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the seemingly random movement of females throughout a stand reduced the chance of competition between offspring of different females of the same species. Competition between *S. inornata* larvae in a multiple oviposition is possible and some evidence of that was reported by Grimble and Knight (1970). The peripheral gallery of one larva often passed under the adjoining egg niches; but whether or not there was a live individual or gallery there before that happened could not be determined because the evidence was obliterated by the invading larva.

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Seeing the appearance of this desirable reprint of "Noctuidae of North America" by Augustus R. Grote is like finding a long-lost friend on a country collecting trip. It is full of valuable lore relating to the pursuit and description of many new noctuid species of yesteryear. The four coloured plates depicting 45 species are reproduced with remarkable fidelity when compared with the originals. The pages of descriptive notes dealing with the Walker types of North American Noctuidae contained in the British Museum readily portray the keen competition coupled with criticism that was rampant with professional entomologists of that era. The feature entitled "A Colony of Butterflies," to the memory of Thomas Say, points up the authors deep concern for the preservation of certain scarce species at that early date. A foreword was added to this reprinted edition. It is an excellent and most thorough biography of Grote by Ronald S. Wilkinson. Perhaps its greatest asset is that Dr. Wilkinson cites the reference used in compiling the biography, a practice which others should emulate. This reprint will serve as a treasured historic documentation to all students of lepidoptera, besides being a valuable addition to all entomological libraries.

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