

## RECENT ENTOMOLOGICAL LITERATURE

ILLUSTRATIONS OF DIURNAL LEPIDOPTERA WITH DESCRIPTIONS: by Andrew Gray Weeks, Jr. The University Press, Cambridge, 1905.

This volume is perhaps the most important addition to the literature of South American Lepidoptera of recent years. Beginning with a handsome steel engraving of Dr. Samuel H. Scudder, there follow descriptions of 81 hitherto undescribed or figured species of Diurnals collected in Bolivia in 1898-9 by Mr. Wm. J. Gerhard who headed an expedition to this unexplored region, the expense of which was borne by the author.

About 20 pages are devoted to an interesting account of this trip, illustrated by numerous half-tone plates of scenes in that far-off country.

Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon the 45 lithographic plates of the butterflies described. Nothing finer has been produced and it would seem that perfection in this line had at last been reached. The original water-color sketches were by J. Henry Blake, the well-known artist. Both the upper and under surfaces are shown and for minuteness of detail and faithfulness of reproduction the figures are all that can be desired.

Mr. Weeks deserves great credit for giving to the world the result of his labors in such a beautiful volume and it is a pity that all others can not follow his example by publishing plates with new descriptions.

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