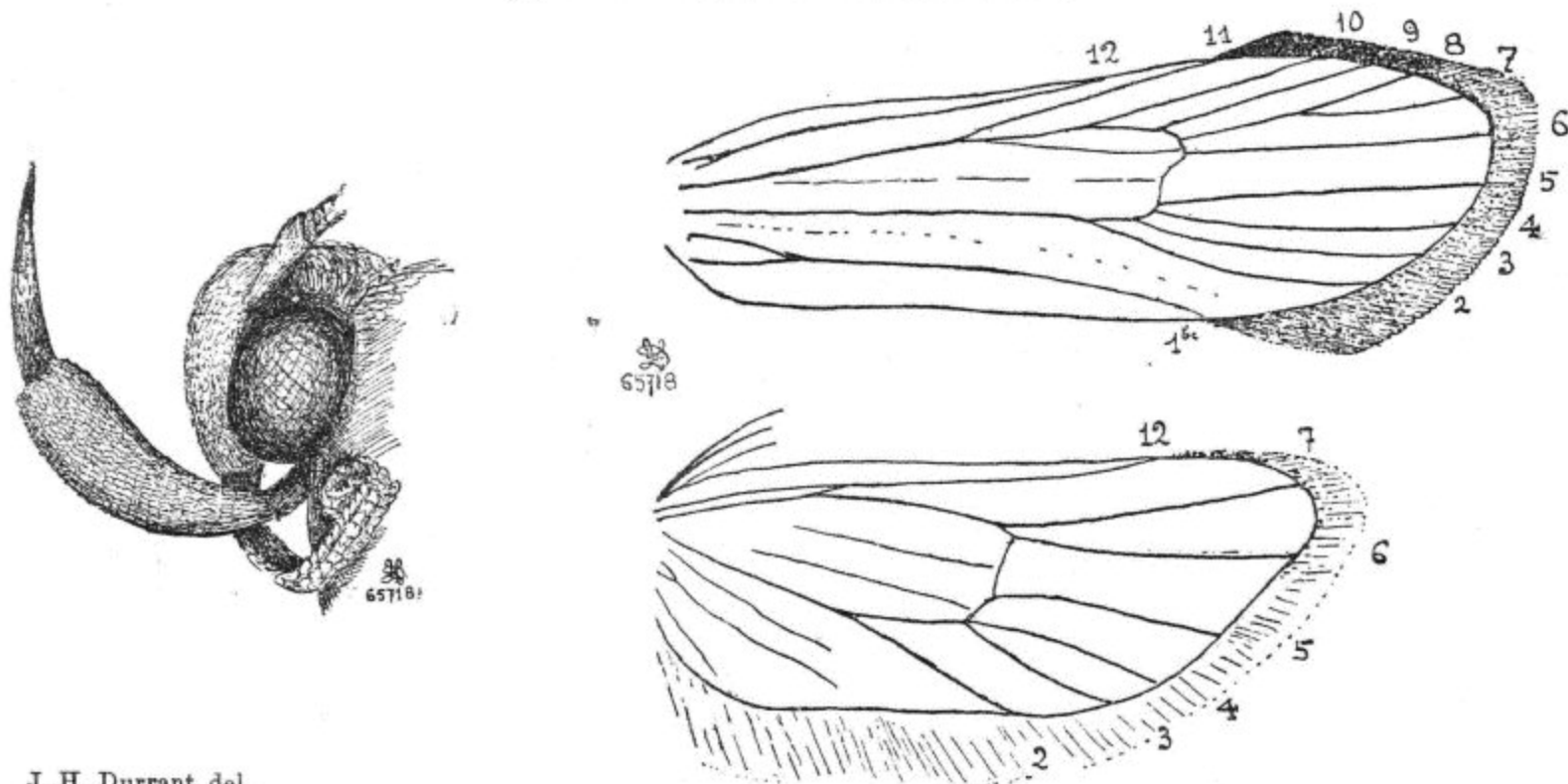


CATHEGESIS, gen. n.

(καθήγησις = a leading.)

Type: *Cathegesis vinitincta* Wlsm.

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7. *Cathegesis vinitincta* Wlsm. ♀.

Antennae $\frac{2}{3}$, simple; basal joint without pecten. *Labial Palpi* compressed, median joint thickened with smoothly appressed scales, terminal joint rather thick at base. *Maxillary Palpi* rudimentary. *Haustellum* well-developed, scaled throughout. *Ocelli* present. *Head* and *Thorax* smooth. *Forewings* with costa deflexed, evenly rounded to tornus, apex not defined: *neuration* 12 veins; 7 and 8 stalked, to costa; 2-6 separate. *Hindwings* 1, costa straight, apex rounded; termen scarcely sinuate beneath apex, thence evenly rounded; cilia $\frac{1}{3}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$: *neuration* 8 veins; 3 and 4 connate; 5 cubital; 6 and 7 truncate. *Abdomen* moderate. *Legs*, hind tibiae with rough hairs above.

Nearest to *Acompsia* Hb. (= *Brachycrossata* Hnm.; **Recurvaria* Meyr.), but differing in HW: 3-4 being connate, not stalked; also in the peculiar rounded apex of the forewings. The genus reminds one of the *Trichotaphe* Clms. group of the genus *Dichomeris* Hb., with which it agrees fairly well in the form of the palpi, but it is at once distinguished by having FW: 2-3 separate, not stalked. The terminal joint of the palpi is shorter than the median in *vinitincta*, but slightly longer in *tridentella*.

1. *Cathegesis vinitincta*, sp. n.

Antennae tawny fuscous, annulate with pale ochreous. *Palpi* tawny fuscous, the terminal joint shorter than the median, its upper half pale ochreous. *Head* shining, cinereous. *Thorax* tawny greyish fuscous. *Forewings* shining, tawny greyish fuscous, with a broad semicircular chocolate-brown dorsal patch reaching from near the base to near the middle, its upper third crossing the fold; an elongate chocolate-brown streak from the outer end of the cell nearly reaching the termen below the apex; the apex itself is rounded, but the form of the tawny brownish cilia above it gives the depressed costa a strongly angulate appearance before it; a pale cinereous line runs around the base of the tawny greyish terminal cilia. *Exp. al.* 16 mm. *Hindwings* wider than the forewings; bronzy brown; cilia greyish brown. *Abdomen* bronzy brownish. *Legs* bronzy brownish, the femora and tibiae to the first pair of spurs whitish cinereous; some indistinct pale spots on the tarsi.

Type ♀ (65718, Cerro Zunil) Mus. Wlsm. (Godm-Salv. Coll.). [PT. (65719) US. Nat. Mus.]

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