PHALÆNA ERYCINA.

CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Antennæ setaceæ, a basi ad apicem sensim attenuatæ.

Alæ (fedentis) fæpius deflexæ (volatu nocturno.)

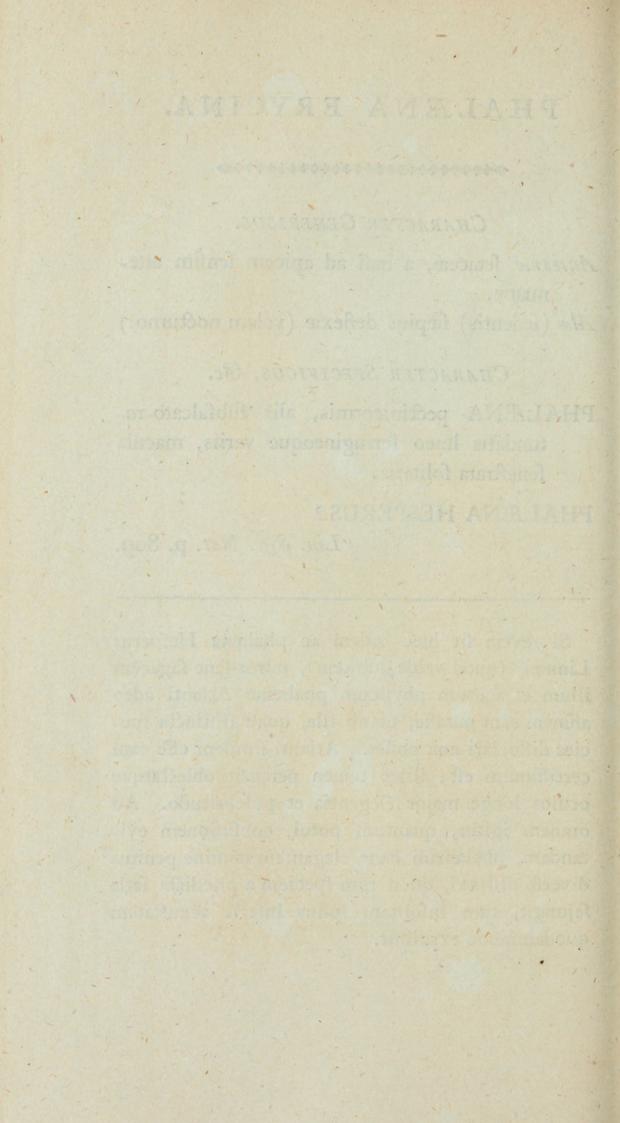
CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, Sc.

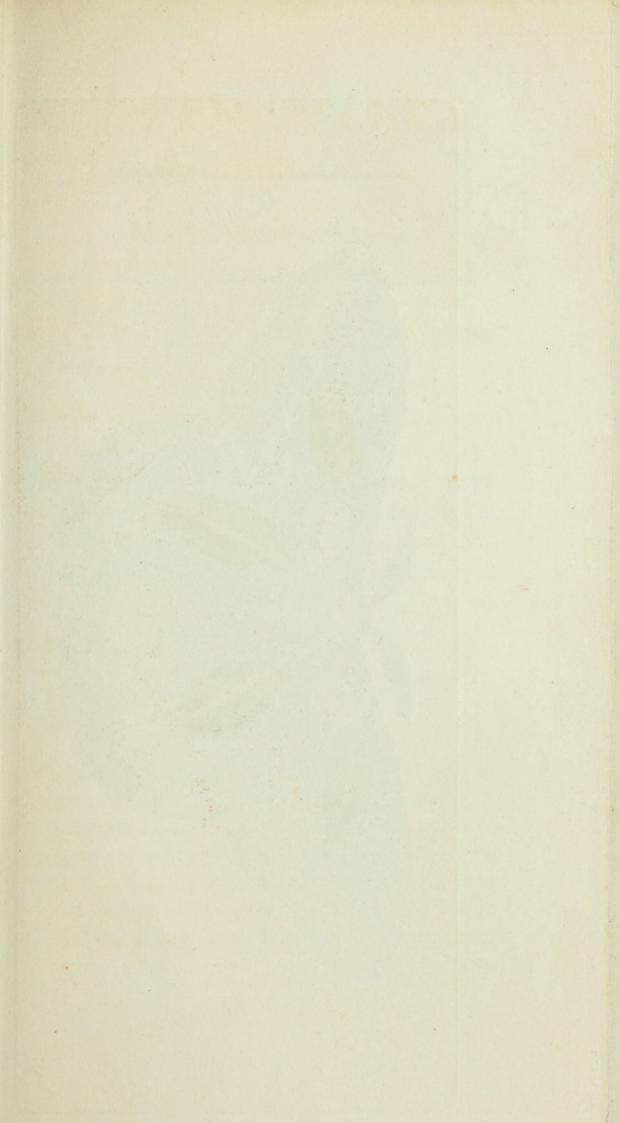
PHALÆNA pectinicormis, alis fubfalcato-rotundatis luteo ferrugineoque variis, macula fenestrata folitaria.

PHALÆNA HESPERUS ?

Lin. Syft. Nat. p. 809.

Si revera fit hæc eadem ac phalæna Hefperus Linnæi, (quod valde dubitem), miror fane fagacem illum et acutum phyficum phalænæ Atlanti adeo affinem eam putaffe, ut ab illa, quafi diftincta fpecies diffociari non poffet. Atlanti fimilem effe eam certiffimum eft; illico tamen percutit oblectatque oculos longe major elegantia et pulchritudo. Ad omnem igitur, quantum potui, confufionem evitandam, phalænam hanc elegantem nomine penitus diverfo diftinxi, quod tum fpeciem a prædicta fatis fejungit, tum infolitam ipfius infecti venuftatem quodammodo exprimit.







ERYCINA.

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GENERIC CHARACTER.

Antennæ fetaceous, gradually decreasing from the base to the tip.

Wings (when fitting) generally deflex: flight nocturnal.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

PHALÆNA with feathered antennæ, wings rounded and very flightly inclining to the falcated form: varied with yellow and ferruginous, with a large ovate transparent spot on each.

La VITRÉE de CAYENNE.

D'Aubent. pl. enl. 66.

If this infect be really the Phalæna Hefperus of Linnæus, which I am greatly inclined to doubt, it feems furprizing that he fhould have conceived it fo very nearly allied to the Phalæna Atlas, as fcarce to admit of a fpecific feparation. To the Phalæna Atlas it indeed bears a general refemblance, but is an infect of ftill greater elegance and beauty than that that magnificent fpecies: in order, therefore, to prevent as much as possible, all confusion on the fubject, I have affixed a new name, which will at once fufficiently diffinguish it from the former, and at the fame time will ferve in fome measure to express the superior elegance of the animal itself.



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