sweet and bitter orange, the lemon, lime and citron. In the south the larva feeds on the various trees belonging to this latter family. In the west it is said to feed on the prickly ash, and Prof. Snow says that in Kansas it feeds on the hop tree. Having now been found on *Dictamnus*, it becomes highly probable that the larva will also feed on *Rue* and *Skinimia*.

TINEINA.

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GELECHIA.

G. thoracefasciella Cham.

Sometimes the thorax is ochreous with a transverse brown band between the wings, instead of brown with an ochrey band, and the wings are blotched irregularly with ochreous. The proportion of the two colors varies.

G. ochrestrigella Cham.

In one specimen sent to me by Mr. Behrens the entire space from the end of the cell to the apex, between two of the discal branch veins, is brown.

G. obliquistrigella Cham.

Varies a good deal, without, however, altering the pattern of ornamentation. In a specimen now before me there is a distinct black dash near the apex in one wing, which is represented on the other wing by two minute dots. The base of the wing and the costal margin near it are nearly always brownish, and the other markings of the wings vary in their distinctness.

G. pravinominella.

I suggest this name for the species described by me under the name of *G. 4-maculella*, from Colorado, in the *Cin. Quar. Four. Sci.*, v. 2, p.

290. The species was named and described by me while in Colorado—away from libraries and collections—and the previous use of *4-maculella* was forgotten.

G. solaniella, ante v. 5, p. 176, and v. 4, p. 193.

The former accounts of this species are so meagre that I annex the following description:

Palpi simple; second joint more than half as long as the first.

Palpi grayish brown externally, more yellowish internally; entire insect otherwise grayish brown and ochreous intermixed, microscopically dusted with white; the ochreous and brown on the primaries take more or less the form of narrow longitudinal streaks, and the relative proportions of each color vary in different specimens, some being distinctly ochreous and others nearly brown. *Al. ex.* 7/16 to half an inch. Kentucky.

Two specimens which I have received from St. Louis, from Miss Murtfeldt, are paler and more gray, with a distinct blackish dot on the fold about midway of the wing, and another small one between it and the costal margin which I have not detected in any of my specimens. These two specimens are also smaller than my own, but that they are of the same species is shown not only by their resemblance in other respects, but by the habits and appearance of the larvæ. The following account of the larvæ is furnished to me by Miss Murtfeldt, and agrees with my own observations, except that so far as I have observed, the entire larva turns blue when it is mature, while Miss Murtfeldt remarks it only of the first three segments. I have published a very brief account of the mine and larva, ante v. 5, p. 193, and the following is Miss Murtfeldt's account:

"The larva mines and crumples the leaves of *Solanum Carolinense*, turning them brown. Inside of the mine the larva inhabits a tough, silk-lined gallery, formed externally of frass. This gallery extends around the edge of the leaf until the latter appears as if a gathering string had been run between the tissues. The larva is nearly cylindrical, about 0.40 inch. in length, of a translucent green color, with transparent piliferous spots arranged in the usual transverse rows on the thoracic segments, and in the form of a trapezoid on the abdominal segments. Head and cervical shield bright brown, polished and edged anteriorly with whitish green. The thoracic segments turn blue when the larva is mature. Legs and prolegs short, yellowish green. The larva leaves the mine and pupates

on the surface of the earth in a slight cocoon, and the imago appears in about ten days, except the last fall brood, which hibernates in the chrysalis."

I have, as stated in a former number of the CAN. ENT., also received specimens of it from Texas. And *G. cilioelinaeella* only differs by the white lines at and in the ciliæ.

G. Hermannella.

In vol. 4 I have copied from the *Nat. Hist. Tin.* a description of this species; and in *The Ento. Mo. Mag.*, v. 11, p. 279, I have given an account of a variety found in Kentucky and Missouri, and probably further south, which I copy here for the benefit of American readers and for the purpose of adding some additional particulars. The specimens of the variety which I have bred—something over twenty—were from larvæ taken at various localities in Kentucky, and all that I have captured in Kentucky belong to the variety likewise, and Miss Murfeldt writes to me from St. Louis that the variety only has been bred there. If the old, well-known form occurs at all in this latitude, it must be very scarce.

"So far as I can learn, no variety of this species has yet been found in Europe, though the species occurs from Lap'and to Naples. Some three years ago I found the larvæ mining leaves of *Chenopodium* on the shore of Lake Michigan, lat. 43 deg. N.; and from them I bred several specimens differing in no essential particular from the figure in *Nat. Hist. Tin.*, v. ix., plate 8. Afterwards I often found them mining the same leaves in Northern Kentucky, lat. 38 deg. (nearly), but as I had as many specimens as I then wanted, and never thought of a variety, I did not attempt to breed them until the summer of 1874. The larva was the same, the mine was the same, and the mined leaves were of the same plant that I had found in Wisconsin, but, to my surprise, all the specimens that I have bred differ so decidedly from the ordinary *G. Hermannella* that probably any Entomologist would have considered them, if only captured, as of distinct species. Yet a little ingenuity on comparison of the specimens will show how the one pattern of ornamentation is readily resolvable into the other. One who knows this 'micro,' or the figure of it before mentioned, will remember the silvery fascia dark-margined on both sides, the small silvery spot before the fascia beneath the fold, and the larger one just above the fold behind the fascia. Now, suppose the dark margins of the fascia increased in quantity, especially the posterior dark margin

then suppose all the dark margin *behind* the fascia gathered on the costal margin, forming a velvety black spot so large that it touches the small silvery spot above the fold behind the fascia; in like manner, suppose the anterior dark margin of the fascia gathered together in a velvety black spot *before* the fascia beneath the fold; then suppose the fascia widely interrupted in the middle—and you have the variety. The costal part of the fascia thus becomes the anterior silvery margin of a large velvety-looking black costal spot, which, by its confluence with the silvery spot above the fold, appears to be margined with silvery at that point, and sometimes has a few silvery scales scattered through it; and the dorsal portion of the fascia becomes the hinder silvery margin of a large velvety-looking black dorsal spot, which, by its confluence with the silvery spot beneath the fold, appears to be margined with silvery at that place, and sometimes contains a few scattered silvery scales. Except that the quantity of black and silvery scales is increased somewhat, the insect does not differ from the old form."

But, as I find by specimens bred and captured since the above was written, I have only described above the specimens which most nearly approach the old form, and the variety is by no means a constant one. As the fascia in the old form is a little oblique, so the anterior margin of the costal spot is nearer to the base of the wing than the hinder margin of the dorsal spot; sometimes both spots are silvery margined entirely both before and behind, and sometimes also within; and in one bred specimen there is no dorsal spot at all, but the dorsal margin from the base to the ciliae is silvery. There are some other more minute differences which it might be necessary to mention if one were describing a new species; and perhaps where the word "silvery" occurs above it would be more accurate to write violaceous-silvery.

HAMADRYAS (Clem.)

H. Bassettella Clem.

The only variation that I have observed in this species is in the ground color, which ranges from sulphur to almost brick-red. It is abundant in all the Texas collections, and though originally described from Connecticut, I have never met with it in Kentucky or in Colorado.

PHÆTUSA.

P. plutella Cham.

The statement in the description of this species that the white streak

before the ciliæ is absent is incorrect. It should read that it is present.

EPICORTHYLIS Zell.

I copy the brief generic diagnosis from *Bei. Z. Kent. 1873, p. 48*

Capitium depressum elongatum. Ocelli nulli. Antennae crenulatae. Palpi libiales porrecti, thorace multi longiores, articulo secundo sub-arcuato subtus laevis supra posticae squamis erectis crestato; terminali setaceo, erecto. Haustellum brevissimum. Alae anteriores angustae, marginibus oppositis sub-parallelis; cellula media simplici, vena apicali furcata; posteriores anterioribus latiores, trapeziformes, margine postico infra apicem leviter impresso, vena mediana trifida. Tibiae posticae in dorso piloso-cristatae.

E. inversella Zell.

Until I saw the species I supposed that it might be congeneric with *Sagaritis gracilella* Cham. It, however, seems to resemble it chiefly in having the tuft on the upper side of the second joint of the palpi. It is a heavier-bodied, clumsier-looking insect than *S. gracilella*. Prof. Zeller's specimens were probably a little worn, as he describes and figures the fore wings as having the spots arranged 1, 2, 1, as some of mine have them; but these are a little worn. The best specimens have large spots, or perhaps I might call them short transverse bands, arranged 1, 1, 1.

The species is dark gray, the scales tipped with hoary. The palpal tuft is whitish on its internal surface. Antennae annulate with dark gray. The dorsal half of the fore wings is paler than the costal, and the disc is whitish or almost hoary, and behind this whitish part of the wing and not distinctly separated from it, is a whitish fascia concave towards the apex. The spots above mentioned are in the whitish discal part of the wing. *Al ex.* about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch. It is as yet known only from Texas.

DESCRIPTION OF A NEW GRAPHOLITHA.

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Grapholitha taleana, n. s.

♂. Fore wings brownish fuscous; under the glass the scales are seen to be blackish with white tips. Thorax concolorous. Fore wings with