

NEW DIURNAL LEPIDOPTERA FROM SOUTH AMERICA.

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Habitat: Bogota district, Colombia. Expanse: 1.50 inches.

Head, palpi, thorax and abdomen above, dark mouse colour; beneath, nearly white. Between the eyes are three white dots. Antennæ black. Legs grayish white.

Upper side of fore wing dark mouse colour. There is a broad prominent yellowish-white band extending from costa down to submedian nervure, its inner edge straight, the outer edge swelling outwards somewhat. The interspaces between this distinctive band and the hind margin, also the interspaces upwards towards costa, are heavily dusted with light mouse-coloured scales. The nervures and nervules are nearly black. The hind margin bears a slight hairy fringe and a very slight darkish thread.

Upper side of lower wing dark mouse colour. There is a broad white area covering central half of costa and extending downwards to the median nervure, suffusing somewhat towards hind margin. Outside of this area the interspaces show a little lighter shade than the ground colour. The nervures and nervules are dark. The hind margin has a slight hairy fringe and a very slight darkish thread.

The yellowish-white band of fore wing and the white band or area of lower wings form the prominent marking of upper surface. The rest of the wing is of dark colour, with the slight variations above noted.

The under side of fore wing is divided between white and dead mouse colour. The basal portion within a line drawn from centre of costa down to lower angle is white. The rest of the wing (the apical area) is dead dark mouse colour, the interspaces showing white dashes starting at subcostal interspaces midway between the apex and the edge of the white area. The hind margin has a hairy fringe and a darkish thread.

The lower side of hind wing is white, excepting a broad hind marginal border of dark mouse colour, which suffuses upwards towards base as it reaches the anal angle. At the upper angle there is a sugges-