lepidoptera. The head is white; palpi inwardly and beneath white, outwardly dark brown. Thorax white, patagia bright brown. Hind wings and abdomen pearly gray. Fore wings bright brown with a longitudinal white median band obliquely interrupted at the middle of the wing by the ground color. Beyond is a white block on the outer half of the wing, with its inner and outer edges inwardly oblique and its upper edge longer than its inferior margin. Beyond this, before the external margin, is a white band, following the shape of the wing and discontinued above and below. The brown space between this band and the block of white is narrower above than below. In this simply marked species the whole ornamentation seems to be limited to a longitudinal white band, widening outwardly and interrupted mesially and subterminally obliquely by the brown ground color of the wing. There is a sub-obsolete series of minute terminal black points; fringes fuscous, interrupted with white at the middle of the wing and again near internal angle. Beneath the hind wings are almost white; the fore wings shaded with fuscous.

When we compare *C. interruptus* with the European *C. conchellus*, we see that the pattern of ornamentation is very similar in the two forms. The American species differs by the white band before the external margin. In *C. conchellus* there is merely the basal vitta and the outer block of white