PAPILIO HUNTERA.

CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Antennæ apicem versus crassiores, sæpius clavato-capitatae.

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

Lin. Syst. Nat.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

Papilio Huntera. P. alis angulatis fulvis albo nigroque variis; posticis subtus albo reticulatis ocellisque duobus.

Smith. Abbot ins. Amer. t. 9.

Papilio Huntera.

Fabr. Entom. emend. 5. 4, 104.

Ob nimiam quæ est inter hunc papilionem et Europæum illum *cardui* nomine distinctum, non dubitavere Linnæus et alii plurimi physici unam eandemque speciem pronunciare. Aliter tamen censuit Fabricius; et accurate collatis inter se speciminibus, sententiam ejus facile comprobaveris; Americanum enim ab Europæo evidenter discriminant alæ latiores et breviores.

In Georgia et Carolina generatur Papilio Huntera; larva vescitur foliis variarum herbarum quibus nomen *Gnaphalium*.

REPRODUCED FROM THE ORIGINAL

THE AMERICAN PAINTED LADY BUTTERFLY.

GENERIC CHARACTER.

Antennæ thickening at the end, and generally terminating in a clavated tip.

Wings (when at rest) meeting upwards. Flight diurnal.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

Butterfly with angulated fulvous wings, variegated with black and white; the lower pair reticulated with white beneath, and marked with two ocellated spots.

American Painted Lady Butterfly.

Smith. Abbot. N. Amer.

Ins. pl. 9.

So great is the general similarity between this and the European Butterfly, called *Papilio cardui*, or Painted Lady, that Linnæus and most other naturalists seem to have considered it as the same species. It has however been regarded as distinct by Fabricius, whose opinion is justified by an accurate collation of the European and American specimens; and, as a general or obvious mark of distinction, it may be observed, that the wings in the American insect are shorter and broader in proportion than in the European kind. It is found in the provinces of Georgia and Carolina, where its caterpillar feeds on different species of *Gnaphalium*.

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