SPHINX NERII.

CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Antennæ subprismaticæ, utroque fine attenuatæ.

Lingua exserta (plerisque.)

Palpi duo reflexi.

Alæ deflexæ.

Lin. Syst. Nat. Gmel. p. 2371.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS.

SPHINX alis subangulatis viridibus ; fasciis variis pallidioribus faturioribus flavescentibusque.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 798.

Frisch. inf. 7. t. 3

Schæff. ic. t. 100. f. 3. 4.

Esp. pap. 2. t. 4.

Cram. pap. 19. t. 244. f. D.

In pulcherrimis insectis quæ generat Europa locum sibi proculdubio vindicat animalculum in tabula depictum ; in variis Germaniæ et Italiæ partibus repertum ; præcipue vero in Italia. Larva ejus folia plantæ depascitur quam Linnæus *Nerium Oleandrum* nominavit.

Qui

Qui iconas historiam naturalem explicantes probe
callent, sentient mutuatos esse nos hanc nostram ta-
bulam a figuris tantum non vivis et spirantibus Do-
mini Roeselii; quas si exuperent, admodum defu-
daturus putemus hodiernos pictores.

THE OLEANDER SPHINX.

GENERIC CHARACTER.

Antennæ subprismatic, attenuated at each extremity.

Tongue (generally) exerted.

Feelers two, reflex.

Wings deflected.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

SPHINX with subangular green wings, varied with paler and deeper bands, and with a cast of yellowish rose-color.

The Oleander HAWK-MOTH.

This is unquestionably one of the most beautiful of the European insects. It is found in several parts of Italy and Germany, but more particularly in the former. The caterpillar feeds on the leaves of the *Nerium Oleander* of Linnæus or rose-flowered Oleander.

Those who are conversant in the iconical part of natural history will easily perceive that the annexed
plate

plate is copied from the spirited and beautiful figures of the admirable Roefel, whose representations, I believe, will not easily be surpassed by the attempts of any succeeding artists.

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