A NEW DIASPID GENUS.

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In Professor T. D. A. Cockerell's "First Supplement to the Check-list of the Coccidæ" (published in the bulletin of the Illinois State Laboratory of Natural History, 1899), the following footnote occurs on page 398: "*Phenacaspis*, Cooley and Ckll., will be a new genus, to include *P. nyssæ*, *Chinensis*, *engenæ*, etc., hitherto placed in *Chionaspis*. Mr. Cooley and the present writer agree that these forms have no generic relationship with genuine *Chionaspis* except through *Aulacaspis* and *Diaspis*. I leave Mr. Cooley to publish the generic characters, and classify the species."

The present paper gives the generic characters of *Phenacaspis*.

PHENACASPIS, gen. nov., Cooley and Ckll.

Scale of female elongated, with the exuviae at the anterior extremity, white. Scale of male much smaller than that of female; elongated, with the scales nearly parallel. With two longitudinal grooves on the dorsal surface, causing one or three carinæ, which vary in prominence in different species. Pygidium with the terminal pair of lobes more or less sunken into the body, and having their inner edges serrate or crenate, and strongly divergent, leaving a distinct notch on the median line.

The colour and shape of the scales of the two sexes, together with the median notch of the pygidium, are the essential characters of the genus.

Since in Professor Cockerell's note *nyssæ* is the first species named, I suggest that this species be considered as the type of the genus.

CATALOGUE OF THE LEPIDOPTERA OF NORTH AMERICA.

The new Catalogue of the Lepidoptera of North America which I have prepared has been issued as Bulletin No. 52 of the United States National Museum. It comprises 740 pages. The edition is being distributed by the Smithsonian Institution, without charge. Those not receiving the publications of the National Museum regularly, and who are interested enough in entomology so that this publication would be of practical use to them, will be cheerfully recommended by me to receive a copy, on making application to the undersigned.

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