

In his disquisition on *Samia columbia*, Mr. Strecker thinks Dr. Hagen's suggestion might be true as to its being a hybrid between *promethea* and *cecropia*, were it not that *promethea* does not occur at Montreal. He has been already corrected on this point in the CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST; there is also the fact that *columbia* is described originally from Maine. The fact that *Gloveri* is suggested by Dr. Hagen to be = *columbia*, is also sagaciously left out of sight by Mr. Strecker.

With reference to *Californica*, Mr. Strecker does not know my paper published in the Trans. of the American Philosophical Society, Nov., 1874, or chooses to ignore it. His ignorance as to where *Californica* is described shows an unacquaintance even with the publications of the Entomological Society of Philadelphia, and I have shown that the synonymy in his work is copied from catalogues, etc., and is no proof of bibliographical knowledge, and therefore quite superfluous. And while Mr. Strecker very properly quotes Mr. Kirby's correction of my generic name, he purposely ignores the fact that Mr. Kirby retains for the species from the West the name *Samia Californica*, to which I believe it to be justly entitled, although Mr. Strecker calls it "*Euryalus*."

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DEAR SIR,—

In the "Preliminary List of the Noctuidæ of California," CAN. ENT., 7, 68, I have cited a species under the number 107 with the name *Agrotis excellens*. This name is used by Dr. Staudinger for a different species previously, and may be changed for the Californian species to that of *Agrotis perexcellens*.

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#### INSECT CAPTURES.

In our issue for July, 1874, p. 140, we noticed some rare and interesting captures made by one of our members, Mr. F. C. Lowe, of Dunnville, Ont., during a tour made by him in the county of Essex. At that time, when near the village of North Ridge, he secured a very handsome and perfect specimen of *Papilio marcellus* (the second recorded specimen taken in Canada), and saw on the wing two others which he did not succeed in capturing: besides which, he took several specimens of *Papilio thoas*, a species also extremely rare in Canada. These, with many others, were taken between the 10th and 20th of June.