

THE EARLIEST NAME OF THE YELLOW FEVER
MOSQUITO*(Diptera, Culicidae)*By HARRISON G. DYAR

Under the above title, Mr. Frederick Knab showed (*Ins. Mens.*, iv, 59, 1916) that the name *argenteus* Poiret was an earlier name for this species than *fasciata* Fabricius, formerly in use. This is cited in a footnote in Howard, Dyar & Knab's monograph (*Mosq. N. & Cent. Am. & W. I.*, iv, 824 note, 1917), but the change was not adopted in the work, the species being called *calopus* Meigen. A still earlier name is *Culex aegypti* Linnaeus, which Mr. F. W. Edwards writes me can not be other than this species. Mr. Edwards has republished the description (*Bull. Ent. Res.*, ii, 265, 1911), and I believe this is correct. *Culex aegypti* dates from 1762 and clearly antedates all the other names.

However, Mr. Edwards expresses the desirability of making an exception in this case and retaining the name *fasciata*, on the ground, I presume, that it has been used so generally in literature. It does not seem to me that it is necessary to make such an exception. The name *fasciata* has been by no means universally used, it is doubly preoccupied, and is not particularly appropriate, or characteristic. In cases of doubt, the name *fasciata* Fab. could be added in parentheses.

Full synonymy has been given on page 182 preceding.