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DESCRIPTION OF THE PREPARATORY STAGES OF GRAPTA INTERROGATIONIS, FAB.

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EGG.—Conoidal, the base flattened and rounded ; marked by 8 or 9 vertical ribs, which near the base are low, but on upper third are considerably elevated, increase gradually in prominence and terminate abruptly around a small flat space at summit ; these ribs are thin and their sides are grooved perpendicular to the surface of the egg ; color pale green. Duration of this stage from 3 to 4 days in summer, in April and early May 10 days.

YOUNG LARVA.—Length 24 hours from egg .1 inch ; precisely like *Comma* at same stage ; cylindrical, even from 2 to 7, then tapering slightly to extremity ; on 2 is a chitinous dorsal patch on which are six tubercles, three on either side the medio-dorsal line, each with black hair ; below are two tubercles on either side ; on 3 to 13 are two dorsal rows of large tubercles, one to each segment, on the anterior part of same, each with long curved hair, from 3 to 7 turned forwards, the rest back ; next, a row of small tubercles from 3 to 13 ; on 3 and 4, these stand under the dorsals, but on the other segments they are behind the line ; a third row of small tubercles from 5 to 13, under the dorsals, and on 2 to 4 is an extension of this row below the line of the other segments ; on 3 and 4 is a short row, in line with the spiracles, and a corresponding tubercle appears on 13 ; below spiracles, on the posterior part of each segment from 5 to 13, is a minute tubercle ; and finally, along base of body is a row of minute ones from 2 to 13, on 2 to 4 one to each segment, also on 13, but on the other segments, two to each ; from all these proceed hairs, those of the basal row depressed, but of the other rows, from 2 to 7 they are turned forward, the rest back ; color at first whitish-yellow, semi-transparent, and some examples have the dorsum crossed by brownish patches alternating with the yellow ; as the stage proceeds the body becomes red-brown, with white on dorsum of segments 4, 6, 8, 10, with variation in