

Professor Piper stated that Dr. Fletcher reported the larvæ of *Therina somniaria* as completely defoliating the oak trees in portions of Vancouver Island several years ago.*

NOTE ON THE LARVA OF MELANCHROIA GEOMETROIDES
WALKER.

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Mr. Schwarz brought home from Cuba some larvæ of this species in alcohol, and three moths that he had bred. He found them toward the end of December on a cultivated plant, Otaheite gooseberry (*Cicca disticha*), at Cayamas, Cuba. They had defoliated the plant and ate large patches of the bark besides. Mr. Schwarz fed the larvæ that he bred on the bark as there were no more leaves left. The three moths lack entirely the usual white dashes on the upper sides of the wings, though one shows a trace of them below. Gundlach, in *Ent. Cubana*, records an experience similar to that of Mr. Schwarz of the larvæ eating the bark.

Larva. Head rounded, full, narrowed a little above, slightly bilobed, broad; bright red, labrum pale yellow, jaws and ocelli black. Body uniform, not elongate, equal, central segments about as long as wide, abdominal feet on joints 10 and 13, the anal pair with triangular plates; all feet bright red. Body black, marked with pale yellow; four to six transverse dorsal bars on each segment, the central ones longest, the marginal ones shorter and rounded, separated by a subdorsal area of ground color from a similar lateral series, the base of which are more confused and partly confluent. An even, broad, ventral stripe of pale yellow, somewhat transversely barred on the annulets like the dorsal markings. Tubercles obscure, concolorous, setæ moderate, black.

NOTE ON THE GENUS LEUCOPHOBETRON DYAR.

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I proposed this generic term in 1897 for the Cochlidian species *argentiflua* Geyer and *argyrorrhea* Hübner, but gave no exact characters. I have now before me two male specimens of *argentiflua* from Cayamas (E. A. Schwarz), and Santiago, Cuba (Capt. Wirt Robinson), and give from them the generic characters. In *Ent. Cubana*, p. 274, Gundlach refers to this species

* Report of Entomologist and Botanist, from Ann. Rept. Experimental Farms (Canada), for year 1890, pp. 154-188.