

sometimes of a tawny brown with concolorous or yellowish reniform; sometimes of a yellowish brown with blackish powdery shades. The transverse posterior line is occasionally wanting, as are the extra-mesial geminate, black and fulvous spots on secondaries. Hardly two specimens are quite alike, but there is no room for suspecting more than one species.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A correspondent calls our attention to an

ENTOMOLOGICAL JOKE.

Packard's Guide to the Study of Insects, p. 302, says of the Noctuælitæ: "There is a great uniformity in the genera of this family, which are characterized by their thick bodies, the thorax being often crested, by the stout and well-developed palpi, and the simple and sometimes slightly pectinated antennæ."

The author of a tabular view and key of the more common families of Insects, after stating in his preface that his material has been selected for the most part from Packard's Guide to the Study of Insects and other authors, makes the following astonishing statement as one of the distinguishing characteristics of the Noctuælitæ: "*Thorax often crested by the stout and well-developed palpi.*"

How does Dr. Packard like this emendation? What effect would this have on Mr. Strecker if he should happen to see it just before dinner? Would not the next issue from Reading give us numerous variations on *ne sutor ultra crepidam*?

THE NORTH AMERICAN ENTOMOLOGIST.—Under this title a new Entomological serial has lately been placed before the public, edited by one of our esteemed contributors, A. R. Grote, of Buffalo, N. Y. It is an eight-paged monthly, nicely printed and illustrated by occasional plates. A portion of each number is occupied by scientific papers on Entomological subjects, followed by articles having an economic bearing under the heading of "Fruit and Farm," while the succeeding pages are occupied by very useful "Book Notices." The first three numbers which are before us contain some valuable scientific papers, as well as useful information to agriculturists and fruit-growers. We welcome this new candidate for public favor, and wish it every success. It is published by Reinecke, Zesch & Baltz, of Buffalo, N. Y., at two dollars per annum.