



## Observations on Sexual Selection in Spiders of the Family Attidae, And, Protective Resemblance in Spiders (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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Forgotten Books, 2016. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*. Excerpt from Observations on Sexual Selection in Spiders of the Family Attidae, And, Protective Resemblance in Spiders Mr. Wallace, in his well known essay on Colors of Animals, remarks that color per 36 may be considered, normal and needs no special. Accounting for; that amid the constant variations of animals and plants color is ever tending to vary and to appear where it is absent; and that natural selection is constantly eliminating such tints as are injurious to the species while it preserves and intensifies such as are useful; and in opposition to Darwin he has argued that the sexual diversity of color, common in many animals, has its primary cause in the special need of protection for the female, which represses in her the bright colors that are normally produced in both sexes by general laws. Or, to put it in another way, he starts with the fact of the variability of color in animals of both sexes and says that in the female, where greater protection is needed, the color is toned down or eliminated, while in the male, the...

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