

A SYNONYMIC NOTE ON THE MYMARIDÆ.

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Parvulinus Mercet equals *Alaptus* Haliday.
In the *Boletín de la Real Sociedad española de Historia Natural*, Madrid, June, 1912, pp. 332-335, figs. 1-3, Ricardo Garcia Mercet describes the genus *Parvulinus* as new to the family Mymaridæ for the species *P. auranti* Mercet. Unfortunately, the author has been mistaken, for a perusal of the description shows that *Alaptus* Haliday has been re-described. The species *auranti* is thus an *Alaptus*, and knowing the wide distribution of members of this genus it would not be surprising if it should turn out to be one of the common European species of that genus, for instance, *minimus* of Walker. Thus, the species must be considered at best but doubtfully valid. The figures given of the antenna and wings certainly resemble those appendages in what I have identified as the species *minimus*.

Mercet also probably falls into error concerning the host of his *Alaptus*, since the members of this genus are usually parasitic upon psocid eggs, while Mercet states them to be parasitic upon coccids, merely from the fact that, if I have rightly understood, they were reared from twigs infested by coccids. Now, psocid eggs often occur among colonies of coccids.

In this connection I must again state that the genera of the Mymaridæ are few.