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MAY 14, 1903.

The 178th regular meeting was held in the Sangerbund Hall, 314 C street, N.W., Dr. Howard in the chair, and Messrs. Ashmead, Benton, Busck, Currie, Doolittle, Dyar, Gill, Heidemann, Kotinsky, Morris, Schwarz, Simpson, Ulke and Warner, members, and Mr. II. Bolce, visitor, also present.

Mr. IL Bolce, of the Treasury Department, was elected an active member of the Society.

—Dr. Howard presented a note on a letter from Dr. Fletcher, wherein the latter reported black flies (Simulium columbatezense Schenbauer) entering the anus and vulva of domestic animals.

—Mr. Ashmead exhibited drawings to illustrate his monograph of the North American Braconidæ, soon to be published by the National Museum, and accompanied the exhibition by remarks illustrating the characters of the various genera represented by these drawings. Among other things he said that in many instances he was led to detect generic and tribal characters by a knowledge of the habits of the insect. His notes were discussed by Messrs. Howard, Gill, Schwarz and Benton.

Dr. Howard stated that in November, 1891, he read a paper before the Association of Economic Entomologists at Champaign, Illinois,* in which, in discussing the host relations of parasitic Hymenoptera, he advanced the idea that the classification of the group would undoubtedly be affected by a more accurate knowledge of host relations, and entered a plea for careful records. He was therefore greatly pleased to see from Mr. Ashmead's statements that the exact knowledge of habits, largely due to the work of Washington entomologists, had led Mr. Ashmead to discoveries affecting classification, thus justifying the 12-year-old prophecy. He referredespecially to the new genus separated from Bracon to which Mr. Ashmead's attention had been called by the fact that all of the members were parasitic upon Cecidomyiidæ instead of upon beetles, as is the general rule with the genus Bracon.

Mr. Ashmead stated that he had discovered that the tribes of Cynipidæ which he had erected correspond exactly with the groups of plants on which they make their galls, such as Quercus, Rosaceæ, Acacia, etc.; and, on the other hand, from the nature of the host, he had been enabled to explain the differences in structure.

—Mr. Busck then read extracts from his paper on the generic name of the codling moth.†

The paper was discussed by Messrs. Schwarz, Simpson, Howard, Dyar and Gill.

—Dr. Dyar mentioned a peculiar Lepidopterous larva which had been seen by several members of the Society at Plummer's Island, Maryland. It occurs only in spring. Mr. Barber brought in some last May (May, 1902), and the first moth had just emerged (April, 1903). The plant is Rhacelia dubia, according to Mr. Morris; the larvae live exposed on the plant and are brightly colored. The moth that emerged is not well developed and the color seems grayer than normal, but otherwise It agrees exactly with specimens of Ethmia zelleriella Chambers, from Texas. The following description of the larva was handed to the Secretary for publication:

^{*} See Insect Life, 111, No. 6, p. 277, March, 1891. † Published in Journ. N. Y. Ent. Soc., x1, No. 2, pp. 106-111, June, 1903

DESCRIPTION OF THE LARVA OF ETHMIA ZELLERIELLA CHAMBERS.

By Harrison G. Dyar.

Head rounded, apex retracted, clypeus high; black; a greenish white mark in the upper half of the clypeus and a rounded spot on each side, separated only by the black suture; epistoma and basalantennal joint pale; width, 1.2 mm. Body cylindrical, normal, the ends very slightly tapering; segmental incisures distinct, weakly 2-annulate. Whitish opaque, a diffuse vellow dorsal band, the lateral region likewise vellowish shaded; no shields; joints 2 and 3 subdorsally blotched in smoky black, the marks joining dorsally on joint 3; joints 4-5 anteriorly banded in smoky, velvety black, solidly except for dorsal and lateral anterior notch on joint 4; smoky ventrally. A rounded dorsal black spot on the segments and a smaller one in the incisure; a broad dark gray subdorsal shade, diffuse above, sharp below, sending a thick arm across to each spiracle, obliquely, posteriorly; slight subventral gray spottings, heavier on joints 2 and 3; anal shield sooty. Tubercles in large, round, velvety black spots, i dorsad-anterior to ii, iv and v united, vii of three setæ on the anterior leg base on a pale ground; on thorax ia + ib, iia +iib, iv + v. Thoracic feet black; setw long, black; abdominal feet slender, pale.

— Dr. Dyar presented also a description of the larva of Litodonta hydromeli. Mr. Schwarz had found the larva again, this time in Key West, Florida, and he brought home two examples, which have been nicely inflated for the collection by Mr. Caudell. They were feeding on Bumelia angustifolia.

DESCRIPTION OF THE LARVA OF LITODONTA HYDRO-MELI HARVEY.

By HARRISON G. DYAR.

Egg. Two-thirds spherical, the base flat; dull whitish green, uniform, obscurely but finely, neatly reticulate, the reticulations very slightly raised, hexagonal, with pores at the angles, looking like whitish dots, obscure; surface a little frosted. Diameter, t mm.; height, .65 mm.

Larva, stage V. The larvæ are sluggish, not moving when touched. They hold the tail elevated continually. Head higher than wide, slightly bilobed, flattened before, clypeus strongly constricted, reaching about one-third to the vertex; erect, apex higher than joint 2; median suture depressed near vertex; dark purplish, reticulate mottled with blackish, pinkish behind and in a spot reaching a distance down the angle of each