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Though a frequent attendant on our autumn flowers, this pretty species has not been quite so common these two latter years as it was on the one previous, when it might sometimes be seen emerging from the ground—where the mummy-like chrysalis poses its short time of repose—at the same time with several of its companions, who were thus able to sally forth together on their woodland ramble, when, with the assistance of the sun, they had dried their moist and crumpled wings. From the variegated marks on their surface, I have at present named this insect the Harlequin Moth. In taking it during flight, great care is required: for Nature has so amply but lightly sprinkled the down on its wings, that it is often discomposed with the gentlest touch. Its generic characters, and a specific name, I will give in a future number, though probably it is already known in the neighbouring colonies.

Before I further proceed, I must with grateful acknowledgement the kind assistance of many friends who have given me specimens, and descriptions of the habits they have themselves observed of some of the moths, that, in the ensuing numbers, I shall have occasion to notice.

In this District, besides the above village, are situated the townships of Balhannah, Mount Barker, Naimee, and Strath-Albyn. In the three first mentioned, there are considerable numbers of persons located; and inns, affording tolerable accommodation to travellers, are established in them. Strath-Albyn can as yet boast of only one house, which has recently been opened as a general store.

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