

Highness tells us that the orchid was named after a Mr. Friedrichs in the employ of B. Grimm & Co., and that it is usually known as the Chantabun Yellow “เหลืองจันทบุรุษ.”

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No. II. Defoliation of Teak trees.

In the year 1907 the teak trees in the Mûang Yûam and Mè Hawng Sawng districts were severely defoliated by the larvae of a moth, *Pyrausta machoeralis*. Entire defoliation, resulting from the skeletonizing of the leaves, was general; but some trees were less severely attacked and retained their leaves. In very few places were the trees little affected.

The area of the attacked trees was probably very extensive. They were noted on the road north of Mûang Yûam, up to and in the Mè Lā Noi, in the Mè Salieng, Mè Kaw, Mè Ngé and Mè Sakôp. Defoliated trees were also noticed in the Mè Hawng Sawng district. The trees on the Burmah bank of the Salween were also attacked, the brown leaves showing plainly on the hillside.

Such attacks must be very uncommon; for Foresters and Karens living in the district generally expressed surprise, and stated they had never seen the trees so attacked before.

With the larvae of *Pyrausta* were associated some other defoliators, including the larvae of *Hybloea puera* and of a Looper.

Mr. Stebbing considers that the probable causes of increased numbers of the insects are:—

(1) A sufficiency of food material and its collection together in pure blocks.

(2) A damp humid climate with early Spring rains.

Teak in the area under consideration is scattered mainly along the waterways, and perhaps nowhere occurs in anything like pure blocks; but the climate is humid and the year was marked by particularly heavy rain in May, which probably led to a large increase in the earlier generation.

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Chiengmai, May 19th 1927.

REVIEWS.

Monograph of the Sea-snakes (Hydrophiidae). BY MALCOLM SMITH. Pp. XVII+130+2 plates+35 text-figures. (LONDON: The Trustees of The British Museum, 1926.)

We are very glad to welcome the appearance of Dr. Malcolm Smith's Monograph of the Sea-snakes, published last November. The Monograph is doubly interesting to residents in this country; both from Dr. Smith's long residence here and close association with