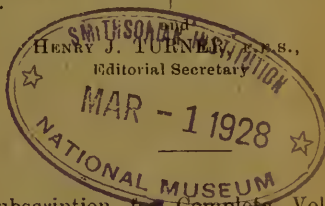


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COCCINELLA BIABILIS, MARRINER.—A few days ago, while putting away in my cabinet some recent captures of varieties of various species of this genus, I examined my exponents of this hybrid form described by Mr. T. F. Marriner (*Ent. Record*, 1926, p. 81). I found I had one with the dark legs of typical *bipunctata*, taken in Harewood Forest in June, 1905, and eleven specimens with the red legs of *10-punctata*—one of these was taken in Richmond Park hibernating in the winter, three in the New Forest in the months of May and June, two at Ashted in May, three in Dalmeny Park, Edinburgh, in June and September, and two at Dunkeld, Perthshire, in June.—(SIR) T. HUDSON BEARE, (F.E.S.), 10, Regent Terrace, Edinburgh, *January 21st, 1928.*

BREPHOS PARTHENIAS AB. FLAVA, WOOD.—I have seen British examples of this species, in which the hindwings were yellow, but there was an orange tint still remaining and the forewings had the usual reddish suffusion. Hennin does not make it clear whether his ab. *luteata* is this form or the very different ab. *flava*, Wood., and until his description has been amplified, or Belgian specimens have been sent for comparison I think it is unsafe to sink ab. *flava*. Wood has bred the aberration, so that the possibility of fading or discoloration can be dismissed in the case of ab. *flava*.—E. A. COCKAYNE, A.M., F.E.S.

[Both names register the same scientific principle, that is the change of orange-red into clear yellow and it matters not whether a few scales, more or less, have not been affected by it. Very rarely are two examples of an aberrant form identical and the naming of grades of perfection in this and similar cases seems unnecessary. Tutt's colour names were usually given to a series, not to an individual, in which there was a great diversity of depth of colour; his *brunnea*, *flava*, *rubra*, etc., each meant a series in which the colour prevailed over all others in varying degree and it might be that no specimens were alike in degree of the colour.—HY.J.T.]

REVIEWS AND NOTICES OF BOOKS.

We have received a remarkable separate from the illustrious zoologist Dr. Holland of the United States, entitled "Exit Huebner's Tentamen."

Some years ago, a decade or more, Mr. J. H. Durrant gave an account of this famous broadsheet in our magazine and a very closely detailed comparison with the *Verzeichniss* of the same author. To this Mr. Bethune-Baker added a few remarks. Unfortunately we were unable to persuade Mr. Durrant to add to his article an adequate history of the appearance of this much contested publication.

Practically all those entomologists, who have thoroughly investigated the matter have decided on the acceptance of the *Tentamen*. That great entomologist Scudder, Dr. Holland's compatriot, deals clearly with the work, and recalls that the substance of it is reproduced in the preface to the first century of Hübner's *Zuträge*, and is stated to have been issued in 1806. Also that in a book list produced by Geyer, who continued Hübner's works after his death, the *Tentamen* is included as one of the works of that author. (See Scudder, *Historical Sketch*, p. 98, 1875.)