

"M. Jacquelin Du Val has shortly described and figured in his 'Genera des Coléoptères d'Europe,' page 13, plate 10, fig. 21 bis et 21 bis A, under the name of *Barypeithes rufipes*, an insect which is nothing but the *Omius sulcifrons*, *Sch.*, t. vii. pars 1, page 143, a species, as far as I am informed, only found, until the present time, in England, but now also pertaining to French-Britain's Fauna, the specimens in the collection of M. Chevrolat having been caught in the neighbourhood of Brest; no unusual fact, for I have received from M. de Léséleuc, who resides in the Department du Finistère, several species, which had been recorded as British only before his investigations. The national name of British is then not the only point of resemblance between the two countries.

"The value of M. Jacquelin Du Val's generic characters, as well as the place he gives to this insect (which, in my opinion, should be connected with *Omius*), I propose to discuss in my next note. I venture to say at present, that both the description and the figure do not permit one to recognise the insect, and I have to add that Boheman's description in Schönherr (*loc. cit.*) is perfect."

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April 2, 1855.

JOHN CURTIS, Esq., President, in the chair.

#### *Donations.*

The following donations were announced, and thanks ordered to be given to the donors:—'Abhandlungen der Mathematisch-Physikalischen Classe der Königlich Bayerischen Akademie der Wissenschaften,' Vol. xvii. Part 2; 'Bulletin der Königlich Akademie der Wissenschaften,' Nos. 1—52, 1853; 'Ueber das Klima von München,' von Karl Kuhn; by the Academy. 'The Literary Gazette' for March; by the Editor. 'Journal of the Society of Arts' for March; 'Catalogue of the Seventh Exhibition of Inventions;' both by the Society of Arts. 'Proceedings of the Royal Society,' Vol. vii. Nos. 9 and 10; by the Society. 'The Zoologist' for April; by the Editor. 'Proceedings of the Berwickshire Naturalist's Club,' Vol. iii. No. 5; by the Club. 'The Entomologist's Annual for 1855,' 2nd Edition; by the Editor. Hewitson's 'Exotic Butterflies,' Part 14; by W. W. Saunders, Esq. 'Entomologische Zeitung,' 1855, Nos. 1 and 2; by the Entomological Society of Stettin. Fifty-two specimens of British Lepidoptera; by H. Doubleday, Esq.

#### *Distribution of the Society's Duplicate Insects.*

The Secretary announced that the Council had determined to distribute among the Members the duplicate specimens in the Society's collection of British Coleoptera, Exotic Coleoptera and Exotic Diurnal Lepidoptera; and that, in order to give the country Members an opportunity of selection, the distribution would not take place until after the June meeting. The Council did not make any condition of exchange, but they hoped the Members would, in return, contribute as far as they were able the desiderata to the Society's collection.

*Proposed Catalogue of British Coleoptera.*

The Secretary also said he was happy to announce that the offer of Dr. Gray for a Synonymic Catalogue of British Coleoptera had been accepted by our Curator, Mr. Janson, who would be glad to receive any information and assistance from his brother Coleopterists in the work he had undertaken. The first part of the Catalogue would be ready in about two months, and it was also Mr. Janson's intention eventually to print a Nomenclature of the Species, for interchange among collectors.

*Exhibitions.*

Mr. Foxcroft sent for exhibition specimens of several species of Lepidoptera, recently reared by him from larvæ collected in Fifeshire; a pair of each species would be given to each of his subscribers for Lepidoptera: also two specimens of *Papilio Machaon*, with the skins of the chrysalides from which they came: both insects and pupæ, he said in a note, presented certain constant differences of marking divisible into two kinds, of each of which he had reared males and females.

Mr. Bond exhibited a *Phragmatobia Menthrasti*, presenting an agglomeration of the dark spots on the costa into a continuous line, and also some other variations of marking. This specimen was reared by Mr. Foxcroft.

Mr. Stevens exhibited, from the collection of Madame Pfeiffer, a pair of the rare beetle *Euchirus longimanus*.

*Greasiness of Insects.*

Mr. Stainton exhibited two specimens of *Nepticula Acetosæ*, pinned last summer, which already showed signs of verdigris on the pins.

Mr. Edward Sheppard exhibited four specimens of a *Donacia*, two of which were mounted on gilt and two on ungilt pins. They were all pinned at the same time, four months ago, and the gilt pins exhibited no trace of verdigris, but the ungilt pins were surrounded with it.

Mr. Edwin Shepherd repeated his former remark, that after the lapse of a year or more he had found pins doubly gilt were affected by the greasiness of some insects equally with ungilt pins.

*Description of a New Ornithoptera.*

Mr. Stevens read a description, by Mr. Wallace, of a new butterfly taken by him on the N. W. coast of Borneo, under the name of *Ornithoptera Brookiana*, of which a drawing was exhibited.

*Tropical Micro-Lepidoptera.*

Mr. Stevens read an extract from a letter received from Mr. Wallace, in Borneo, in which he stated that he had taken about 700 Micro-Lepidoptera, among which are some extraordinary developments of palpi, &c. He finds these small moths come in abundance to a lamp, on dark, wet nights, and in the wet season he is sure he could get thousands of them.