

(b) *Coleotichus*, A. White, *l. c.* (misquoted by Lethierry & Severin, and in Schouteden's Monographs).

Fam. CORIXIDÆ.

Corixa contortuplicata, n. n. for *C. irrorata*, Fieber, 1851 (or 1852), not H.-S. 1850.

ON SOME RECENT BIBLIOGRAPHICAL NOTES.

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IN the last issue of the 'Entomologist' (p. 291), Mr. Cockerell writes that the species which I call *Herrera marginella* (Cat. Cicadidæ, p. 121) is based on *Cicada marginella*, Walk, but is not the *Cicada marginella*, Fabr., Syst. Rhyng. p. 96, and proposes that the species should be known by the name of its synonym, *Herrera ancilla*, Stål. It is not often that Mr. Cockerell makes a slip.

1. The species described by Fabricius (Syst. Rhyng. p. 96) is *Cercopis marginella (costalis)*, not *Cicada marginella*. This is a well-known member of the Tettigoniellidæ (Jassidæ).

2. Walker neither supposed nor intended his species to represent that of Fabricius, which he rightly recorded in its proper place (List Hom. Suppl. p. 224 (1858)).

5. Fabricius did describe a *Cicada marginella* (Mant. Ins. ii. p. 271), but not where Mr. Cockerell quotes. This is also a well-known species of Tettigoniellidæ, and recognized and recorded as such (1854) before Walker described his species (1858). The synonymy therefore now stands:—

Herrera marginella.

Cicada marginella, Walk., List Hom. Suppl. p. 21 (1858).

Carineta ancilla, Stål, Stett. Ent. Zeit. xxv. p. 57 (1864).

Carineta marginella, Dist., Biol. Centr.-Amer. Rhynch. Hom. i. p. 21, t. ii. f. 16, *a, b* (1883).

Herrera marginella, Dist., Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist. (7), xv. p. 486 (1905).

Herrera ancilla, Cockerell, Entom. 1907, p. 291.

It seems a pity that Mr. Kirkaldy does not make himself familiar with his subject before writing as a critic thereon. In his note on the food-plants of some species of Oriental Rhynchota (1907, p. 282) he again breaks forth in strictural comment. He writes *Leptocoris augur* (= *Serinetha*, Dist.). Now, if Mr. Kirkaldy likes to use *Leptocoris* for *Serinetha*, no one objects; he has a right to write as he prefers, and no one is compelled to follow him. But it is inexact to write "*Serinetha*," Dist.; he gives m

too much credit. That name, as I employ it, has been previously used in the same sense by Dallas, Stål, Lethierry and Severin, and Bergroth—the last-named a purist in these matters. But if a name is changed, surely adhesion to the change should be maintained by its advocate. Mr. Kirkaldy recently pointed out, and correctly so, for it was on the authority of Stål, that *Zamila*, Walk. (1862), must be accepted as a synonym of *Pyrilla*, Stål (1859). He now, and in this note, uses the name *Zamila* himself! Some of his other animadversions have been made before and replied to by myself (Ann. Soc. Ent. Belg. li. p. 221), to which he does not refer. I therefore decline to notice them further, and consider such cavilling as outside serious entomology.

NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS.

EARLY STAGES OF AMERICAN BUTTERFLIES WANTED.—I should be greatly obliged if any reader of the 'Entomologist' would give me information which would enable me to obtain the ova or pupæ of North American butterflies, the food-plants of which are common in this country.—E. E. BENTALL; The Towers, Heybridge, Essex, December 10th, 1907.

FOE OF DRAGONFLY-NYMPHS.—Mr. A. O. Rowden, writing from Exeter, on December 16th, 1907, says that the water-boatman (*Noto-necta glauca*) attacks the nymphs of dragonflies.—W. J. LUCAS; Kingston-on-Thames.

PREVENTION OF MOULD IN INSECTS.—Mr. Plum's suggestion (Entom. xl. 290) as to the prevention of mould in relaxing-boxes may possibly prove useful in some cases; but nothing could well be better than the plan proposed some years ago by my friend Mr. Woodforde, of Market Drayton, viz. a few drops of dilute carbolic acid mixed with the water used to damp the cork (or sand, if used). I have a box at the present time containing several specimens of *M. tristata*, which I took in Argyllshire early in July. The box has been frequently used since, and the cork repeatedly damped, but not a vestige of mould is perceptible on the specimens of *tristata*, and if they were worth it, I daresay I could set them to-morrow.—(Rev.) CHAS. F. THORNEWILL.

FOOD OF THE LARVA OF *ACIDALIA OCHRATA*.—With reference to Mr. Conquest's remarks as to the food of *A. ochrata* (Entom. xl. 296), I had some young larvæ years ago, which fed freely on the flowers of a hawkweed, and I think that they might possibly be reared on dandelion. My experience with *A. strigilata* corresponds very closely with Mr. Conquest's.—(Rev.) CHAS. F. THORNEWILL; Calverhall Vicarage, Whitchurch, Salop, December 6th, 1907.

ICHNEUMON FLY OPENING COCOON OF *BRYOPHILA MURALIS*.—Idling away a sunny morning, July 22nd, 1907, at Winscombe, in Somerset,