

species when superficial characters left it in doubt. It has removed individual judgment as a factor in many cases and allows a final appeal in cases of difference. There is no universal test character, however, and as with all others so sexual characters sometimes fail. Over one hundred species referred to *Carneades* have so nearly the same form of structure that there is no sufficient variation to have specific value in doubtful cases. In some other groups, however, no two species are alike, and the widest variance within generic limits allows definite specific limitation.'

"As I wrote the description of *Æ. Alberta* and the paragraph immediately following, I may be allowed to point out for the information of anyone who may be disposed to accept Mr. W. H. Edwards's statement that *Alberta* and *varuna* cannot be distinguished from each other, that the former *may* be distinguished from the latter (amongst other points) by the whitish veins on the hindwing below, the absence of fulvous colouring except on the hindwing above, and the presence of a tooth or projection near the middle of the upper edge of the clasp in the male; all which particulars appear, with others, in the description in question."

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### I. *ATHYSANUS ANTHRACINUS*, *n. sp.*

Allied to *A. plutonius*, Uhl. Deep, black, highly polished, tibiæ and tarsi of the anterior and intermediate feet yellow. Length,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  mm.

Head shorter and more rounded before than in *plutonius*, closely punctured. Vertex  $\frac{1}{3}$  longer on the middle than next the eye, sloping and strongly rounded to the base of the front, median carina very feeble; ocelli and two dots on the hind margin fulvous. Antennæ, the basal joint excepted, pale; about six obscure arcs on the front and the rostrum, excepting its tip, fulvous. Sides of the clypeus parallel, tip feebly rounded. Knees, tibiæ and tarsi of the anterior and intermediate feet pale yellow; slender hind edge of the ventral segments fulvous. Pronotum obscurely wrinkled, more prominently rounded before than in *plutonius*. Scutellum closely punctured. Elytra almost coriaceous, deep piceous black, shagreened; nervures inconspicuous. Wings deep smoky brown, nervures blackish.