

wide whitish band completely encircling each egg. Micropyle minute, almost invisible.

First instar larva. No description was made. A few specimens preserved in alcohol were sent to Yale University.

Final instar larva. Length about 3.75 cm, thickest at middle, tapering toward each extremity. Ground color brownish-black, overlaid by a series of lighter longitudinal lines, edged with black; each segment with up to six chalazae each bearing rather short, sparse urticaceous spines brown to black. Dorsum of thoracic segments with a conspicuous white mark with black-ringed brownish centre (see Figure 1), characteristic beginning with the second instar.

The author's skin did not react strongly to the 'sting' of this larva; the 'sting' being about equal to that of an *Automeris io* Fabricius.

NEW SOCIETY AND NEW JOURNAL

With the publication of its first issue in November, 1966, a new journal has begun: the *Newsletter of the Association of Minnesota Entomologists*. The Association and its *Newsletter* are primarily concerned with Minnesota entomology (especially Lepidoptera), but they welcome members from anywhere, and articles on any aspect of entomology and any part of the world.

The *Newsletter*, under the editorship of John H. Masters, is printed by silk-screen mimeograph and appears (quarterly) in an octavo format with a card cover enclosing 24 pages. The first number has the following contents: constitution and by-laws; publication announcements; the Rhopalocera of Minnesota, Part I Hesperidae Hesperinae (by R. L. Huber); Rhopalocera of Fort Snelling (by J. T. Sorensen); Minnesota life zone map; the Coleoptera of Minnesota, Part I Cicindelidae (by R. L. Huber). There is also a Field Collectors' Section (this one includes an account of a collecting trip to the Black Hills and of an encounter with an *Agrias* in Venezuela), and an exchange column.

The prime-movers of the new organization, John H. Masters, John T. Sorensen, Ronald L. Huber and Patrick J. Conway among them, are enthusiastic and capable. Wisely they have chosen to begin modestly. The low cost of membership (which includes subscription to the *Newsletter*) should encourage many lepidopterists, both amateur and professional, both in and out of Minnesota, to join and thus provide moral and financial support to a budding concern.

There are two classes of paying membership: *active* members (\$2.00 a year) have voting privileges; *corresponding* members (\$1.00 a year) do not. Both receive the *Newsletter*. Membership applications should be addressed to the secretary-treasurer, Patrick J. Conway, Apt. 306, 7544 Cedar Avenue South, Richfield, Minnesota 55423. Editorial correspondence should go to John H. Masters, P. O. Box 7511, St. Paul, Minnesota 55119.—HARRY K. CLENCH, *Carnegie Museum, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15213*.