

Humboldt. His taste for natural history was shown early in life, and he finally devoted himself to the study of the Coleoptera, of which he has left a collection containing many varieties. Dr. Dohrn's literary and descriptive articles upon entomology appeared in the Stettiner Entomologische Zeitung, the organ of the Entomological Society of Stettin, over which he presided for more than a quarter of a century. He was a friend of Zeller, and drew the latter from his pedagogic labours in Meseritz to the scientific circle in Stettin, where he closed his career. It was a custom of Dr. Dohrn to give a New Year's greeting in verse to the readers of the Zeitung. These effusions were both genial and humorous, but, as might be expected, invited criticism, and drew from Lederer, on occasion, a bitter remark. Dr. Dohrn's life in his native city was devoted to many interests, and he was made a member of the legislative body. His son, the well-known professor, is the Director of the Marine Zoological Station in Naples, whom I visited so many years since in Jena. Dr. Dohrn was a man of good presence and engaging manners, and has left behind him many friends in many circles. To the general notice, which his death will thus occasion, I may add my little tribute to his worth. Not so long since he sent me greetings through a traveller, and I was glad to hear of him as still hale and hearty. Everything passes in this world, but one is apt to remember gratefully such personal kindness as Dr. Dohrn extended to me.

Bremen, May 6th, 1892.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

A CORRECTION.

Dear Sir: In my article on "Insect Monstrosities," in the June number, occur some clerical errors that require immediate correction. In line six of the text, *dele* "and Henshaw, Scudder, and Hagen (Psyche)," and read instead, Scudder (Psyche, VI., pp. 89-93) and Hagen (Memoirs of the Museum of Comp. Zool., II., pp. 5-22). I made a mistake in copying my MSS. for the printer, and made it worse trying to correct it by mail.

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GASTROPACHA ALUCENSIS.

Dear Sir: With regard to the omission of this species from "Mr. Grote's lists," I would state that I was informed that the entire edition of

the Chicago Academy Transactions, in which the description appeared, was destroyed in the Great Fire, and that Dr. Packard in consequence regarded his paper as unpublished. The species *Leucophæa Neumoegeni*, Hy. Ed., belongs to my genus *Argyrauges*, Can. Ent., XIV., 215, and is in my opinion sufficiently structurally distinct from *Hemileuca Maia* and allies, a genus in which the common pattern and antennal colour and structure show that the forms have become but recently separated and hardened into species, as seems to be the case with *Datana*, and, perhaps, *Clisiocampa* and *Platysamia*.

A. R. GROTE.

Dear Sir : I wish on behalf of the Entomological Society of Ontario, to make public acknowledgment of the eminent services rendered to it, and the lasting benefit conferred on the Canadian members of it especially, by Professor C. H. Fernald, who has reviewed the Society's entire collection of Pyralidæ and Crambidæ, at a great expenditure of labour and valuable time to himself, and with no hope of reward, except the consciousness of having performed an enduring work for the advancement of our science. I forwarded to the Professor, at his own suggestion, the Society's drawers containing these insects, and a box of duplicates, that he might see just how they stood in regard to nomenclature. In due time they were returned, preceded by a communication indicating that they had received the closest scrutiny, pointing out errors, and conveying information which enabled me to bring the collection into harmony with his recent revision of these families, as published in Prof. J. B. Smith's "List of Lepidoptera of Boreal America." The most important of the errors corrected, which may have spread from this to other collections, are two : What was under the name *Crambus præfectellus*, Zink., proved to be *C. Leachellus*, Zink., and what was under the name of *C. sericinellus*, Zell., he pronounced to be but rubbed specimens of *C. albellus*, Clem.

The Professor kindly sent to me an example of *C. innotatellus*, Walk., of which *sericinellus* is a synonym, that I might see what it was like ; it was a species that I had not seen before, and may not properly belong as yet to our list, and the same is possibly true of *præfectellus*.

We have now a collection in these families which may be pronounced a correct standard for comparison and identification as far as it goes, and the guarantee for its reliability is the work done upon it by Professor Fernald. All our members are cordially invited to make use of it.

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