

Teratology and Systematics.

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Herr Felix Bryk has already distinguished himself by describing a new Family, a new Genus and a new Species founded on a teratological aberration of *Aporia crataegi* Linn. (Ent. Zeit. XXXXII, p. 49, 1928). Having thereby encumbered the already overburdened literature of Lepidoptera by the introduction of foolish names, he goes a step further. In Ent. Zeit. XXXXII, p. 171, he gives a name to a teratological aberration of *Acraea vesta*!!

I must enter a protest against this practice of giving names to specimens which present a disordered ^{nerve} neuration or are otherwise to be classed as teratological. We have [the phenomena of five-wings and three antennae occurring occasionally, and we hope Herr Bryk will not find any of these.

Teratology must be dissociated from normally-produced inherited forms of pattern and colour, and from structures which are inherited. The fact that the structures described by Bryk are very rare amongst well-known species, shows the existence of a disordered metabolism, a disease in fact.

Whilst admitting that these „freaks“ should be described we cannot deprecate too strongly the habit of giving them names.

In his description of his „Futuronerva“, the author forgot to mention the praecostal spur on the hind wing. Surely this should show the characteristic *Aporia* position.

Deutsche Zusammenfassung: Der Verf. legt Protest dagegen ein, vereinzelte abnorme Exemplare, wie dies Herr F. Bryk getan hat, zu benennen, während er gegen die bloße Beschreibung an sich nichts einzuwenden hat. (Teratologie von teras=Wunder: Lehre von den Mißbildungen.)

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Die Ulmenkrankheit.

Von Geheimrat Uffeln, Hamm i. W.

Seit Jahren mit der Biologischen Reichsanstalt Berlin-Dahlem in Gedankenaustausch über den Erreger der in Hamm wie in vielen anderen Orten Nordwestdeutschlands epidemisch auftretenden und völlig einheitlich verlaufenden Ulmenkrankheit glaube ich auf Grund eigener Beobachtungen zu einem Urteile darüber, welcher Erreger gerade diese spezifische Erkrankung verursacht, wohl im Stande zu sein.

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