

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTES TO PREVIOUS TAXONOMIC NOTES
ON SOME NEARCTIC RHOPALOCERA

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Since the publication of "Taxonomic Notes on some Nearctic Rhopalocera, 1. Hesperioidea" (*Journ. lepid. soc.* 14: 24-36; 1960) and "2. Papilionoidea" (*ibid.* 15: 209-225; 1962), the later paper including a supplemental note (*ibid.* 15: 225; 1962), it has been decided to change the title of the forthcoming Check List of Nearctic Rhopalocera to *Synonymic List of the Nearctic Rhopalocera*, as that title more exactly describes the nature of the work.

A few communications relative to the synonymy of some Nearctic names have been received, one calling attention to an error in the first paper, and the other leading the author to a re-examination of another question of synonymy.

Urbanus Hübner [1806]. This name was referred to on page 54 of the first paper and considered invalid. But it is the "*Urbanus*" of HUEBNER's *Tentamen* which was rejected by the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature in Opinion 275. The fact was overlooked by the author that HUEBNER published validly the same name the following year on several plates of his *Sammlung exotischer Schmetterlinge*. Dr. HEINZ EBERT of Rio Claro, Brazil, has kindly called my attention (*in litt.*) to this error, and it is therefore necessary to sink *Goniurus* Hübner "1816" [1819] as an objective synonym of *Urbanus* Hübner "1806" [1807]. Dr. EBERT's letter arrived in time to make this correction.

Hesperia logan Edwards "1863-4" (1863) and *H. delaware* Edwards "1863-4" (1863). These names were published in the same paper, *H. logan* having page priority. Mr. FRANCIS HEMMING of London, England, has asked my advice concerning which of these names should be used as the type of *Anatrytone* Dyar, 1905. Involved is the applicability of page priority or first reviser rule. Since the latter is now the "law" (*Code*, Article 24) it is necessary to decide the subjective question, who was the first reviser? It appears to have been EDWARDS himself when he published his *Synopsis of North American Butterflies* [1866]-1872 in which he placed *logan* in the synonymy of *delaware*. Consequently *delaware* will be used in the *Synonymic List*. In this connection attention is called to a paper by PADDY MCHENRY (*Bull. Brooklyn ent. soc.* 47: 16; 1952) giving the dates of publication of this paper of EDWARDS.

Lycaeninae. Unfortunately the *Synonymic List* was submitted for publication before the appearance late in 1961 of a revision of Lycaeninae by my colleague, HARRY K. CLENCH, in Ehrlich & Ehrlich,

How to know the butterflies. It has not been possible to incorporate much of his extensive revisionary work in the *Synonymic List*.

Euphydryas chalcedona hermosa Wright 1905, and *E. c. klotsi* dos Passos 1938. Mr. DAVID L. BAUER of Bijou, California, has written to me that he believes that an error was made by me in sinking *klotsi* for *hermosa* (*Journ. lepid. soc.* 15: 220; 1962). This opinion is based upon considerable field experience during which time he has bred these insects and observed that they have different larval food plants. Since the genitalia of *hermosa* and *klotsi* are of the *chalcedona* type it may be that these insects, although described from localities not very far apart, are valid subspecies. The solution of the problem requires further study and it is to be hoped that Mr. BAUER will publish his observations. In the meanwhile it is only fair to other lepidopterists to issue this note so that they may be on the alert for further facts.

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Validation of *Ortholitha* Hübner, [1825] (Insecta,
Lepidoptera). Z. N. (S.) 1585.

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