

drought would favor the increase of such insects as are customarily greatly reduced in numbers by fungus diseases. He mentioned a rapid assembling of *Calosoma willcoxi* at Huntsville, Alabama, in 1881, during an outbreak of the army worm, as resembling the instance mentioned by Mr. Hunter. He also said that *Chalcis ozuta* is a general parasite of lepidopterous pupæ and that its appearance in Texas last summer was simply another assembling of individuals and concentration of the whole in the cotton fields so abundantly stocked with those insects.

#### NOTE ON A STERICTA FROM TROPICAL AMERICA.

(Lepidoptera; Pyralidæ.)

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*Stericta albifasciata* Druce.

*Cecidiptera albifasciata* Druce, Ann. Mag. N. H., (7) IX, 325, 1902.

*Male*.—Process of antenna reaching back to middle of thorax; palpi upturned, much exceeding the vertex. Thorax dark gray, intermixed with olivaceous and purplish; abdomen pale ochereous. Fore wing purplish, intermixed with olivaceous, clouded with blackish in the end of the cell and along inner margin to base; a large round pure white patch across the center of the cell to submedian; inner line beyond the white patch, geminate, dark outer line rather near the margin, crenulate, followed by a light shade like the pale filling of the inner line, gently curved, bent in a little on submedian; a row of terminal black dashes. Hind wing whitish, the apex and fringe shaded with purplish, in which traces of a pale submarginal line are visible. Expanse, 25 mm.

*Female*.—Similar to the male, but without the white patch. Basal space darkly shaded to the inner (mesial) line, with a black streak along submedian fold and one in cell; no dark shade beyond the inner line at end of cell, but instead a small dark discal dot, followed by a median blackish line, which is angled in the center and lost below. Hind wings more yellowish and sordid than in the male, the marginal dark shading more extensive. Expanse, 30 mm.

One male, St. Jean, Maroni River, French Guiana, July, 1904 (W. Schaus); one male, one female, St. Joseph, Trinidad, December and January, 1910. larvæ in nests on avocado (F. W. Ulrich).

The species extends throughout tropical America, having been originally described by Druce from Ecuador and Peru. It has been taken in Costa Rica by Schaus and in Mexico (Misantla, May, August, November, 1910, June, 1911) by Müller. The identification has been made by Mr. Schaus, who compared specimens in London.