there — she made it. Females ordinarily commence laying within two city blocks from the point of emergence. After having completed most of their egg-laying they become stronger flyers and can undoubtedly travel several miles.

It appears then, that this genus of Saturniidæ has a quite plastic mobility, not being the sluggish flyers that they are commonly believed to be. They can overcome natural barriers of several miles, and two related species might make contact even though their respective habitats may be separated by many miles.

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