

A SYNONYM OF ANISOPTERYX POMETARIA.

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In Dr. Packard's Monograph of the Phalænidæ, just issued, the name *Anisopteryx autumnata* is substituted for that of *A. pometaria*, on the ground that the name *A. pometaria* is a synonym of *A. vernata*, and I am quoted as subscribing to the latter proposition. I acknowledge that in Proc. Bost. Soc. Nat. Hist., xv, 382, I applied the name *A. pometaria* to that species which was subsequently shown to be *A. vernata*, but it was at the same time that I applied the name *A. vernata* to that species which I should now call *A. pometaria*, and which Dr. Packard calls *A. autumnata*; I therefore have maintained throughout that the names belong to entirely different species. I have endeavored, in Proc. Bost. Soc. Nat. Hist., xvi, 207, and verbally; to show that these names are not synonyms, and have succeeded so far that after Mr. Morrison had re-named *pometaria*, and was ready to publish his name, he withdrew it; after Mr. Riley had published a statement that *pometaria* Harris was not *pometaria* Mann,* he published another,† saying that it was. I had made the same mistake previously, which I now attribute to Dr. Packard, but I had not expected to find it made again after it had been corrected so many times.

Quite aside from the question of fact whether Harris did describe the autumn species as *pometaria* or not, there could be no question that I believed it, and that my writings should be so interpreted. I was surprised, therefore, to find my description of the monstrous female of "*A. pometaria* Harr., descr.," quoted under *A. vernata*, especially with a foot note stating explicitly that *vernata* was not intended.

My article in Proc. Bost. Soc. Nat. Hist., xvi, 163, which treats entirely of *pometaria* according to my understanding, is cited by Dr. Packard under both species.

I would therefore correct Dr. Packard's Monograph, p. 402, by erasing lines 13 to 16, 20, 21, 25, and putting *pometaria* in place of *autumnata* wherever it occurs in connection with these species. Moreover, the monstrous female of *pometaria* had four aborted wings, not two, as Dr. Packard states.

* Sixth Mo. Rep., p. 29.

† Seventh Mo. Rep., p. 50.