I did not think it so remarkable. The first brood of larvæ of this species are usually so scattering that it is difficult to find them. This summer they were so numerous as to completely strip large clumps of nettle, so that numbers of larvæ must have perished for want of food. Some large and healthy bunches of nettle were so weakened by the larvæ of this species and of *Vanessa Milberti* repeatedly stripping them of every green leaf that they have probably died.

LARVAL STAGES OF AMPHION NESSUS (Cr.).

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Egg.—Pale green, almost globular; very similar to that of *Everyx myron*, but smaller. Young larvæ collected at Greenwood Lake, New Jersey, June 25th. Length, 1 mm.

Stage I.—Pale apple-green, with numerous minute white dots and a narrow white subdorsal stripe along each side, beginning at the anterior part of the first segment and running to the base of the caudal horn, which is black, and brown at the base. Length, 9 mm. Moulded June 28th.

Stage II.—Very much like the preceding stage, but the white dots and the subdorsal stripe are much heavier and more distinct. Caudal horn jet black, reddish-brown basally. Head with a narrow white stripe on each side. Length, 13 mm. Moulded July 1st.

Stage III.—Much like the last stage, but the stripes on the head are continuous with the ones on the subdorsum; the third and fourth segments are now considerably swollen and thicker than the remaining segments. Caudal horn black, reddish-brown at the base. Spiracles black. Length, 17 mm. Moulded July 4th.

Stage IV.—Same as the last stage. Length, 22 mm. Moulded July 7th.

Stage V.—The general colour is now dirty orange-brown, speckled with small smoky-black dots. On the junction of the segment along the dorsum is a smoky-black spot, and along the sides is a series of oblique smoky-black bands, the last one running to the base of the caudal horn, which is black. From the head to the end of the third segment are three black stripes, one on the dorsum and one on each side on the subdorsum. Head dirty purplish-brown, with a whitish stripe on each side. Under side darker than above. Length, 45 mm. Full-grown July 18. When fully fed the larva spins a rude cocoon between a few leaves on the ground.

Food-plants: Grape and Virginia creeper.