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NAME CHANGES IN COCCINELLIDAE. — Among the names proposed by E. Mulsant in his 1850 work on the family Coccinellidae several were preoccupied. Three of these, of interest to students of the neotropical fauna, seem not to have been corrected.

Neopalla new name

Pelina Mulsant, 1850, *Species Trimères Sécuripalpes*, p. 229, 271; not *Pelina* Curtis, 1838, *Guide Brit. Ins.*, ed. 2, p. 291; not *Pelina* Haliday, 1839, *Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist.*, (1), vol. 3, p. 407.

Palla Mulsant, 1850, loc. cit., p. 273; not *Palla* Hübner, 1819, *Verz. bekannt. Schmett.*, (3), p. 47; not *Palla* Billberg, 1820, *Enum. Ins. Mus. Billberg*, p. 90.

Type of genus—*Pelina* (*Palla*) *hydropica* Muls.

The genus *Pelina* was set up by Mulsant for two species, *Pelina lebasi* n. sp. and *P. hydropica* n. sp. For the second of these he proposed a separate subgenus, under the name of *Palla*. Unfortunately, both of these names were preoccupied. The writer has studied the anatomy of both species and does not believe that they should be separated

subgenerically. The species, with synonymy, will stand as follows —

Neopalla hydropica (Muls.)

Neopalla lebasi (Muls.)

Syn. *Neda murilloi* Chpn.

Dargo new name

Oeneis Mulsant, 1850, loc. cit., p. 497, 500; not *Oeneis* Hübner, 1819, Verz. bekannt. Schmett., (4), p. 58.

Type of genus — *Oeneis nigrans* Muls.

Mulsant proposed the genus *Oeneis* for two Brazilian species, *Oeneis obscura* n. sp. and *O. nigrans* n. sp. Crotch, in his Revision of Coccinellidae, 1874, p. 206, selected *O. nigrans* Muls. as genotype and at the same time suppressed the genus as a synonym of *Cryptognatha* Muls. This may have been an unfortunate selection, for a study of the types of the two species may very well show that the two species are not congeneric and that *O. nigrans* Muls. belongs in what is now known as *Delphastus* Casey. If my supposition is correct, *Dargo* will fall as a synonym of *Delphastus* and a new genus will have to be defined for *O. obscura* Muls. and its allies.—EDWARD A. CHAPIN, Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard College.



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