

comparison with specimens from the localities, whence those from which the original descriptions were made came. Staudinger seems rarely to have referred to the original description to determine the typical forms of the various species described by the older European authors, and it would be interesting to know which is the typical form described by Knoch. When dealing with the Central Asiatic forms, Staudinger possibly rarely goes wrong, as many were described by himself, or the specimens described by other collectors passed through his hands. One doubts, too, whether the real Ural race, named *aetherea* by Eversmann, also recorded from Switzerland, occurs there. We appear to be wrongly using certain racial names, which is inadvisable, and will cause trouble to later workers. The variation of the group really wants carefully, not superficially, working out, and those collecting butterflies in Central Europe should be careful how they apply, from some catalogue or other, the names given to extreme eastern and western forms, to those coming from the Swiss Alps or other parts of Central Europe. The application of such names is almost sure to be erroneous.

Some new British Myrmecophilous Proctotrupidae.

By H. ST. J. K. DONISTHORPE, F.Z.S., F.E.S.

Polynema albitarse, Kieffer.—I took this little species in a nest of *Formica rufa*, at Rannoch, July 18th, 1907.

Ceraphron formicarum, Kieffer.—Dr. Kieffer tells me this is the name of the species recorded by me last year with *F. rufa* at Corbridge.

Ceraphron sp. ?—Taken in a nest of *Myrmica ruginodis*, at Buddon Wood, Leicestershire, August 3rd, 1907.

Conostigmus sp. ?—Taken in a nest of *Formica rufa*, at Weybridge, July 8th, 1907.

Platygaster sp. ?—Taken in a nest of *Formica rufa*, at Rannoch, July 19th, 1907.

Lagynodes pallidus, Boh.—Mr. H. Willoughby Ellis has taken this species in a nest of *Formica rufa*, at Knowle, July 19th, 1907. It will be remembered that I have taken it with *Lasius fuliginosus*, at Oxshott.

✓ *Exallonyx fumipennis*, Kief., var. *donisthorpei*, Kief., n. var.—Two specimens were taken in a nest of *Myrmica scabrinodis*, at Wallasey, in October, by Mr. Arnold.

✓ *Exallonyx wasmanni*, Kief., var. *sociabilis*, Kief., n. var.—I took this little species in a nest of *Lasius fuliginosus*, at Wellington College, September 27th, 1907.

I have to thank Dr. Kieffer for kindly naming most of the above.

The Lepidoptera of Ticino—The St. Gothard Pass.

By J. W. TUTT, F.E.S.

In fine weather go up the mountains, my friend had said, so I cast about, and the next morning, August 3rd, being gloriously sunny, I started in the opposite direction, this time across the fields to the foot of the St. Gothard Pass. Crossing the fields in as straight a line as possible, I wondered what the gods would send, but the first mile produced nothing better than a few *Pyralis* on the cats' mint flowers, together with an occasional *Aglais urticae* and *Pararge maera*, but once on the main



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