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***Atrytone bimacula* ♀ aberration *contradicta*, aber.
nov. (Lepid.: HesperIIDae).**

By R. A. LEUSSLER, Omaha, Nebraska.

While collecting in a moist meadow at Valley, Nebraska, on July 5, 1932, a locality which has yielded a few specimens of *Atrytone bimacula* (G&R) each summer for several years past, the writer took a female without spots.

The specimen is slightly above average in size, having an alar expanse of 40 mm. The entire upper surface is uniformly fuscous except for a few fulvous scales along costa of forewings, as is usual in normal females of this species. The fringes are whitish as in normal individuals. Head, thorax, palpi and antennae as in normal individuals.

Underside, differs from normal only in the absence of the usual two spots on primaries, in place of which there is a single faint, very narrow and rather indistinct vertical line 2 mm. in length.

While there is a difference of opinion among Lepidopterists regarding the propriety of naming aberrations, I deem it advisable to bestow a name upon the insect described above, and as the absence of the usual two spots on forewing contradicts the specific name *bimacula* I propose for this ♀ aberration the name *contradicta*.

Unspotted individuals of *Atrytone vestris* and *Thorybes pylades* have been described and named and for that reason I feel it is desirable to call attention to this unspotted *bimacula*.

Males of *bimacula* from this locality vary greatly in the amount of fulvous on primaries. In occasional specimens a considerable area surrounding the stigma is fulvous and the inner portion of secondaries overlaid with bronzy, giving them the appearance of a dwarfed *arpa* (Bdv. & Lec.). In others the fulvous is limited to a narrow strip below the stigma, suggesting the possibility of a tendency toward a uniformly fuscous insect.

Curator of Insects at Boston.

Mr. Richard Dow writes that he has been appointed to take care of the insects at the Boston Society of Natural History. He says: "I am only working part time, and the position is nominally temporary."