

after calling attention to the failure of the various codes of nomenclature to cover the question of what constitutes a "different" name, finds fault with certain authors for following the A. O. U. Code, which is the only one that attempts to present a definite ruling. The criticism is entirely destructive so far as we can see, and no solution is offered. The results of the A. O. U. rulings may not be consistent, it is true, but questions of this sort have to be settled arbitrarily and inconsistency is bound to result. The wisest way would probably be to "let sleeping dogs lie" in such cases, and not propose new substitute names until we have some arbitrary board which will say "these names are the same, these are different." No rule can be framed that will do the work automatically. If the other extreme to the one Mr. McAtee criticises were to be followed as thoroughly, there would be just as many undesirable changes.

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