

and for the species for which they were employed binomially." Now, here is *Andropodum* in Franck's Catalogue, precisely the equivalent of *Mancipium* of the Tentamen (which latter is already set up as a genus in the Sketch and stamped Hüb., 1806), and is substituted for it in the Verzeichniss, employed to cover 44 species belonging to many genera. Mr. Scudder pounces at random on one of these, which happens to be *Ilairé*, and stands it up as type of the new-old genus *Andropodum* Hüb., 1825, not taking the trouble to first pull down *Mancipium*. I have not examined the Zutrage, and for aught I know there may be a third equivalent of *Mancipium* found there, which also is one of these genera. Geyer says that what Hübner thought erroneous in the Verzeichniss he tried to amend in the Zutrage, and he may not unreasonably have seen fit to amend his Stirps' names the second time. Certainly, had he done so, we should have triplicate genus names in the Hist. Sketch. For some reason not stated, Mr. Scudder has attributed the name *Archon* type *Machaon* to the Syst. Alph. Verz. 1825, instead of to Franck's Catalogue, 1825, where its compeers are found, in disregard of his own statement before quoted as to the use of the trinomials—for in the Syst. Alph. Verz. the species *Machaon* stands as *Archon heroicus Machaon*.

Of course Franck's sale Catalogue, as regards authority in nomenclature, does not differ from Deyrolle's (Paris) sale Catalogue, or that of any other professional dealer in insects. I have a catalogue of a dealer in flower seeds, from Ipswich, England, in which all the names are arranged under the latest approved botanical system, and accompanying each is a brief indication of the habit, color and nature of the plant. This catalogue would scarcely be allowed by Dr. Gray to have authority in botanical nomenclature, and yet it has as much claim to that dignity as this Franck Catalogue, and in fact more, as it gives some sort of description of each plant mentioned.

We may infer, then, that zoologists have not merely to rummage for drafts and printed slips, but for sale catalogues as well, before they can reach the right basis of their nomenclature!

In the Historical Sketch are about 40 other genera attributed to Hübner on such authority as Syst. Alph. Verz., Index, Sammlung, exclusive of a host based upon the coitus of the Verzeichniss bekannter Schmetterlinge, and these one and all will be found to bear examination no better than the so-called genera from the Tentamen and Franck's Catalogue. They all lack the essential qualities of genera, being taken