CICADELLA GOTHICA SIGN.—A CORRECTION.

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In Vol. XXVII, page 147, 1920, of this journal, I have recorded the occurrence of *Cicadella hieroglyphica* (Say) from Massachusetts. The record was an error and was based on a determination submitted to me which, at the time, I had no reason for questioning. The insects recorded under this name are all *Cicadella gothica* Sign., as are all of a large number of specimens from New England at hand.

The confusing of these two species, which has so often happened, is further made possible by the discovery of a dark variety of *gothica* which resembles *Cicadella hieroglyphica*, var. *dolobrata* Ball very closely indeed. This variety seems to be undescribed, and as to its future collection may again lead to a confusion of these species, it may be well to characterize it at this time.

Cicadella gothica, var. *atra* var nov.

General structure and size of *gothica*: Shining black, markings on anterior half of vertex nearly as in *gothica*, except that the yellow area surrounding the black apex is narrowly produced posteriorly for a third the length of the vertex. The black markings on the posterior half of the vertex confused, so that this portion appears solidly black with some light points indicating the yellow markings of *gothica*; eyes irregularly margined with yellow; margins of clavus light. Beneath, black; tips of femora, tibiae and tarsae lighter; front, dark brown, median stripe tawny.

One male taken at Lexington, Mass., September 8, 1920.

This variety is distinct from any dark forms of the typical insect that I have seen, although dark individuals are not uncommon.