PAPILIO HELENA.

CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Antennæ apicem versus crassiores, sæpius clavato-capitatae.

Alæ (sedentis) erectæ sursumque conniventes.
(*Volatu* diurno.)

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 744.
Eq. Tr.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

PAPILIO alias dentatis atris concoloribus : posticis disco communi aurato.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 748.

Clerk. ic. t. 22. f. 1.

Fabr. Spec. Inf. 2. p. 10.

Papilionem Helenam, vix ab ullis exoticis pulchritudine superatum, distinguit aterrimus et quasi holofericus alarum color; quarum fibræ virgis nonnullis pallidioribus et cinereis notantur. Alis utrisque inferioribus summum decus affert macula amplissima insigniter aureo-flava, venisque nigris pulcherrime striata. Americam australem incolit Papilio Helena, et præcipue in Surinamia invenitur.

PATILLO NELIA

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HELENA.
OR, THE
BLACK-AND-GOLD BUTTERFLY.

GENERIC CHARACTER.

The *Antennæ*, or *Horns*, thickening towards the upper part, and generally terminating in a knob, or club-shaped tip.

The *Wings* (when sitting) erect, and meeting upwards. (*Flight* diurnal.)

SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

BLACK BUTTERFLY with both surfaces alike; the disk of the lower wings of a brilliant gold colour.

The *Papilio Helena*, one of the most beautiful of the exotic butterflies, is distinguished by the deep velvet black of its wings, which are marked by a few lighter or greyish stripes accompanying the fibres; while the lower wings are each ornamented by a very large spot or patch of the richest golden-yellow, traversed by several veins of black. It is a South-American insect, and is principally found at Surinam.

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