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PREFACE

In undertaking this textbook the author has attempted what is unquestionably a severe test of his comprehension of his subject. A task of this kind reveals, perhaps better than any other, how difficult it has now become for a single individual to deal adequately with the different specialized branches of entomology. The book is the outcome of a number of years' experience of the need of a treatise which will meet the requirements of the research worker, the advanced student and the teacher. Its aim has been to present the chief facts concerning the structure, physiology, development and classification of the Insecta and the biology of their more important representatives. The treatment of an extensive subject like entomology is largely a process of compression, in order that the volume may be kept within reasonable compass. The attainment of this latter object has made it imperative to make only brief reference to problems of insect behaviour, ecology, coloration, cytology, etc., while the extensive branch of paleontology has been omitted.

The author has attempted to do justice to the great mass of knowledge which the activities of a host of investigators have accumulated during recent years. Much material has been introduced which has not previously appeared in textbooks, and the bibliographies are mainly arranged at the end of each section concerned, but a certain number of references are included, for the sake of brevity, in the text. The object throughout the book has been to present before the reader essentials but, at the same time, to indicate where fuller information is available. The question of generic and specific names is a perennial bone of contention and endeavour has been made to use those as up-to-date as possible. At the same time, it has not been deemed advisable to adopt the most recent and unfamiliar mutations of nomenclature.

Throughout Part III, which deals with the orders of insects, reference is made to species of economic significance with short accounts of their habits. The subject of applied entomology has
assumed paramount importance in relation to agriculture, forestry, medicine and other aspects of human welfare. Separate textbooks are available dealing individually with those several branches. Experience, however, has taught us that success in any branch of applied science is dependent upon a thorough grasp of the principles of that science. In this connection, therefore, it is hoped that the present work will also be found of value to the many workers in applied entomology scattered throughout British dominions.

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"A magnificent temple is a laudable monument of national taste and religion and the enthusiast who entered the dome of St. Sophia might be tempted to suppose that it was the residence, or even the workmanship of the Deity. Yet how dull is the artifice, how insignificant is the labour, if it be compared with the formation of the vilest insect that crawls upon the surface of the temple!"—Gibbon, *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, Chapter XL.
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Definition of the Insecta (Hexapoda)

The members of this class are tracheate Arthropods in which the body is divided into head, thorax and abdomen. A single pair of antennae (homologous with the antennules of the Crustacea) is present: the thorax carries three pairs of legs and usually one or two pairs of wings. The abdomen is devoid of ambulatory appendages, and the genital opening is situated near the anal extremity of the body. Post-embryonic development is rarely direct and a metamorphosis is usually undergone.

Relationships with Other Arthropods

The Arthropoda constitute the largest phylum of the animal kingdom and, although they include animals differing widely in structure, they agree in certain fundamental characters. The body is segmented and invested with a chitinous exoskeleton. A variable number of the segments carry paired jointed appendages exhibiting functional modifications in different regions of the body. The heart is dorsal and is provided with paired ostia, a pericardium is present and the body-cavity is a haemocoele. The central nervous system consists of a supra-oesophageal centre or brain connected with a ganglionated ventral nerve cord. The muscles are composed almost entirely of striated fibres and there is a general absence of ciliated epithelium. No animals other than Arthropods exhibit the above combination of characters. The various classes of the phylum are as follows.

The Onychophora (Peripatus) are in some respects annectent between the Annelida and Arthropoda, but the reason for their inclusion in the latter phylum is not evident from superficial examination. They are perhaps to be derived from Polychête ancestors which had forsaken a marine habitat and become terrestrial. Parapodia are consequently no longer present as swimming organs, but have become modified for locomotion on land without having acquired the jointed Arthropod character. The integument is soft, no chitinous exoskeleton being developed, and the excretory organs take the form of metamERICALLY repeated nephridia. Arthropodan features are exhibited in the possession of tracheae, salivary glands, and the terminal
claws to the appendages. The presence of jaws of an appendicular nature, the paired ostia to the heart, the pericardium, the haemocelic body-cavity and the reduced coelom are further important characters alloying them with that phylum.

The **Crustacea** (Lobsters, Shrimps, Crabs, Barnacles, etc.) are characterized by the possession of two pairs of antennae and at least five pairs of legs. In the higher forms the body segments are definite in number and arranged into two regions—the cephalothorax and abdomen. Respiration almost always takes place by means of gills, and the excretory organs are highly modified nephridia usually represented by green glands or shell glands. The genital apertures are situated anteriorly, i.e. on the 9th post-oral segment in some cases, up to the 14th in others.

The **Arachnida** (Scorpions, King Crabs, Spiders, Mites, Ticks, etc.) are distinguished by the body usually being divided into cephalothorax and abdomen; the legs consist of four pairs and there are no antennae. The primitive forms respire by means of branchiae which, in the higher forms, are insunk to form lung-books, or atrophied and replaced by tracheae. Spiracles when present are generally abdominal and consist at most of four pairs. The gonads open near the base of the abdomen and the excretory organs are usually Malpighian tubes. The presence of the latter organs and tracheae is to be associated with the change from an aquatic to a terrestrial life, but the general affinities of the Arachnida lie with the Crustacea rather than with the Insecta or related groups.

The next four classes (often known collectively as the **Myriapoda**) are characterized by the presence of a single pair of antennae and the absence of any differentiation of the trunk into thorax and abdomen. Each segment usually bears appendages.

The **Diplopoda** (Millipedes) have the greater number of the body segments so grouped that each somite carries two pairs of legs and a pair of spiracles. The gonads open behind the 2nd pair of legs.

The **Pauropoda** are characterized by the legs being arranged in single pairs although the terga are mostly fused in couples. The antennae are biramous and there are only twelve post-cephalic segments, nine of which bear legs. The gonads open on the third segment.

The **Symphyla** have long antennae and most of the body segments bear a single pair of legs. The gonads open on the third post-cephalic segment and there is a single pair of spiracles which are situated on the head.

The **Chilopoda** (Centipedes) are usually provided with a single pair of appendages and a pair of spiracles to each of the post-cephalic segments. The first pair of legs is modified to form poison claws and the gonads open on the penultimate segment of the abdomen.

The **Tardigrada** (Bear Animalcules) are very minute animals with four pairs of unjointed legs but devoid of antennae, mouth-appendages or respiratory organs. The gonads open into the intestine.

The **Pentastomida** are worm-like and devoid of appendages except two pairs of hooks near the mouth. Their arthropodan affinities are mainly suggested by the larvae which possess two pairs of clawed, leg-like processes.

The mutual relationships of the classes of Arthropoda have been much discussed, particularly with regard to the affinities of the Insecta. The ancestors of the latter cannot be directly traced back to any one class and members of the Apterygota, which include the most primitive of all insects, exhibit characters which ally them with the Crustacea on the one hand and
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the Symphyla on the other. The resemblances between the Thysanura, which are the forerunners of the Pterygota, and the lower Malacostraca are so close as to be only explainable in terms of community of origin. At the same time the Thysanura exhibit features also found in the Symphyla. The latter are a synthetic class combining some of the divergent characters of the Diplopoda, Chilopoda and Insecta, and it is noteworthy that the remarkable Thysanuran *Anajapyx* combines features of the Symphyla and Diplopoda with those of the Insecta. The relationships between the Insecta and Symphyla are such as to postulate a common descent for the two classes. At the same time the definite Crustacean features, exhibited particularly well for example in the Machilidae, indicate that this common ancestor probably arose, in its turn, from primitive forms of the lower Malacostraca which had adopted a terrestrial mode of life.

General Organization of an Insect

An examination of the structure and development of the most primitive representatives of the class renders it possible to construct the archetype or ancestral form of winged insect. This hypothetical organism was termed by Paul Mayer the *Protentomon* (Fig. 1) and it is convenient to retain that name although the results of more recent investigation have considerably modified our views with regard to its essential characters. The latter exhibit various secondary modifications in the different orders of insects, but the fundamental or primary features of the *Protentomon* are as follows.

The head is formed by the fusion of six embryonic segments of which the 2nd, and 4th to 6th carry appendages in the adult. These appendages are the antennae, mandibles, maxillae and labium (2nd maxillae). The head also carries a pair of compound eyes and three ocelli.

The thorax consists of three segments each of which bears a pair of legs, and the 2nd and 3rd segments carry a pair of dorso-lateral membranous outgrowths or wings. The two pairs of the latter are similar, and each wing is supported by a system of longitudinal chitinous ribs or veins which are formed around pre-existing tracheae. There are no true cross-veins but
only an irregular network (archedictyon) formed by thickenings of the wing-
membrane.

The abdomen consists of eleven segments together with a terminal region
or telson: the 11th segment carries a pair of jointed cerci.

The digestive system is divisible into the fore intestine or stomodæum,
a simple sac-like stomach or mesenteron and the hind intestine or procto-
dæum. A pair of salivary glands lie along the sides of the fore intestine, and
their ducts pass forwards to unite and form the main salivary duct which
opens on the hypopharynx. Six Malpighian tubes are present and arise
from the hind intestine near its junction with the mesenteron.

The central nervous system consists of two principal cephalic centres
united with a ventral ganglionated nerve cord. The supra-cesophageal
centre or brain is formed by the fusion of the three pre-oral cephalic ganglia.
It is joined by means of a pair of para-cesophageal connectives with the
sub-cesophageal centre. The latter is formed by the fusion of the three
post-oral cephalic ganglia. The ventral nerve cord consists of three thoracic
and nine abdominal ganglia united by means of paired connectives. There
is consequently one ganglion to each of the first twelve post-cephalic
segments.

The dorsal vessel consists of an abdominal portion or heart and a
thoracic portion or aorta. The heart is metamerically divided into chambers
and each of the latter is provided with paired lateral ostia. Beneath the
heart is a transverse septum or pericardial diaphragm. The aorta is a
narrow tubular extension arising from the first chamber of the heart and
extending forwards through the thorax into the head, where it terminates
just behind the brain.

The respiratory system consists of segmentally repeated groups of
trachea which communicate with the exterior by means of ten pairs of
spiracles. These are situated on each of the two hinder thoracic and the
first eight abdominal segments respectively.

The genital organs of the two sexes exhibit a very similar morphology.
In the male each testis consists of a small number of lobes whose cavities
communicate with the vas deferens. The vasa deferentia unite posteriorly
and become continuous with a common ejaculatory duct which opens on the
ædeagus. Vesiculae seminales are present as simple dilatations of the vasa
deferentia and paired accessory glands open into the proximal portion of
the latter. In the female each ovary consists of panoistic ovarioles similar
in number to the lobes of the testis. The oviducts combine posteriorly to
form a common passage or vagina. A median spermatheca opens on the
dorsal wall of the latter, and paired colleterial or accessory glands are also
present.

Metamorphosis is of the gradual or paurometabolous type.

Number and Size of Insects

Approximately 450,000 species of insects have been described and the
largest number are included in the order Coleoptera.

Among living insects, the greatest size is found in individuals of the
following species. In the Coleoptera, *Megasoma elephas* attains a length up
to 120 mm. and *Macrodonia cervicornis* (including the mandibles) ranges up
to 150 mm. Among Orthoptera, *Phybalosoma acanthopus* may exceed 260
mm. long and the Hemipteron *Belostoma grande* attains a length of 115 mm.
For the Lepidoptera their size may, perhaps, be best gauged by the wing-
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expanse. The latter reaches its maximum in *Erebus agrippina*, whose outspread wings measure up to 280 mm. from tip to tip and in large examples of *Attacus atlas* they measure 240 mm. With regard to the smallest insects, certain Coleoptera (fam. Trichopterygidae) do not exceed a length of 25 mm. while egg-parasites belonging to the family Mymaridae are, in some cases, even more minute. As Folsom has observed, some insects are smaller than the largest Protozoa and others are larger than the smallest Vertebrata.

Literature

**Insecta and Other Arthropoda.**


**General Works on Insecta.**

THE BODY-WALL OR INTEGUMENT

(a) Structure

The body-wall consists of the following layers: (1) the cuticle, (2) the hypodermis, and (3) the basement membrane (Fig. 2).

The Cuticle (cuticula) is the outermost investment of the body and appendages and is the product of the cells of the underlying hypodermis. When newly formed it is flexible and elastic and it remains in this condition as the intersegmental membranes, the articular membranes of the appendages and in other situations. For the most part, however, the cuticle forms a hard inelastic exoskeleton which is due to its becoming permeated with a substance termed chitin. The nature of the change is not known, nevertheless both chitinized and non-chitinized cuticle are of general occurrence. Two distinct layers of the cuticle are evident in most insects, —the epidermis or primary cuticle and the dermis or secondary cuticle. The epidermis is the outer homogeneous layer which is the seat of the cuticular pigments. Spines, spurs and all cuticular structures are derived from this layer. The dermis is the inner and usually thicker layer: it exhibits a laminate structure and contains no pigmentary substance. Minute pore-canals pass through the cuticle in various regions of the body, and connect with the cavities of the cuticular appendages, or allow of the passage of the secretion of dermal glands. There are also numerous other pore-canals unconnected with either of these functions. These are confined to the dermis and do not open to the exterior: they are stated to be occupied by fine protoplasmic processes of the cells of the hypodermis (Fig. 3). The cuticle may be smooth and glistening or variously punctured, granulated, striated or otherwise sculptured. In surface view it sometimes exhibits a division into small polygonal areas each of which corresponds to the hypodermal cell which immediately underlies it.

Chitin is related chemically to the cartilage of vertebrates and also to mucin.
which is an important constituent of the skin of those animals. Although an essential part of the exoskeleton of Arthropoda, it is by no means peculiar to that phylum. It has been found in representatives of almost all classes of invertebrates and is also stated to be an important constituent of the cell-wall in fungi. There is much difference of opinion with regard to the process of formation of chitin. Many authors regard it as a secretory product of the hypodermis; Chatin (1892), however, considers it to be the result of a differentiation and transformation of the periphery of the cells rather than a true secretion, while other authorities regard it as being of the nature of an excretory product (vide p. 182). In addition to being produced externally (forming the exoskeleton) chitin also occurs internally in various parts of the body. The endoskeleton is entirely formed of this substance and so are the linings of those organs which develop as ectodermal invaginations, such as the stomodeum and proctodaeum, the main ducts of the salivary and other glands and the tracheal system. Pure chitin is colourless and amorphous, insoluble in water, alcohol, ether, acetic acid, in dilute mineral acids and in alkalies. It may be boiled in concentrated alkali for long periods without undergoing decomposition, but dissolves in strong mineral acids and when hydrolyzed yields glucosamine and acetic acid. Investigations have been hampered by the absence of any definite test for chitin and, owing to the conflicting results which have been obtained, it has been doubted whether this substance is a compound of uniform composition. Recent research, however, has done much to establish the general identity of chitin both in different invertebrates and in different parts of the same animal. According to Sollas (Proc. Roy. Soc. B., 1907) its specific gravity approximates to the value of 1.398 and its refractive index lies between 1.550 and 1.557; Irvine (1909) has identified the substance in various animals by means of polarimetric examination. There is no general agreement among chemists as to the proportions of the elements which constitute chitin, and but few determinations have been made with special reference to insects. According to Sundwick the various analytical data are best satisfied by the formula \( \text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{29}\text{O}_{10}\text{N}_4 \), or its multiples, and this conclusion is confirmed by Irvine.

The **Hypodermis** forms a continuous layer of cells. The latter are usually flattened or somewhat columnar, and the cell boundaries are often hard to detect and frequently only visible in tangential sections. The hypodermal cells often contain pigment.

The **Basement Membrane** is a continuous apparently structureless layer bounding the inner surface of the hypodermis. It is extremely thin and often difficult to detect and, according to Mayer, it is composed of nucleated stellate cells with the interstices filled in with a homogeneous intercellular substance.

(b) **Cuticular Appendages**

These structures include all outgrowths of the cuticle that are connected with it by means of a membranous joint. They may be classified into setæ and spurs.

**Setæ or Macrotrichia** (Fig. 2) are commonly known as hairs and each arises from a cup-like pit or **alveolus** situated at the outlet of a pore-canal. At its base the seta is attached by means of a ring of articular membrane. Setæ are hollow structures developed as extensions of the epidermal layer and each is produced by a single, usually enlarged, hypodermal cell or

![FIG. 3.—SECTION THROUGH THE INTEGUMENT OF THE LARVA OF *MAONOTHYLACIUM RUSI*](image-url)
trichogen. In recent years chaetotaxy, or the study of the arrangement of the more important setae, has assumed a good deal of significance from the taxonomic point of view, particularly with reference to the Cyclorrhapha and larval Lepidoptera. The following are the principal types of setae commonly met with:—

1. Clothing hairs.—These invest the general surface of the body or its appendages and frequently exhibit various degrees of specialization. When furnished with thread-like branches as in the Apidae they are termed plumose hairs. Setae which are particularly stout and rigid are known as bristles, which are well exhibited for example in the Tachinidae.

2. Scales.—These structures are highly modified clothing hairs and are characteristic of all Lepidoptera and many Collembola; they are also present in certain Diptera and Coleoptera. Transitional forms between ordinary clothing hairs and scales are frequent.

3. Glandular setae.—Grouped under this heading are those setae which function as the outlet for the secretion of hypodermal glands (vide p. 138). If they are especially stout and rigid they are then termed glandular bristles as in the urticating hairs of certain lepidopterous larvae.

4. Sensory setae.—Very frequently the setae of certain parts of the body, or more particularly the appendages, are modified in special ways and become sensory in function. Sensory setae (vide p. 64) are in all cases connected with the nervous system.

Spurs occur on the legs of many insects and differ from setae in being of multicellular origin (Comstock).

(c) Cuticular Processes

The external surface of the cuticle, in addition to being sculptured in various ways, bears a great variety of outgrowths which are integral parts of its substance. They are rigidly connected with the cuticle, having no membranous articulation and, in the absence of the latter feature, they are readily separable from cuticular appendages. The principal types of cuticular processes are as follows.

Microtrichia (fixed hairs or aculei).—These are minute hair-like structures found, for example, on the wings of the Mecoptera and certain Diptera. They resemble very small covering hairs, but the absence of the basal articulation is their distinguishing feature (Figs. 2 and 3).

Spines.—This expression has been used by various writers with considerable latitude and, in the present work, it is confined to outgrowths of the cuticle which are more or less thorn-like in form. According to Comstock spines differ from spine-like setae in being produced by undifferentiated hypodermal cells and are usually, if not always, of multicellular origin.

In addition to the above there is also a great variety of other cuticular processes which either take the form of more or less conical nodules and tubercles of different shapes, or of larger projections known as horns which are a characteristic feature in the males of certain Coleoptera.

(d) Coloration

The colours of adult and immature insects may be grouped into three classes: (1) pigmentary or chemical colours, (2) structural or physical colours, and (3) combination or chemico-physical colours.

1. Pigmentary Colours.—These owe their presence to substances of definite chemical composition which have the property of absorbing some light waves and of reflecting others. Such substances are for the most part...
products of metabolism and in some cases are known to be of an excretory nature. They may be classified into cuticular, hypodermal and subhypodermal colours according to their location. Frequently a colour pattern consists of a ground colour whose source lies in the hypodermis or underlying tissues, and is overlaid by blotches of a cuticular pigment.

**Cuticular colours** are mostly contained in the epidermis: they consist of browns, blacks and yellows, which are permanent.

**Hypodermal colours** are lodged in the form of granules or drops of fat in the cells of the hypodermis. They may be red, orange, yellow or green and are very evanescent after death.

**Subhypodermal colours** are contained in the fat-body and blood.

In cases where the chief colour is of a cuticular nature the insect is almost white after eclosion but speedily darkens. Gortner (1911) found that the black cuticular pigment of *Leptinotarsa* and the brown and black pigments of *Cicindela* pertain to the melanin group. They are produced by oxidation, induced by an oxidase, and in the complete absence of oxygen do not develop. It has been shown by Poulton and others that the subhypodermal green and yellow colours of many lepidopterous larvae, which show through the transparent integument, are derivatives of the chlorophyll of the food. The reds and yellows of many insects (Chrysomelidae, Coccinellidae, etc.) are due to lipochromes but, according to Van Linden, similar colours in the wings of *Vanessa* butterflies are derived from the transformation of the chlorophyll of the food of their larvae: they differ from lipochromes in containing nitrogen. In the Pieridae Hopkins (1895) has shown that the white wing-pigment is due to uric acid, and that the reds and yellows are derivatives of the same substance. The green pigments of certain other Lepidoptera are also said to be derivatives of uric acid. In these instances it will be observed that waste products are utilized in ornamentation. Mayer (1896) has found that the scales of Lepidoptera contain only blood at first, and that the earliest colour to appear is the same as that which the blood assumes when removed from the pupa and exposed to the air. He has succeeded, by artificial means, in manufacturing several pigments from the blood which are similar in colour to wing-markings of the imago: chemical reagents have the same effect upon these manufactured pigments as they have upon similarly coloured pigments in the wings.

### 2. Structural Colours

The beautiful iridescent colours of many insects are extremely difficult to account for and various theories have been advanced to explain them. Michelson ascribed great importance to the selective reflection of light from opaque surfaces in nearly all cases of iridescence. Lord Rayleigh, Onslow and others favour the view that the interference of light at the surfaces of “thin films,” which may be either single or multiple, is responsible for many iridescent colours. In iridescent scaleless beetles (e.g. *Cetonia aurata*) the selective reflection of light from externally opaque highly burnished surfaces appears to be important. The subject is very fully discussed by Onslow (1921), who believes that diffraction alone is seldom the cause of iridescent colours, and that interference is a factor of great importance. In the case of Lepidoptera this view is enormously strengthened by the presence of a regular periodic structure of the correct magnitude in their scales. This structure is formed by plate-like striae (4000–16,000 to the cm.) which are separated by thin films of air. The width and height of the striae and their distances apart greatly affect the colour produced. There are also certain cases (e.g. *Papilio ulysses*) in which the periodic structure is produced by layers of transparent chitin parallel to the surface of the scales. White may be produced by air in scales, by the flat faces of crystals, or by fine granules which give total reflection.

### 3. Combination Colours

These are produced by a structural modification in conjunction with a layer of pigment and are much commoner than purely structural colours. In the butterfly *Tereclulus philegias* a red...
pigment in the scale wall (but not in the striae) combines with a structural violet to produce magenta: in *Ornithoptera poseidon* the emerald green is due to periodic structure combined with a yellow pigment in the walls and striae of the scales. In a number of cases (e.g. Lycænids) there is no indication of the cause of colour. The golden iridescence of *Cassida* and its allies is produced by a film of moisture beneath the surface cuticle. These insects rapidly lose their colour when dried, but it returns after soaking in water provided the drying has not been too prolonged.

(e) Literature on the Body Wall and Coloration


SEGMENTATION AND THE DIVISIONS OF THE BODY

The cuticle of an insect forms a more or less hardened exoskeleton and, although perfectly continuous over the whole body, it remains flexible along certain definite and usually transverse lines. In the latter positions the cuticle becomes infolded and is little or not at all chitinized. The body of an insect consequently presents a jointed structure which is termed segmentation, and is divided into a series of successive rings variously known as segments, somites, or metameres. The flexible infolded portion of the cuticle between adjacent segments is the intersegmental membrane whose function is to allow of the freedom of movement of the body.

It must be borne in mind that segmentation is not only manifested in the external differentiation of the body but it involves most of the internal organs also. In the Annelida and the Onychophora the internal structure of an individual segment is very similar to that of the segment preceding or following it. This is due to the fact that there is a repetition of the organs or parts through most of the segments of the body. In such highly evolved animals as insects the primitive segmentation, in so far as it affects the internal anatomy, has undergone profound modifications; the segmental repetition of parts is nevertheless to a large extent retained in the central nervous system, the heart, tracheal system and in the body musculature.

The cuticle also exhibits localized areas of chitinization termed sclerites which meet one another along certain lines of union known as sutures. In the case of movable sclerites their membranous continuity may be concealed but, if the cuticle of an insect be distended, many of the sclerites will be forced apart, and it is then seen that they are connected by membrane, along the lines of the sutures. Others of the sclerites are rigidly fixed and cannot be separated in this manner, the sutures in these cases being little more than linear impressions. In certain regions the sclerites do not come into apposition by sutures and are thus, as it were, islands of chitin surrounded by membrane. Complete fusion of adjacent sclerites is common, particularly among the higher orders of insects, all traces of sutures being lost.

(a) The Divisions of a Body-Segment

With the exception of many insect larvae, which have a non-chitinized cuticle, the wall of each segment is divisible into four definite chitinized regions. A dorsal region or tergum, a ventral region or sternum, and a lateral region or pleuron on each side of the body. Each of these regions may be differentiated into separate sclerites. In this case the sclerites composing the tegum are known as tergites, those of the sternum as sternites and those constituting each pleuron as pleurites. Between adjacent segments there may be present small detached plates or intersegmentalia and such sclerites belong partly to the segment in front and partly to the segment.
behind them. According to their position they are termed *intertergites*, *interpleurites* and *intersternites*.

(b) The Appendages

In the embryo each body segment may bear a pair of outgrowths or appendages which may, or may not, be retained in post-embryonic life. Among adult insects, an appendage is normally attached to its segment between the pleuron of its side and the sternum. Typical appendages are jointed tubes invested with a dense cuticle. Between each pair of joints, or segments, the cuticle remains membranous and becomes infolded to form the articular membrane. On account of its jointed structure, the whole or part of an appendage is movable by means of its muscles. The primitive biramous Arthropod appendage is always highly modified among insects and, in typical limbs among the latter class, it consists of one or more basal segments and an endopodite, the exopodite being wanting.

c) Processes of the Body-Wall

In addition to true appendages numerous other outgrowths of the body wall are found in various insects. Unlike true appendages, processes of the body-wall are by no means invariably represented by embryonic counterparts; they may or may not be segmentally arranged, they may be originally paired or unpaired, and more than a single pair is sometimes borne on a segment. They differ from cuticular processes in containing a definite extension of the body cavity and in some cases they are freely movable. The principal types of organs which come under this category are:—(1) *Pseudopods*, which are characteristic of many dipterous larvae. (2) *Scoli*, or thorny processes, characteristic of Nymphalid and Saturniad larvae: the anal horn of Sphingid larvae is also of a very similar nature. (3) *Branchiae* or gills which are found in most larvae of aquatic insects (vide p. 115). (4) *Wings* (vide p. 28), which are always confined to the meso- and metathorax and attain their full development in adult insects.

d) The Regions of the Body

The body segments of an insect are grouped together to form three usually well defined regions—the head, the thorax and the abdomen (Fig. 1). In each of these regions certain of the primary functions of the organism are concentrated. The head carries the mouth-parts, which are concerned with feeding, and the organs of special sense. The thorax bears the locomotory organs, e.g., legs and wings. The abdomen is concerned with reproduction and may carry appendages associated with the latter function; it is also the seat of the metabolic processes of the body.

In most orders an intersegmental region or *cervicum* connects the head with the thorax.
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(a) The Head Capsule

The exoskeleton of the head is composed of several sclerites which are more or less intimately welded together to form a hard compact case or head-capsule. If an examination be made of the dorsal surface of the head of an orthopterous, or other generalized insect, a Y-shaped epicranial suture will be seen. The stem of the Y forms a median line and the two arms diverge anteriorly. Taking this suture as a reference line, the sclerites and regions of the head may be identified as follows (Fig. 4).

The frons (or front) is the unpaired sclerite lying between the arms of the epicranial suture. It bears the median ocellus and its distal limit is marked on either side by the invaginations which form the anterior arms of the tentorium (vide p. 45).

The clypeus lies immediately anterior to the frons and, as a rule, the two sclerites are fused owing to the obliteration of the clypeo-frontal suture. In some insects the clypeus is partially or completely divided by a transverse suture into two sclerites—the post-clypeus (or first clypeus) and the ante-clypeus (or second clypeus) (Fig. 6). The former sclerite carries on either side a convex process serving for articulation with the ginglymus of the mandible.

The labrum is an unpaired sclerite usually movably articulated with the clypeus by means of the clypeo-labral suture. On its pharyngeal surface, in the region of the suture, it bears lateral chitinized pieces known as formae.

The epicranium forms the whole of the upper region of the head from the frons to the neck. In generalized insects it is divided longitudinally into two epicranial plates by the median epicranial suture which is the line of junction of the procephalic lobes of the embryo. That portion of the epicranium which lies immediately behind the frons, and between the compound eyes, is termed the vertex. It usually carries the paired ocelli, but is not differentiated as a separate sclerite. The occiput is the hinder part of the epicranium between the vertex and the neck: it is rarely present as a distinct sclerite.

The genae include that area of the head on each side which is situated below the eyes and extends ventrally to the gular region. Each gena may be divided by a longitudinal suture, and the portion which lies behind the suture is termed the postgena. The latter sclerite carries the acetabulum which receives the condyle of the mandible.
The *gula* (Fig. 12) is an unpaired ventral sclerite extending from the submentum (p. 18) to the hind margin of the head-capsule and is separated from the gena by the *gular sutures*. It is sometimes evident as a separate sclerite but is often fused with the submentum: the common plate thus formed is the *gulamentum* (Fig. 11).

In addition to the foregoing there are other sclerites of lesser importance which although not of general occurrence, are nevertheless present in certain insects or their larvae. These are—

1. The *antennal sclerites* (Fig. 4). Each is a ring of chitin into which the basal joint of the antennæ of its side is inserted.
2. The *ocular sclerites*. These are similarly annular in form and each surrounds the compound eye of its side.
3. The *ante-coxal piece of the mandible* (Fig. 6). This sclerite is a lateral differentiation of that portion of the clypeus which carries the process articulating with the mandible of its side. According to Comstock it is well exhibited in the larva of *Corydalis*.
4. The *trochanter of the mandible*. A small sclerite which is separated by means of a suture from the gena of its side and found in certain of the Orthoptera (Fig. 4).
5. The *maxillary pleurites*. According to Comstock, in certain Blattidae and Gryllidae, each maxilla is articulated at the ventral end of a pair of sclerites between which is the invagination forming the posterior arm of the tentorium (Fig. 7). These pieces are termed maxillary pleurites and have been homologized with the pleura of the maxillary segment.

### (b) The Antennæ

These are a pair of very mobile jointed appendages which are articulated with the head in front of or between the eyes. In the more generalized insects the antennæ are filiform and many-jointed, the joints being equal or sub-equal in size. They vary, however, very greatly in form in the higher orders and certain of the joints are frequently differentiated from their fellows. In the more specialized insects the antenna is divisible into scape, pedicel and flagellum (Fig. 5).

The *scape* is the first or basal joint of the antenna and is often conspicuously longer than any of the succeeding joints.

The *pedicel* is the joint which immediately follows the scape. It is present in geniculate antennæ where it forms the pivot between the scape and flagellum.

The *flagellum* (or *clavola*) forms the remainder of the antenna. It varies greatly in form among different families in adaptation to the particular surroundings and habits of the species concerned. In some insects, particularly among Hymenoptera, the flagellum is divisible into the ring-joints, the funicle and the club. The ring-joints are commonly present among the Chalcidoidea, where the basal joint or joints of the flagellum are of much smaller calibre than the joints that follow, and are ring-like in form. In these instances the name of ring-joints has been applied to them. The *club* is formed by the swollen or enlarged distal joints of the antenna. The *funicle* comprises those joints which intervene between the ring-joints and the club, or between the latter and the pedicel in cases when the ring-joints are not differentiated.

The antennæ afford important secondary sexual characters which are particularly well exhibited in the pectinated or bipectinated organs of certain male Lepidoptera, and in the densely plumose antennæ of male Culicidae and Chironomidae. Functionally the antennæ are organs of special sense (vide p. 66) but in a few exceptional cases they are modified for other uses. Thus in the larvae of *Chaoborus* and its allies they are adapted for seizing the prey, while those of the male of *Meloe* are used for holding the females. In larvae of the Hymenoptera Apocrita and
a molar or crushing surface near the base of the biting margin. In carnivorous forms the teeth are sharply pointed, being adapted for seizing and cutting, and the molar surface is wanting. In certain insects the mandibles exhibit more or less evident indications of a secondary division into separate sclerites. In the Machilidæ (Fig. 9) for example, they are segmented into a proximal and distal piece and traces of several sclerites are found in Cetonia, Copris and other Coleoptera. In some cases a flexible plate or prostheca, fringed with hairs, is present on the inner border of the mandible and has been incorrectly homologized with a lacinia. Mandibles are wanting in many adult Trichoptera and the vast majority of Diptera, and they are absent or vestigial in almost all Lepidoptera.

The maxillæ (Figs. 8–10) are composed of the following sclerites. The cardo or hinge is the first or proximal piece and, in many insects, is the only portion directly attached to the head. The stipes or footstalk articulates with the distal border of the cardo and bears a lateral (outer) sclerite or palpifer and sometimes an inner sclerite, the subgalea (or parastipes). The palpifer carries the maxillary palpus which is the most conspicuous appendage of the maxilla. It is one to seven-jointed and sensory in function. In many insects the subgalea is not evident as a separate sclerite, being either fused with the lacinia or merged into the stipes. Distally the maxilla is composed of two lobes: an outer one or galea and an inner one or lacinia. The former is often two-jointed and frequently partially overlaps the lacinia after the manner of a hood. The lacinia or blade as a rule is spined or toothed on its inner border and, in cases when it is fused with the subgalea, it has the appearance of carrying the galea. In certain cases (e.g. many coleopterous larvae) each maxilla carries a single lobe or mala which is possibly homologous with the galea, the lacinia being undeveloped. Functionally the maxillæ are a pair of accessory jaws, their laciniae aiding the mandibles in holding the food when the latter are extended, as well as assisting in mastication. In many of the higher insects the maxillæ are so greatly modified that they no longer retain any evidences of their primitive structure. In piercing insects they are styliform and their palpæ atrophied.

The three basal joints of a typical crustacean buccal appendage find their counterparts in the insectan maxilla (Fig. 13), where the coxopodite is represented by the cardo, the basipodite by the stipes and the ischiopodite by the palpifer (vide Hansen, 1893: Crampton, 1922). The lacinia and galea are masticatory lobes or endites.
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belonging respectively to the stipes and palpifer. The latter joint also carries the maxillary palpus which is homologous with an endopodite. These homologies can be readily traced in the Machilidae.

The superlinguæ (often termed maxillulæ) are a pair of dorso-lateral lobes attached to the hypopharynx (Fig. 9). They are best developed among Thysanura where they appear strikingly like a pair of reduced jaws: in the Machilidae each is distally cleft and bears an outer, one-jointed, palp-like appendage. Superlinguæ are also well developed in the Collembola and nymphs of the Ephemeroptera, besides being present in a more or less reduced condition in other mandibulate orders, and in some larvae (vide Evans, 1921). Hansen (1893) and several morphologists after him, have homologized the superlinguæ with the Crustacean maxillulæ, hence regarding them as true appendages. Crampton (1921), on the other hand, states that they are homologous with the paragnaths of Crustacea, which have similar relations with the hypopharynx in those animals. The term maxillulæ, therefore, is undesirable since it implies an homology which is unproven.

The labium (or second maxillæ) (Figs. 8, 9, 11, 12) is formed by the fusion of a pair of appendages serially homologous with the maxillæ. The completeness of the fusion that has taken place varies greatly in different orders of insects, and evidences of the original paired condition are clearly seen among the Thysanura and Orthoptera. It must be pointed out, however, that several parts of the labium cannot be homologized with any degree of precision with components of the maxillæ. Furthermore certain of the sclerites which have received the same names in different orders are only doubtfully homologous. The basal portion of the labium is composed of two usually large sclerites, a proximal one or submentum and a distal one or mentum. The latter plate carries the prementum (palpiger of some authors) which sometimes exhibits evidences of its paired origin in being deeply cleft or even completely divided. Near the base of the prementum, on either side, is the palpiger which carries the labial palpus and often
resembles a basal joint of the latter. The labial palpi are composed of from one to four joints and they function as sensory organs. Arising from the distal margin of the prementum are two pairs of lobes which collectively form the ligula, viz.:—an outer pair or paraglossae, and an inner pair or glossae. More usually, the latter organs are fused to form a median glossa, or the prementum may bear a single median lobe to which the general term ligula is applied.

In Fig. 13 the homologies of the sclerites of the labium with those of the maxillae are indicated. The glossae and paraglossae are the counterparts of the laciniae and galeae respectively, while the labial palpi are homologous with endopodites. The prementum, including the palpigers, represents the stipites and palpifers of the maxillae, while the mentum would correspond to the fused cardines. The submentum appears to belong to the ventral head-wall and, if this be correct, is not of appendicular origin. In the crustacean suborder Gammaridea the maxillipedes are fused to form a kind of lower lip which, in its morphology, prefigures the insect labium.

The hypopharynx (or lingua) (Fig. 9) is a median tongue-like process arising from the floor of the mouth-cavity, and bearing the aperture of the common salivary duct. The superlinguae are always closely associated with the hypopharynx and, in many cases, their vestiges are fused with it on either side. In the Diptera the hypopharynx is either awl-like or styllet-like and in some cases it is used as a piercing organ.

(d) Segmentation of the Head

After an insect has emerged from the egg the completed head exhibits but few clear indications of its segmental origin apart from the fact that it carries paired appendages. As long ago as 1816 Savigny concluded that the movable appendages of the head were serially homologous with legs. As each segment only bears a single pair of appendages it was evident that at least four segments enter into the composition of the head, i.e., the antennary, the mandibular, the maxillary and the labial. Huxley in 1878 recognized these four segments and pointed out that the crustacean second antennae were wanting in insects but, if their segment be presumed to be retained though without bearing appendages, and the eyes be taken to represent the appendages of another segment, the insect-head is composed of six segments. Janet (1899), from a study of ants, considered that nine segments enter into the composition of the head but his results have not been accepted. It may be said, therefore, that Huxley’s conclusions were
the most satisfactory that could be derived solely by means of comparative morphology. The foundation of modern knowledge of the segmentation of the head is mainly embryological and is due to Viallanes, Wheeler, Uzel, Heymons, Folsom and other workers. The results of their researches have been to definitely establish the existence of six-cephalic segments in all insects. Embryology affords three fundamental characters which provide the strongest evidence with reference to segmentation, viz., the existence of paired appendages, of neuromeres and of primitive coelom sacs. On the basis of these three criteria the segments which enter into the composition of the insect head may be shown in tabular form as below:

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With regard to the first and third segments further comment is necessary. The ocular segment is clearly established on account of its well-defined neuromere, but the coelom sacs are obliterated and appendages are never present. The intercalary segment bears reduced embryonic appendages in many insects and, according to Uzel, in Campodea they persist as vestiges in the adult.

Some morphologists have maintained that the superlinguae are the appendages of an embryonic segment located between the mandibles and first maxillae and that the insect head is built up of seven segments. In the light of more recent work there is reason to believe, as previously mentioned, that the superlinguae are the homologues of the Crustacean paragnaths. Since there is no evidence indicating that the latter structures represent appendages of a separate metamere the view that the insect head is composed of six segments is the one most in accordance with facts.

Further information on the segmentation of the insect head, together with references to the literature, will be found in papers by Folsom (1900) and Comstock and Kochi (1902).

(e) Literature on the Head and Mouth-Parts


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The Cervicum or Neck Region

The cervicum is the flexible intersegmental region between the head and the prothorax (Fig. 1). In its membrane are embedded a variable number of small plates termed cervical sclerites (Fig. 17). The latter are present in nearly all orders of insects but are best developed in the more primitive groups (Orthoptera, Dermaptera, Isoptera, Odonata, etc.); in the higher orders they occur in a more or less reduced condition. In their least modified form the cervical sclerites consist of paired dorsal, lateral, and ventral chitinizations, which have been regarded by various morphologists as either belonging to the labial segment, or to a vestigial segment of the prothorax. The supporters of the former view maintain that the appendages of the labial segment have migrated onto the head, and constitute the labium, while the body of their segment has not become incorporated into the head capsule. The alternative theory is due to Verhoeff (1902) who has studied the cervical sclerites in considerable detail. This author terms the cervicum the microthorax, and regards it as constituting the first segment of the prothorax, which is in accordance with his general theory that each division of the thorax consists of two segments. Embryology, however, does not lend support to either point of view. During development the entire labial segment forms part of the head capsule, and there is also no embryological proof in support of Verhoeff's theory of the dual nature of the thoracic segments. The cervicum is, more probably, to be regarded as the first intersegment of the body, and as being homologous with similar areas which are present between the thoracic segments of certain of the Apterygota and several of the more primitive members of the Pterygota (vide Crampton, 1917).

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THE THORAX

(a) Segmentation of the Thorax

The essential morphology of the thorax was first clearly interpreted by Audouin in 1824 who pointed out that it is composed of three segments, the pro-, meso-, and meta-thorax. This conclusion has received the confirmation of subsequent morphological and embryological research, while the composite-segment theories of Kolbe, Verhoeff and others lack sufficient support, and can only be regarded as untenable. In almost all insects each segment bears a pair of legs and, in the majority of adult insects, both the meso- and metathorax carry a pair of wings. In all cases where the legs are wanting, their absence is due to atrophy. This apodous condition is extremely rare among the imagines but it is the rule among the larvae of the Diptera, and also those of certain families of Coleoptera. All hymenopterous larvae, excepting those of the sub-order Symphyta, are similarly devoid of legs. The absence of wings, on the other hand, may be an ancestral character as in the Apterygota, but among the Pterygota it is always an acquired feature due to the atrophy of pre-existing organs. The thorax is exhibited in its simplest form in the Thysanura, in certain of the more generalized Pterygota and in the larvae of many orders. In these instances the segments differ but little in size and proportions, but usually, with the acquirement of wings, a correlated specialization of the thorax results. The meso- and metathorax become more or less intimately welded together and the union is often so close that the limits of those regions can only be ascertained with difficulty. In orders where the wings are of about equal area these two thoracic segments are of equal size (Isoptera, Embioptera, Odonata, etc.). Where the fore wings are markedly larger than the hind pair there is a correspondingly greater development of the mesothorax (Hymenoptera, and also Diptera where the hind wings are absent). In cases where the fore-wings are small there is a correlated reduction of the mesothorax (Coleoptera). The prothorax never bears wings and is also variable in its degree of development. Its dorsal region may be enlarged to form a shield as in the Orthoptera, Coleoptera and Hemiptera-Heteroptera: in most other orders it is reduced to a narrow annular segment.

(b) The Sclerites of a Thoracic Segment (Fig. 14)

When describing the sclerites and regions of the thorax the prefixes pro, meso, and meta are used according to the segment to which the reference applies. Thus the expression protergum refers to the tergum of the prothorax and mesepimeron to the epimeron of the mesothorax. The prefixes pre and post are also used to designate certain sclerites of any one of the segments and in such cases the prefixes pro, meso, and meta are usually not applied. For example the prescutum may be present on each thoracic segment in front of the scutum.
The **Tergites**.—In many larvae and pupae, and also in the adults of certain of the more generalized insects, the tergum of each segment is a simple undivided plate or *notum*. In the wing-bearing segments of most adult Pterygota the tergum is composed of a large anterior plate or *notum* already mentioned, and a narrower posterior plate or *postnotum* (post-scutellum or pseudonotum of some authors) which has arisen in the intersegmental membrane. The *notum* is typically divided into three sclerites, the *prescutum*, the *scutum* and the *scutellum* (Fig. 15). At the sides of the pronotum in many Lepidoptera are lobe-like structures known as *patagia*.

The **Pleurites** (Figs. 16–18).—The pleuron consists of an anterior sclerite or *episternum* and a posterior sclerite or *epimeron* the two being separated by the *pleural suture*.

In many insects, however, deviations from this simple condition are evident owing to the subdivision of the pleurites into secondary plates, or their fusion with other regions of their segment. The anterior part of the episternum is frequently marked off as a separate plate, the *pre-episternum* which is mainly present in the lower orders. In many insects (*Chrysopa*, *Corydalis*, *Tipula*, *Tabanus*) the episternum is divided into an upper and lower sclerite. These two sclerites have been termed by Packard the *supra-episternum* and *infra-episternum* respectively.

Not infrequently the lower portion of the episternum is fused up with the sternum, as in Diptera, and the compound plate thus formed is the *sternopleurite* (Crampton) or *sternopleura* (Osten Sacken). The epimeron, likewise, is sometimes divided
into two sclerites by a transverse suture. A recognized terminology applicable to these sclerites similarly does not exist; for the upper plate the name *supra-epimeron* (or pteropleura) and the name *infra-epimeron* for the lower plate may be adopted. When the pleuron as a whole is fused with the sternum the combined sclerite is known as the *pectus*. In many of the higher insects the pleuron is usually connected and fused with the tergum by means of downward prolongations of the prescutum and postnotum.

The **Sternites**.—The nomenclature of the sternites dates from MacLeay, 1830, who believed that each thoracic segment is composed of four segments and, therefore, concluded that the sternum is similarly divided in a fourfold manner. He accordingly introduced the now well-known terms *pre-

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**Fig. 17.**—**Sternal and Pleural Sclerites of Cervicum and Thorax of Blatta.**

A. Cervicum. B. Prothorax. C. Mesotheorax. D. Metathorax. *a*, ante-coxal piece; *c*—*c*III, coxae; *cs*, lateral cervical sclerites; *csv*, ventral ditto; *e*, episternum; *em*, epimeron; *p*, pre-coxal bridge; *sp*, spiracle; *s*II, eusternum; *s*III, sternellum; *s*IV, poststernellum; *t*, *t*, trochanter. Sternum, sternum, sternellum and poststernellum for the presumed subdivisions. Snodgrass (1909) adopted the term *eusternum* in place of the expression sternum as the latter refers to all the ventral sclerites of a thoracic segment. More recently Crampton (1914) and Martin (1916), in their general studies of the thoracic sclerites, have brought forward the view that the sternum may consist of five sternites, a condition which is exhibited in *Capnia* and *Leuctra* (Plecoptera).

The former writer has also introduced an entirely new terminology, but
it appears preferable to retain the original names though not necessarily with the same significance as to the limits of the sclerites to which they were applied. In the majority of insects, two sternites are typically present,—the eusternum and sternellum: among Hymenoptera and Coleoptera the sternites may be fused together to form a single compound sclerite. The eusternum is a large sclerite of variable shape and frequently extends laterally and upwards into the pleural region; at its sides there may be separate plates (laterosternites of Crampton) as in Isoptera and Dermaptera. The laterosternite may become united with the episternum of its side to form the precoxal bridge. The presternum lies in front of the eusternum and in all probability is derived from it: it occurs in the prothorax of Ecctobia and Forficula and in front of all three thoracic segments of Capnia and Leuctra (Crampton). The sternellum is the sclerite immediately behind the eusternum and frequently bears the furca (vide p. 47). Although usually fused with the eusternum, it is distinct in all three segments of Capnia, and in the prothorax of Periplaneta. The poststernellum, as its name implies, lies behind the sternellum and may bear a median apodeme or spina. As this sclerite is often fused, either with the segment in front or behind, it is probably to be regarded as one of the ventral intersegmentalia.

(c) The Legs

The legs are primarily organs for running or walking and are well represented in their normal condition in a Cicindelid or Carabid beetle. They exhibit, however, a wide range of adaptive modifications in different families (Fig. 19). Thus in Gryllotalpa and the Scarabaeidae the fore-legs are modified for burrowing, and in the Mantidae for seizing and holding the prey. In certain families of butterflies the fore-legs are so much reduced that in these insects there are only two pairs of functional limbs. In the saltatorial Orthoptera, and Phyllotreta and other genera of Coleoptera, the hind femora are greatly enlarged in order to accommodate the powerful extensor muscles which are used in leaping. Among the Odonata all the legs are adapted for seizing and retaining the prey and are scarcely, if ever, used for locomotory purposes, while in the Bombyliidae the slender legs are used for alighting rather than walking. In aquatic insects they are often specially adapted as swimming organs. Each leg (Fig. 20) consists of the following parts,—coxa, trochanter, femur, tibia and tarsus together with certain basal or articular sclerites.

The Basal Articulations of the Legs (Figs. 17 and 18).—The coxa or proximal joint of the leg articulates with the body by means of the coxal process of the pleuron and with the trochantin when the latter sclerite is present. The coxal process is situated at the ventral extremity of the pleural suture. The trochantin is the articular sclerite situated at the base of the coxa in the more primitive orders. It frequently unites with neighbouring sclerites, or it may be divided into a pair of plates. Between the single or divided trochantin and the episternum, or between the trochantin and the precoxal bridge, there is frequently an inner sclerite or antecoxal piece. The homologies of these small basal sclerites in different insects are difficult to ascertain with any degree of accuracy, and the various terms which have been applied to them have added to the complexity of the subject (vide Martin, 1916).

The Coxa.—As mentioned previously, the coxa is the proximal part
of the leg and in many insects, notably Periplaneta and the Isoptera, the meso- and metathoracic coxae are each divisible into an anterior portion or coxa vera, and a posterior portion or meron. Attached to the coxae of the middle and hind legs in certain primitive insects (e.g. Machilis) there is a small appendage or stylus. The latter structure has been regarded as the homologue of the exopodite of the crustacean leg.

The Trochanter.—The trochanter forms the small second joint of the leg and in the parasitic Hymenoptera it is secondarily divided into two pieces.

The Femur.—The femur usually forms the largest region of the leg and is especially conspicuous in most insects which have the power of leaping.

The Tibia.—The fourth division of the leg is known as the tibia: it is
almost always slender and frequently equals or exceeds the femur in length. Near its distal extremity it carries one or more tibial spurs. In many Hymenoptera the enlarged apical spur of the anterior tibia fits against a pectinated semi-circular pit in the first tarsal joint, and the antennae are passed between these two organs for cleaning purposes.

The **Tarsus.**—The tarsus forms the terminal part of the leg and is typically divided into five joints. When the first joint is markedly enlarged it is often designated as the *metatarsus.* The tarsus is vestigial in Collembola, one-jointed in Coccidae, two-jointed in Aphididae, while in some insects it is apparently six-jointed owing to the presence of a terminal outgrowth or *praetarsus* (De Meijere, 1901). As a rule, the praetarsus is withdrawn into the terminal joint or is wanting. At the apex of the tarsus there is generally a pair of *tarsal claws* or *ungues;* in many Collembola and the Coccidae, however, there is a single median claw and the same condition is found in most insect larvae. On the ventral or plantar surface of each tarsal joint there is frequently a cushion-like pad. In many insects the distal joint of the tarsus bears a pair of pads or *pulvilli* situated beneath the claws. It may be added that pulvilli are also variously known as arolia, onychia, or empodia. The expression *empodium,* however, should only be used with reference to the single median structure which is often present either between the pulvilli of the terminal tarsal joint, or unaccompanied by the latter organs. In some insects the empodium is pad-like, and is then said to be pulvilliform, but it is often bristle-like, as in the Asilidae (Fig. 21). The pulvilli, and also the empodia when the latter are pad-like, are commonly adhesive organs enabling their possessors to climb smooth or steeply inclined surfaces. Their structure and function have been investigated by
Dahl (1884), Dewitz (1884) and others. The ventral aspect of a pulvillus is either studded with minute pores, which open directly on to the surface of the cuticle, or is provided with glandular setae known as tenent hairs. In either case an adhesive fluid is exuded which enables such an insect as the house-fly to walk in an inverted attitude on ceilings and other surfaces.

**Locomotion (Terrestrial).**—During walking an insect usually moves its legs in two series in such a manner that the fore- and hind-legs of one side, and the middle leg of the opposite side, progress forward almost synchronously. By this means the body is supported as it were for the moment on a tripod formed by the remaining three legs. The anterior leg functions as an organ of traction: having extended and fixed its claws, it pulls the body forwards by means of the contraction of the flexor muscle of the tibia. The function of the hind leg is mainly that of pushing the body forwards, while the middle leg serves to support and steady the body and determines its movement in the vertical plane (Demoor, 1890). For detailed information on the subject of terrestrial locomotion, and the mechanics of the process, reference should be made to the text-books of Packard and Graber (Die Insekten, p. 157).

![Diagram of a Hymenopteron](image)

**Fig. 22.**—Wing of a Hymenopteron (explanation given in the text).

(a) The Wings

The presence of wings is one of the most characteristic features of insects, and the dominance of the latter as a class is to be attributed to the possession of these organs. Owing to their wide range of differentiation, wings provide one of the most useful characters for purposes of classification. In virtue of its more or less triangular form the wing of an insect presents three margins (Fig. 22); the anterior margin or costa (a–b), the outer or apical margin (b–c), and the inner or anal margin (c–d). Three well-defined angles are also recognizable, viz., the humeral angle (a) at the base of the costa; the apex (b) or angle between the costal and outer margins and the anal angle (c) between the outer and inner margins. Although, in the greater number of insects, the wings appear to be naked, in many cases microscopical examination reveals the presence of fine hairs. On the other hand, in certain groups the wings are obviously clothed. In the Trichoptera and the dipterous family Psychodidae, for example, they are closely covered with hairs, while in the Lepidoptera the wings are invested with overlapping scales.

Tillyard (1918a) has made a study of the hairs occurring on the wings of the most primitive groups of the Holometabola. Microtrichia are found indiscriminately on the wing-membrane and veins alike. Macrotrichia or true setae, which have annular bases of insertion, are found on the main veins and their branches, on the archedictyon (p. 35), less frequently on the wing membrane and very rarely on the cross-veins. On the disappearance of the archedictyon, or of an individual vein, the macrotrichia may persist on the wing membrane in their original positions; their presence thereon is regarded by Tillyard as evidence of descent from more densely veined ancestors. By plotting the positions of the macrotrichia present on the wing membrane in such primitive forms as Archichalcoides, Rhyacophila and Rhyphus, and joining them up into a polygonal meshwork, the lost archedictyon can often, to some extent, be reconstructed.

A conspicuous opaque spot is found near the costal margin of the wing
in many insects, and is termed the stigma or pterostigma (Fig. 22). It is present, for example, in the fore wings of the Psocoptera, and most Hymenoptera, and in both pairs of wings of the Odonata.

The **Basal Attachment and Articular Sclerites of the Wings.**—Each wing is hinged to two processes of the notum of its segment, the anterior notal process and the posterior notal process (Fig. 14). The wing also articulates below with the pleural wing process. The posterior margin of the membrane at the base of the wing is frequently strengthened to form a cord-like structure known as the axillary cord. The latter arises, on either side, from the posterior lateral angle of the notum (Fig. 24).

Situated about the base of each wing is a variable number of articular sclerites which consist of the tegulae and the axillaries (Fig. 24). The tegulae (paraptera of some authors) are a pair of small scale-like sclerites carried at the extreme base of the costa of each fore-wing: they are rarely present in connection with the hind-wings. Tegulae are best developed in the Lepidoptera, Hymenoptera, and Diptera, being especially large in the first mentioned order. The axillaries (pteralia) participate in the formation of the complex joint by which the wing is articulated to the thorax. According to Snodgrass they occur in all winged insects but are much reduced in the Ephemeroptera and Odonata: in the two latter orders the wing base is directly continuous with the notum. As a rule, three of these sclerites are present, but a fourth occurs in the Orthoptera and Hymenoptera. The first axillary articulates with the anterior notal process and is associated with the base of the sub-costal vein. The second axillary articulates partly with the preceding sclerite and, as a rule, partly with the base of the radius (vide p. 34). The third axillary usually articulates with the posterior notal process. When a fourth axillary occurs it has a double articulation, i.e., with the posterior notal process proximally
and with the third axillary distally. For a more detailed treatment of these sclerites vide Snodgrass (1909).

In addition to the foregoing, there are present in many insects small plates or basalar sclerites (paraptera of Snodgrass) which are located below the articulation of the wings (Fig. 14). Although they are to be regarded as pleural sclerites, they may be conveniently referred to here on account of their close association with the attachments of the wings. The basalar sclerites are separated into two series by the pleural wing process. There are never more than two anterior basalar sclerites and, since they lie immediately above the episternum, they are termed by Snodgrass the episternal paraptera. As a rule there is only a single posterior basalar sclerite (epimeral parapterum) which is situated just behind the pleural wing process and above the epimeron.

Modifications of Wings.—Although wings are usually present in adult insects a by no means inconsiderable number of species are apterous. This condition is a constant feature of the Apterygota, where it is a primitive character, but in the Pterygota the loss of wings has been secondarily acquired. The parasitic orders Anopleura and Aphaniptera are exclusively apterus, and the same applies to the sterile castes of the Isoptera and Formicidae, and to the females of the Coccidae. Among other Pterygota, apterous forms are of casual occurrence, and often confined to a single sex or species. Thus, in the moth Hybernia defoliaria, and most Embiidae, the females alone are apterus, while in the Chalcid genus Blastophaga it is the male which has lost the wings. Transitional forms between the apterus and the fully winged condition are found. In the moth Diurnea jagella, for example, the wings of the female are lanceolate appendages, but little more than half the length of those of the male, and useless for flight. In the winter moths (Cheimatobia), and in the fly Clunio marinus, they are reduced in the female to the condition of small flap-like vestiges.

Throughout the Diptera, and in the males of the Coccidae, the hind wings are wanting, and are represented only by a pair of slender processes which, in the Diptera, are termed halteres. Among the Coleoptera, the fore-wings are much hardened to form horny sheaths or elytra, which protect the hind-wings when the latter are in repose. In the genus Attractocerus, and the males of the Stylopidae, the elytra are reduced to the condition of small scale-like appendages. On the other hand, in certain Carabidae and Curculionidae, the hind-wings are atrophied and the function of flight is lost. In the Heteroptera the fore-wings are thickened at their bases like elytra and, for this reason, are frequently termed hemelytra. Among the Orthoptera, the fore-wings are hardened and of a leathery consistency, being known by many writers as tegmina.

The Wing-Coupling Apparatus.—There seems little doubt that, in the primitive Pterygota, the fore and hind pair of wings moved independently of each other, and that coincidence of motion was a later acquisition, consequent upon the development of a wing-coupling apparatus. The studies of Tillyard (1918) indicate that, in those orders in which the wings were more or less hairy, the marginal macrotrichia probably became specialized and localized to form a locking mechanism. The most archaic form of the latter consisted of a projecting bristle-bearing area or lobe on the hind margin of the fore-wing and a very similar structure on the costal margin of the hind-wing. Thus, in the fore-wing the backwardly projecting area of contact with the hind-wing is the jugal lobe, bearing a series of jugal bristles: similarly, the area of contact of the hind-wing with the
fore-wing is the *humeral lobe*, and the bristles projecting therefrom constitute the *frenulum* (Fig. 25). The wings of a side are interlocked by the frenulum projecting beneath the jugal lobe of the fore-wing, and the jugal bristles lying above the costa of the hind-wing. The nearest approach to this archaic condition is exhibited among certain of the *Mecoptera*.

Thus, in *Taniochorista* the jugal lobe and its bristles are retained unmodified and there is a small definite humeral lobe, but the frenulum is reduced to the condition of two very powerful bristles (Fig. 25, B). In most of the Hymenoptera the costal margin of the hind-wing bears a series of hooks or *hamuli*, whose function is to grasp a ridge-like thickening along the inner margin of the fore-wing. In the majority of the Lepidoptera the wings are held together by means of the *frenulum* which is maintained in place by a kind of catch or *retinaculum* on the fore-wing (Fig. 25, D). In moths of the family Hepialidæ the jugal lobe or jugum of the fore-wing projects beneath the hind-wing and, owing to the greater part of the inner margin of the fore-wing overlapping the hind-wing the wings in this manner become interlocked (Fig. 25, C).

The **Structure and Development of Wings**.—Wings are thin plate-like expansions of the integument which are strengthened by a framework of hollow chitinous tubes known as *veins* or *nervures*. A wing is composed of upper and lower layers which may readily be separated in an insect which has just emerged from the pupa. Viewed in transverse section (Fig. 26), the veins are seen to be much more strongly chitinized than the wing membrane and each, as a rule, encloses a small central trachea. A fine nerve fibre accompanies the larger veins of many insects (Mosley, 1871) and a degenerate trachea known as "Semper's rib" is present in Lepidoptera alongside the ordinary trachea within the vein cavity. When an insect emerges from the pupa or nymph, as the case may be, the veins contain blood which has been observed to circulate through them, and even in the fully formed wings the circulation is often still maintained.

At an early stage in formation, wings are seen to be sac-like outgrowths of the body-wall, which they resemble in histological structure. Whether they are tergal or pleural (or both) in nature is a disputed question and the opinions of various observers are conflicting. On the whole the balance
of opinion supports the conclusion that they are tergal structures. In the more primitive orders, with incomplete metamorphosis, they arise externally, but among insects with complete metamorphosis they remain within the body until they attain an advanced stage of development.

In insects with incomplete metamorphosis the wing rudiments first appear externally in post-embryonic life along a line where the suture between the tergum and pleuron later develops (Comstock, 1918). In most nymphs they are so directly continuous with the tergum that they have the appearance of being postero-lateral outgrowths of that region. The external changes during growth are comparatively slight and mainly consist of an increase in size after each moult. When the adult stage is assumed the wings become fully expanded, and the various structural changes are completed. In transverse section (Fig. 27) the developing wing is seen to be invested externally by the cuticle and, lying just beneath the latter, is the hypodermis which is composed for the most part of greatly elongated cells; internally the hypodermis rests upon a basement membrane. During early development tracheal branches enter the wing-buds and extend as the latter enlarge, supplying the growing wings with air. In many places, the basement membrane of the upper and lower layers subsequently meet and fuse, but along the courses of the tracheae it remains separate, thus demarcating the cavities of the future veins. In a surface view of a developing wing, the vein cavities are seen as paler coloured lines containing blood and tracheae; in the cavities of the transverse veins tracheae are wanting. It is important to note that the principal longitudinal veins, as a rule, are formed about
the tracheae and, as the latter are very constant in number and position, they provide valuable data for determining the homologies of the future wing veins. During the final stages of development the hypodermis secretes the thickened cuticular walls of the veins and also the wing membrane, but very little trace of its cells persists in the fully expanded wings.

Comstock and Needham (1898–99) have made a comparative study of the wings of nymphs and pupae which renders it possible to construct the hypothetical tracheation of a wing of a primitive nymph (Fig. 28) from which the fundamental type of wing venation of each order of insects is presumed to have been derived. Two, distinct groups of tracheae enter the wing—the costo-radial group and the cubito-anal group. This condition is preserved in an almost unmodified form in the Blattidae, the Plecoptera and some Homoptera. More usually, however, the two groups are united by a transverse trachea whose position is represented by the dotted line in Fig. 28.

In insects with complete metamorphosis, the development of the wings has been followed much more closely than in the case of the lower orders. It presents many remarkable phenomena which have attracted the attention of numerous investigators, among whom Weismann, Gonin, Kunc-Kel d'Herculais, Pancratius, Mayer and Mercer may be specially mentioned (vide also p. 189). The wings arise from imaginal buds or thickenings of the hypodermis, usually in the neighbourhood of one of the larger tracheae, and are evident in the very young larva or even the embryo (Fig. 29). These buds become enlarged and invaginated to form pocket-like sacs, or peripodial cavities (Fig. 29, c), from the bottom of which the thickened portion of the bud ultimately becomes evaginated. At the same time, the walls of the pocket become extremely thin but retain their connection with the hypodermis. At a later stage, the evaginated por-
tion elongates and comes to hang downwards; it is this evaginated portion which, at a later stage, forms the wing. Subsequently, the wing rudiment, as we may term it, becomes pushed out of its pocket and, during the last larval stadium, it comes to lie just beneath the cuticle. On the assumption of the pupal stage, the wing rudiments become evident externally along the sides of the body. When the imago emerges, the wings appear as small wrinkled sacs which gradually become distended by blood pressure, and attain their full development usually several hours afterwards. During their later stages of development the wing buds become supplied with tracheoles. In *Pieris*, for example, during the 4th larval stadium a series of tracheoles arise as proliferations of the epithelium of the large tracheae associated with the wing bud. These tracheoles may be termed the larval or provisional tracheoles, and they extend in bundles into the developing vein cavities. A little later, the true wing tracheae develop as tubular outgrowths of the large tracheae, and extend into the vein cavities along with the larval tracheoles, which they supplant. During the early pupal stage the latter degenerate and disappear. Although the study of the tracheation of the pupal wings has yielded important data for ascertaining the homologies of the wing veins of the adults, there is a wide divergence in the extent to which the pupal wing-tracheae correspond with the veins of the imagines. Thus, among the Hymenoptera, specialization may take place to such a degree that the completed wing veins diverge very greatly from the primitive courses of the tracheae. In these instances, comparison with more generalized types aids in settling the identity of the principal veins.

**Venation.**—The complete system of veins of a wing is termed its *venation* or *neuration*. The venation presents characters of great systematic importance, but unfortunately the various systems of nomenclature in use are confusing both to the student and the specialist. The establishment of the different systems was made by entomologists whose work was uninfluenced by the modern conceptions of evolution. The result has been that the terminology of an individual author was usually only applicable within the limits of the particular order of insects which he studied. This lack of uniformity has made it incumbent upon the student to learn the particular nomenclature adopted by the authority whose works he may be studying. It is true, efforts have been made to introduce a common terminology for the venation, which shall be uniform throughout the different orders but, until the work of Comstock and Needham (1898), little success had been achieved. By means of an extensive study of the tracheae which precede, and in a general sense determine the positions of the veins, these writers have constructed a hypothetical type of venation (Fig. 28) from which all other types have presumably been derived. An examination of nymphal and pupal wings has also yielded valuable data for determining the homologies of the wing veins in the most diverse orders of insects. It is noteworthy that the conclusions drawn from the study of the ontogeny of living insects is largely confirmed by palaeontological evidence.

The following principal longitudinal veins (named after the pre-existing tracheae) may be distinguished, and reference to Fig. 28 shows their relations, and primitive branching, together with the abbreviations introduced by Comstock and Needham. The *costa* (*C*) is unbranched, the *sub-costa* (*Sc*) rarely branched, while the *radius* (*R*) in its least modified condition is 5-branched. The main stem of the radius divides into two, of which the first branch (*R₁*) passes directly to the wing margin; the second branch,
or radial sector \((R_3)\), ultimately divides into four branches \((R_s\) to \(R_3)\). The media \((M)\) is primitively 4-branched, the cubitus \((Cu)\) is 3-branched and there are three distinct anal veins \((1A, 2A, 3A)\). The latter are extremely variable and, in wings with a reduced anal area, some or all may be wanting. On the other hand, in insects with a well-developed anal area, one or more of the anal veins may exhibit branching. In instances where branching occurs, the branches differ from those of the other principal veins in that they do not appear to be derived from any uniform primitive type.

In the more generalized insects the wings are corrugated after the manner of a partially opened fan. Those veins which follow the ridges are termed by Comstock \textit{convex veins} and those which follow the furrows \textit{concave veins}.

Deviation from the primitive venational type has occurred in two ways, i.e., by reduction and by addition. In many insects the number of veins is less than in the hypothetical type, and the reduction has been brought about by the degeneration or complete atrophy of a vein, or of one or more of its branches, or by the coalescence of adjacent veins. Atrophy explains the presence of only a single well-developed anal vein in \textit{Rhyphus} (Fig. 30) and other Diptera, while the occurrence in this genus of a single vein \(R_2 +3\), in the place of the two originally separate veins \(R_s\) and \(R_3\) is due to coalescence. Similarly \(R_4\) and \(R_5\) have coalesced, and the single vein thus formed may be conveniently referred to under the abbreviation \(R_{4+5}\). Coalescence takes place in two ways: the point at which two veins diverge may become gradually pushed outwards nearer and nearer the margin of the wing until the latter is reached, and only a single vein remains evident. In the second method, the apices of the two veins may approximate, and ultimately fuse at a point on the wing margin: coalescence of this type takes place inwardly towards the base of the wing. The first type is well exhibited in the case of the radial veins of \textit{Rhyphus}, while the second method is exhibited in the apical fusion of \(1A\) and \(Cu\), in \textit{Tabanus} (Fig. 31). The homology of a particular vein is often difficult to determine, and resort has to be made to comparison with allied forms, which exhibit transitional stages in reduction, or to a study of the pupal venation.

In cases where an increase in the number of veins occurs, the multiplication of the latter is due either to an increase in the number of branches of a principal vein, or to the development of secondary longitudinal veins, between pre-existing veins. In no instance is there any increase in the number of principal veins present. For a more detailed acquaintance with the various modifications of the wing veins the textbook of Comstock (1918) should be consulted.

In the wings of certain of the most generalized insects, such as the fossil Palaeodictyoptera, an irregular network of veins is found between the principal longitudinal veins, but no definite cross veins are present (Fig. 32). To this primitive meshwork Tillyard (1918) has given the name \textit{archedictyon}. It appears to have undergone suppression in the Holometa-
bola, though it is very probably homologous with the still-existing dense reticulation present in certain orders of Exopterygota such as the Odonata. Needham (1903) from his studies of the wings of the latter order has discussed the transformation of such an irregular network into regular transverse veins, and reference to Fig. 32 is sufficient to explain his views as to the origin of the latter. Transitional stages in the evolution of definite cross-veins may also be observed in wings of the more specialized Paleodictyoptera and among living Orthoptera, where both irregular and definite cross-veins occur in the same wing. According to Tillyard, however, true cross-veins are later developments; and they are never preceded by tracheae and are almost always devoid of macrotrichia. Veinlets, on the other hand, are primitive and constitute the finer twigs of a principal vein: they are preceded by tracheae and carry macrotrichia (Fig. 33). Whether the archedictyon arose in connection with precedent tracheae in the wing-rudiment, or independently, is unknown. It is probable, therefore, that homologous cross-veins do not exist in many orders: their positions, however, in some cases are so constant that analogies, if not homologies, can be traced and similar names are applicable. The following cross-veins are the most important (Fig. 28)—

The humeral cross-vein (h) extending from the sub-costa to the costa, near the humeral angle of the wing.

The radial cross-vein (r) extending from R₁ to the radial sector (Rₛ).

The sectorial cross vein (s) extending from the stem R₂+₃ to R₄+₅ or from R₃ to R₄.

The radio-medial cross-vein (r-m) extending from the radius to the media, usually near the middle of the wing.

The medial cross-vein (m) extending between M₂ and M₃.

The medio-cubital cross-vein (m-cu) extending from the media to the cubitus.

Fig. 31.—Wing of Tabanus.
The veins divide the wings into spaces or cells. In the Comstock-Needham system the terminology of the cells is derived from the veins which form their anterior margins. The cells fall into two groups, i.e., basal cells and distal cells. The former are bounded by the principal veins, and the latter by the branches of the forked veins. Thus the cell situated behind the main stem of the radius, near the base of the wing, is cell $R_1$, while the cell behind the first branch of the radius is designated as cell $R_2$. When two veins coalesce the cell that was between them becomes obliterated. Thus when veins $R_2$ and $R_3$ fuse as in Rhyphus (Fig. 30), the cell situated behind the vein $R_{2+3}$ is referred to as cell $R_3$, and not cell $R_2$, cell $R_3$ having disappeared. Not infrequently two or more adjacent cells may become confluent owing to the atrophy of the vein or veins separating them. The compound cell is then designated by a combination of the abbreviations applied to the originally separate cells. Thus, a cell resulting from the fusion of cells $R$ and $M$, is referred to as cell $R+M$. 

The advantage of this relatively simple system of nomenclature is evident in the case of the so-called discal cell for example. The latter expression has been used in at least four separate orders of insects with reference to a different cell in each instance.

**Flight of Insects.**—The flight of insects is unlike that found elsewhere in the animal kingdom, not only with regard to the mechanism of flying, but also with reference to the nature of the wing stroke. The researches of Marey (1869) have contributed much towards an exact knowledge of this difficult subject and, among other methods, chronophotography was largely used by this observer. Marey was able to obtain 110 successive photographs per second of a bee in flight but as the wings were vibrating 190 times per second, the images obtained represented isolated though consecutive phases of wing movement. This observer was successful in obtaining clear but isolated images of vibrating wings after an exposure of only $\frac{1}{1000}$ of a second. According to Marey air-pressure is the main factor which determines the nature of the wing stroke. He concludes that the wing muscles only maintain the to and fro movements of the wings, while the flexibility of the wing membrane, when the latter meets the resistance offered by the air, causes the surface of the wing to be inclined at the most favourable angle. The result is that the path or trajectory made by the apex of the wing takes the form of a continuous series of the figure 8. This was determined by Marey, with the aid of a spangle of gold leaf, fixed to the extremity of a wasp’s wing. The insect was then held in the sun with a pair of forceps, in front of a dark background and,
under these conditions, a glistening 8-shaped trajectory was observed. The width of the loops of the 8 varies in different insects, and is also dependent upon the speed of motion, and the varying action of the wing muscles. Another factor to be taken into account is the nature of the basal articulations of the wings. It is a matter of controversy whether the articulatory mechanism alone causes the wing to pass through the air, along the course indicated by Marey, or whether the basal articulation is sufficiently flexible to admit of air pressure alone forcing the wing out of what would otherwise have been a simple to and fro motion. Lendenfeld (1881) maintains that the course of the wing is entirely determined by the nature of its basal articulation and the action of the wing muscles. It is not unlikely that among the Odonata, in which the flight mechanism attains a high degree of complexity, these two factors are important contributory causes.

For the purpose of determining the frequency of their movements, wings may be regarded in the same way as vibrating wires. A record thereof may be obtained graphically by means of a revolving cylinder covered with smoked paper, the least contact of the tip of the wing removing the black, and exposing the white paper beneath. If the record thus obtained be compared with one made on the same paper by means of a tuning fork, of an ascertained period of vibration, the frequency of wing movement can be determined with great accuracy. By this method, it was calculated that a house-fly makes 330 strokes per second, a bee 190, a moth (*Macroglossa*) 72, a dragon-fly 28 and a butterfly (*Pieris*) 9 strokes per second.

**Origin of Wings.**—Two principal theories have been advanced to account for the origin of wings in insects. (1) The *tracheal gill theory* of Gegenbaur which has been upheld by Lubbock, Graber, Lang, Verson, Woodworth and many others. According to this theory, wings are derived from thoracic tracheal gills, which have lost their original function and become adapted for purposes of flight. Tracheal gills, however, are very inconstant in position, and may be developed from the dorsal aspect of the terga, from the sterna or the pleura, at the apex of the abdomen, on the head and even between the wings. Furthermore, there is good reason to believe that if the tracheal gill theory were upheld, we should have to conclude that the ancestors of winged insects were temporarily aquatic, and thus acquired gills, which subsequently developed into wings when these animals became air breathers for the second time. (2) The alternative theory has been conveniently termed by Crampton (1916) the *paranotal theory*. It is due to Muller (1873–75), and among the supporters of this view are Korschelt and Heider, Packard, Comstock and Needham, Handlirsch and others. It is maintained that wings arose in the first instance as lateral expansions (paranota) of the thoracic terga—a view which is not inconsistent with the facts of wing development.
among the lower Pterygota. These expansions are very similar to those found on the prothorax of *Stenodictya* (Fig. 34) and other fossil insects. They are also present on nymphs of *Calotermes* (Fig. 35), and in certain Mantids, Lepismids and Heteroptera, as well as on the abdominal region in various Phasmids. There is, indeed, an inherent tendency towards the development of such structures in diverse groups of insects and in other Arthropods. During the course of their evolution, it is believed that the tergal expansions became sufficiently large to function somewhat after the manner of parachutes, in insects which possessed a tendency to leap. At a later stage, it is claimed, they acquired direct articulation with the tergal region, became supplied with tracheae and developed the power of independent movement.

An extended discussion of these, and other theories which have been put forward to account for the origin of insect wings, is given by Woodworth (1906) and Crampton (1916).

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THE ABDOMEN

(a) Segmentation of the Abdomen

The abdomen (Fig. 1) is composed of a series of segments which are more equally developed than in the other regions of the body. For the most part they retain their simple annular form, the terga and sterna are generally undivided shields, while the pleura are membranous and usually without differentiated sclerites. Reduction or special modification of certain of the segments is evident at the anterior as well as at the caudal end of the abdomen, but more especially in the latter region, and this specialization increases from the lower to the higher orders. The abdominal segments are sometimes designated *uromeres* and their primitive number as revealed by embryology is eleven. In the embryos of many insects there is a terminal region or *telson* but it is rarely found in the imagines. The telson never bears appendages or other metameric organs and, for this reason, does not come under the category of a true segment. As a rule, the number of segments becomes reduced during development, either by coalescence or atrophy; the actual number present in adult insects is frequently very difficult to ascertain owing to the telescoping, or other modifications, which have taken place at the caudal extremity. Among adult insects eleven segments are retained, for example, in the Thysanura and Odonata: the *podical plates*, or sclerites, which bear the cerci in the lower Pterygota, probably represent vestiges of the eleventh segment. Ten segments are recognizable in other of the more primitive orders and the tergum of the last segment, whatever its numerical designation may be, is frequently referred to as the *suranal plate* or *pygidium*. In the higher orders, a progressive modification by reduction is met with until only three or four abdominal segments are visible, as in the Chrysididae. The Protura differ from all other insects in that the number of abdominal segments increases during post-embryonic development, the exceptional number of twelve being present in the adults. The Collembola are also exceptional in possessing never more than six segments, either in the embryo or the adult. In most insects the first abdominal segment, and more especially its sternum, is reduced or vestigial. In the Hymenoptera-Apocrita, however, this somite becomes fused with the metathorax during the change from the larva to the pupa and is known as the *propodeum, epinotum*, or *median segment*.

In many insects, more especially certain of those whose eggs are deposited within plant tissues or in other concealed situations, the distal abdominal segments become attenuated and often telescoped, one into the other, to form a retractile tube which is used as an ovipositor. This modification is well exhibited in the Cerambycidae, Cecidomyidae, Trypaneidae, Muscidae and other families. A true ovipositor is of an appendicular nature and is dealt with in the next section.
Appendages and Processes of the Abdomen

In the embryos of most insects a pair of appendages is borne on each of the abdominal segments but not on the telson. Those of the first seven segments usually disappear during embryonic life, but a variable number are retained as adult organs in the Apterygota, and as larval organs in some Pterygota. The appendages of the 11th segment are frequently retained as cerci which probably represent the endopodites of a pair of crustacean limbs. Cerci occur in both sexes and are often long and multiarticulate as in Thysanura, Plecoptera and Ephemeroptera; in the Blattidæ they are shorter, and in the Locustidæ they are reduced to a single joint, or they may be papilliform as in many termites. In the Dermaptera and Japygidae they are modified into forceps and in the nymphs of zygop-
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are frequently developed as modifications and outgrowths of the body-wall. In the Machilidæ (Fig. 40, A) a pair of gonapophyses is present in relation with the 8th segment as in the female.

The homologies of the genitalia are extremely difficult to determine and the following views are held by various authorities with regard to their morphology (Fig. 36).

1) That they represent the abdominal appendages of the 8th, 9th and 10th segments. This view receives support from the investigations of Wheeler (1893) who states that in Xiphidiwm there is direct continuity between the embryonic appendages of those segments and the genitalia. Owing to the very early fusion of their corresponding segments, the appendages of the 10th segment come to lie between those of the 9th, the latter thus coming to bear two pairs.

In certain of the lower orders, where the genitalia are but little specialized, the outer gonapophyses of the 9th segment remain as unmodified genital styles which are well seen in the males of Periplaneta and the Isoptera: in the sterile castes of the latter order they are frequently present in this condition in both sexes.

2) That they represent the appendages of the 8th and 9th segments, those of the latter somite having undergone subdivision. This view is held by Dewitz and many other morphologists, while Crampton homologizes the double appendages of the 9th segment with the exopodites and endopodites of crustacean limbs.
(3) That they are secondarily developed outgrowths of the body-wall differing from true appendages in being wholly ventral in position (Heymons).

On the whole the balance of opinion inclines towards the theory of appendicular origin [(2) above].

Under the category of abdominal processes are the clasping organs of the 2nd abdominal segment of male Odonata, the gills of many aquatic nymphs and larvae, the pseudopods of certain larval Diptera and the median terminal "cercus" of Thysanura and Ephemeroptera.

General Literature on the Abdomen and Genitalia

THE ENDOSELETON

IN certain regions of the body the integument becomes invaginated and greatly chitinized, forming rigid processes which serve for the attachment of muscles and the support of certain other organs. This internal framework is termed the endoskeleton and its individual parts are known as apodemes. The latter arise as invaginations of the body-wall between adjacent sclerites, or at the edge of a sclerite or segment. In some insects the mouths of the invaginations persist throughout life but, more usually, the latter become completely solid through the deposition of chitin.

The endoskeleton is divisible into (a) the tentorium and (b) the endo-thorax.

(a) The Tentorium (Figs 41, 42)

This name is given to the endoskeleton of the head and, in generalized insects, it is composed of two or three pairs of apodemes which pass inwards and coalesce. The functions of the tentorium are—(1) to afford a basis for the attachment of many of the cephalic muscles and, at the same time, to give rigidity to the head; (2) to lend support to the brain and fore-intestine; (3) to strengthen the points of articulation of certain of the mouth-parts. The apodemes which enter into the formation of the cephalic endoskeleton are termed the anterior, posterior and dorsal arms of the tentorium according to their positions. The inner ends of these arms fuse with those of the opposite side of the head and the median skeletal part, thus formed, is termed the body of the tentorium.

The anterior arms of the tentorium.—The invaginations which
form these apodemes are situated one on either side of the junction of the clypeus with the frons. In cases where the ante-coxal pieces of the mandibles are developed they are located on the latter sclerites. Among the Blattidae the anterior arms fuse basally to form a broad frontal plate of the tentorium: between the latter and the body of the tentorium is a foramen through which pass the para-oesophageal connectives. In Diptera the anterior arms are in the form of hollow intra-cranial tunnels.

The posterior arms of the tentorium.—The apodemes of these processes are formed as two invaginations which are placed, one on either side of the head, immediately above the articulation of the cardo of the maxilla. In many Orthoptera the open mouths of the invaginations persist on the surface of the head capsule.

The dorsal arms of the tentorium.—The dorsal arms arise very near the bases of articulation of the antennæ and pass inwards, between the two preceding with the sides of the body of the tentorium. They are often slender, or tendon-like, and may be wanting altogether.

The body of the tentorium.—This is a median plate which is often large and its shape varies to some extent in conformity with that of the head: thus, in the soldiers of many termites it is elongate, while in the workers it is a relatively narrow band.

(b) The Endothorax (Figs. 43, 44)

Under the term endothorax is included the endoskeleton of the thorax. It is composed of invaginations of the tergal, pleural and sternal regions of a segment and these several apodemes may be conveniently termed the endotergites, the endopleurites and the endosternites respectively.

The endotergites or phragmas arise as transverse infoldings between adjacent tergites. Their main function is to provide increased attachment for the longitudinal tergal muscles, and they are principally developed in winged insects. The phragmas arise differently in different insects according to whether the postnotum is present or not and, furthermore, they may be attached either to the hind margin of a tergite, or to the frontal margin of the sclerite immediately behind. In cases where the postnotum is wanting, the phragma is developed in relation with the notum and is termed a prephragma. When the postnotum is also present the phragma developed in relation with it is termed the...
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*postphragma.* Both a pre- and post-phragma may be carried by either the meso- or meta-thorax in some orders of insects, but no phragma is ever borne by the prothorax. These apodemes commonly lie between adjacent segments and, consequently, an individual phragma is regarded as belonging to the segment behind it. Three phragmas are usually present, the first being situated between the pro- and meso-terga, and the third between the meta-tergum and the first abdominal tergum. For a discussion of the morphology of these apodemes vide Snodgrass (1920, p. 57).

The endopleurites or lateral apodemes are infoldings between the pleurites. In a typical wing-bearing segment of most insects there is a single apodeme on either side and it is known as the pleural ridge. The latter terminates in the wing process above, the coxal process below, and often bears an inwardly projecting pleural arm. The endopleurites are well developed in the Odonata where, according to Berlese, there are five pairs. In *Melanoplus* the mouths of the primitive invaginations remain open in the adult insects (Comstock).

The endosternites (apophyses of some writers) are commonly represented by the furca; each furca is a median apodeme, unpaired at its base, with two free distal arms. In many Orthoptera, for example, there is also a median unbranched apodeme or *spina* which lies behind the furca. In the Odonata the endosternites are paired, and are inclined so far inwards, towards the median line, that they almost meet over the nerve cord. In the honey bee those of the prothorax fuse to form a suproneural bridge, and the combined meso- and meta-thoracic endosternites together form a second bridge of a similar character.

The chitinized tendons of certain muscles and the small integumentary invaginations for muscle-attachments, other than the apodemes mentioned above, also come under the designation of endoskeleton.

**Literature on the Endoskeleton**

THE MUSCULAR SYSTEM

The muscles of insects are, for the most part, translucent and either colourless or grey, but the wing muscles frequently exhibit a yellow, orange, or brown tinge. Unlike vertebrate muscles, the fibres of both the voluntary and involuntary muscles of insects are cross-striated, the striae being generally very conspicuous and easily seen. Insect muscles also differ fundamentally from those of the Annelida not only in histological structure, but also in the fact that they are never incorporated with the layers of the body-wall to form a dermo-muscular tube.

In the case of most of the voluntary muscles, and those of the appendages in particular, one of the extremities of a muscle is attached to a relatively stationary skeletal part and the other is attached to the region or organ which is movable. The attachment to the stationary base is the origin and that to the movable part is the insertion of the muscle. In many instances the fibres of a muscle are directly fixed into the parts which serve as the origin and insertion. In others chitinous cords, bands, or integumentary invaginations known as tendons intervene between the points of attachment and the actual muscle as, for example, in the muscles of the mandibles.

(a) Histology of the Muscles (Figs. 45-47)

As already mentioned, the muscle fibres of insects are prominently striated and, in those of the leg and other parts, the striae are clearly visible in the living untreated tissue. In suitably stained preparations the striae are observable throughout the muscles of the body, including those of the alimentary canal, and the delicate fibres in the walls of the heart. Each fibre consists of a number of highly elastic longitudinal fibrillae or sarcostyles which are composed of alternate light (isotropic) and dark (anisotropic) portions. By the juxtaposition of the light and dark zones in adjacent fibrils the familiar banded or cross-striated appearance of muscle is produced (Fig. 45). In the middle of each clear band or zone is a transverse septum termed Krause’s membrane to which the sarcostyles are joined. This membrane is composed of a network of radially distributed threads, which cut across the muscle fibre, thus dividing it into short lengths or sarcomeres. A muscle fibre may be regarded as a greatly attenuated multinucleate cell which is bounded by a delicate coat or sarcolemma. The

![Diagram](image-url)
fibre contains a certain amount of undifferentiated protoplasm or sarco-
plasm in which the sarcostyles are embedded. When a nerve-impulse
is received the component fibres of a muscle shorten,
the process being attributed to the shortening of
the dark bands of the individual sarcostyles. The
contraction of the muscle as a whole results in the
movement of the part or organ concerned. When
the stimulus ceases the radial fibres, by their elas-
ticity, are believed to bring the sarcostyles back
into the position assumed when relaxed. The fibres
of the wing-muscles are considerably larger than
those of the other voluntary muscles, their sarco-
styles are embedded in a greater amount of sarco-
plasm, and the sarcolemma is wanting. Further-
more, the striations of the fibres of the wing-
muscles are less distinct and the nuclei are central
in position, whereas those of the leg-muscles, for
example, are situated peripherally.

The involuntary muscles of insects exhibit a totally different structure
from those of vertebrates and, in their striated appearance and frequent
tendency to branching, they bear a resem-
b lance to cardiac muscle. The detailed struc-
ture of insect muscle and its interpretation
are dealt with in appropriate textbooks, and
reference should also be made to original
papers by van Gehuchten (1886) and Janet
(1895).

Two views are held with regard to the
nature of the muscle attachments. According
to Snethlage (1905), Holmgren (1910) and
others the muscles are directly inserted upon
the cuticle. On the other hand Henneguy
(1906), for example, states that they are
attached to the hypodermal cells, which fre-
quently exhibit a fibrillar structure or become
greatly elongated where the attachment occurs.
Janet has investigated the subject in Hymen-
optera and finds that the fibrillae which
traverse the hypodermal cells, and unite with
the muscle fibres, are composed of chitin and
are of dermal origin. In cases where the insertion is of a more solid nature
these fibrillae fuse to form a cup-like base of attachment. Greatly elon-
gated hypodermal cells, which are devoid of any fibrillar structure, form the
bases of attachment of certain of the muscles of termites and other insects.

(b) Arrangement of the Muscles (Myology) (Figs. 48, 49)

In general arrangement the muscular system corresponds with the
 segmentation of the body and is exhibited in its least modified condition
in the Apterygota, the lower Pterygota and in many larvae. The number
of muscles is very great: in a lepidopterous larva there are about 2000,
and in the imagines of several orders the number is correspondingly increased
owing to the development of wings. With few exceptions, the somatic
muscles are paired, thereby conforming to the general bilateral symmetry of the body, and the names of the muscles generally indicate the origins and insertions, or the functions, of the latter. The splanchnic muscles on the other hand, usually exhibit no such symmetry and, as they do not come under the general category of myology, they are dealt with in the sections devoted to the different internal organs.

Although detailed studies of the musculature of several types of insects are available, the homologies of the various muscles are often difficult to determine and no uniform terminology has been evolved. The points of attachment of apparently homologous muscles also vary to some extent in different insects, and the subject of comparative myology is not sufficiently advanced for general treatment. The principal muscles of an orthopterous insect (Gryllus) are enumerated below (mainly after Voss and Du Porte), but to deal adequately with all those present would encroach upon more space than is available and demand a wealth of illustration. On account of the musculature exhibiting its most generalized condition in the abdomen, the myology of this region will be considered first and the cephalic muscles last.

A. The Abdominal Muscles.—The principal muscles of a typical abdominal segment may be grouped into the following series.

1. LONGITUDINAL. These are divisible into tergal and sternal muscles. They arise from the tergum or sternum, as the case may be, and are inserted into the corresponding region of the segment behind. They function as retractorsof the abdomen and the two groups, working together, telescope the abdomen. Acting alone, the sternal muscles curve the abdomen downwards and the tergal muscles straighten it or bend it upwards.

2. DORSO-VENTRAL. This series consists of the tergo-ternal muscles; they arise from the tergum of their segment and, passing downwards, are inserted into the sternum. Along with most of the pleural muscles, they bring about the expiratory process by approximating the tergum and sternum thereby compressing the segment.

3. PLEURAL. These consist of sterno-pleural and nato-pleural muscles. The former originate from the sternum and are inserted on the pleura or the spiracles; the latter muscles arise from the tergum and are likewise inserted into the pleura.

In addition to the above, there are also special muscles concerned with the movements of the genitalia and cerci.
B. The Thoracic Muscles.—The chief groups of muscles of a wing-bearing segment are as follows.

1. LONGITUDINAL. As in the abdomen these are divisible into tergal and sternal muscles.

2. DORSAL-VENTRAL. These are divisible into tergo-sternal and noto-pedal muscles. The latter take their origin from the tergum and are inserted into the bases of the legs: they are divided by Berlese into noto-subcoxal, noto-coxal and noto-trochanteric muscles, according to the positions of their insertions. They principally function as extensors and flexors of the coxae and extensors of the femora.

3. PLEURAL. Of these muscles there are four groups, viz., the pleuro-pedal, noto-pleural, sterno-pleural and sterno-pedal muscles. They are concerned with the movements of the coxae and femora, with the elevation and depression of the tergum thereby raising or lowering the wings, and with the compression of the pleura.

4. THE LEG-MUSCLES.—In addition to the noto-pedal and certain of the pleural muscles, which are concerned with the movements of the legs as a whole, there are also a number of muscles which lie within the joints of the legs. These latter include the flexors and extensors of the femora, tibiae and tarsi and the flexors of the claws.

C. Cephalic Muscles.—The principal muscles of the head may be divided into (a) cervical muscles, (b) muscles of the mouth-parts and (c), muscles of the antennae.

(a) The CERVICAL MUSCLES.—These control the movements of the head and are classified into levators, depressors, retractors, and rotators according to their function. They take their origin from the prothorax and cervicium and are inserted into the tentorium and epicranium.

(b) The MUSCLES OF THE MOUTH-PARTS. — Associated with the labrum are two pairs of muscles:

1. The levators. A pair of contiguous muscles originating in the middle of the frons and becoming inserted into the base of the labrum.

2. The depressors. These muscles arise on the head capsule and are inserted into the base of the labrum on either side of the levators.

The mandibular muscles consist of—

3. The adductor (flexor). This large muscle has an extensive origin on the roof and back of the head, and is inserted, by means of a plate-like tendon, into the inner angle of the base of the mandible. In many insects a second or short adductor is also present.

4. The adductor (extensor).—The origin of this muscle is on the upper lateral portion of the epicranium and its tendinous insertion is on the outer basal angle of the mandible.

The principal maxillary muscles are as follows—

5. The adductors. These form a large group of three muscles which take their
origin from the lower surface of the central plate of the tentorium, and are inserted into the cardo and the base of the stipes.

6. The abductor. This muscle originates from the posterior region of the epicranium near the abductor of the mandible and is inserted into the cardo.

7. The adductor of the galea. A muscle which originates from the base of the stipes and has its insertion in the inner angle of the base of the galea.

8. The adductor of the lacinia. This muscle arises near to the attachment of the previous muscle and is inserted into the inner basal angle of the lacinia.

9 and 10. The flexor and extensor of the palpus. Both these muscles arise within the stipes and are attached respectively into the inner and outer sides of the base of the palpus. The joints of the palpus are also movable by means of separate muscles.

The muscles of the labium are—

11. The retractors. These are a pair of elongate muscles which arise from the tentorium and are inserted near the base of the paraglossa on either side.

12. The abductors. A pair of muscles arising from the tentorium and passing to the outer angles of the mentum.

13. The adductors. These two muscles arise near together from the submentum and become attached to the anterior margin of the mentum.

14. The adductor of the paraglossa. This muscle takes its origin from the prementum and is inserted into the base of the paraglossa of its side.

15. The adductor of the glossa. This muscle has a similar origin to 14 and is inserted into the base of the glossa.

A flexor and extensor muscle is inserted into the basal joint of the labial palpus and there are also separate muscles concerned with the movements of the other joints of that organ.

The hypopharynx is extremely mobile and, according to Du Porte, it is provided with depressor, levator, compressor and retractor muscles.

(c) The muscles of the antennae—

1. The extensor. These three muscles arise from the tentorium and are inserted respectively into the outer, inner and ventral side of the base of the first antennal joint.

D. Muscles of Flight.—The flight of insects has been alluded to on p. 37 and the mechanism of the process has been studied by Ritter (Smithsonian Misc. Coll. 56, 1912) in Calliphora and by other observers. The elevation and depression of the wings are brought about by certain of the great thoracic muscles which act indirectly upon those organs by compressing the thorax in the longitudinal and vertical directions. A second series of muscles are attached to the roots of the wings and act upon the latter directly. They change the shape and positions of the wings and probably function in steering. In Calliphora there are ten pairs of direct muscles but they are small and weak. The Odonata differ from other insects in that the great thoracic muscles concerned with flight are directly attached to the wing-bases.

Descriptions of the musculature are to be found in the following works: Lyonnet on the larva of Cossus; Straus-Durckheim on Melolontha; in Newport’s article “Insecta”; Kunckel d’Herculais on Voincella; Lowne on Calliphora; Hewitt on Musca; Miall and Denny on Periplaneta; Tillyard on the Odonata; and Berlese on the Protura. In addition to the above, the following special studies of the musculature may be mentioned: Lubbock (1858) and Forbes (1914) on that of lepidopterous larvae; Du Porte (1920) on the general myology of Gryllus, the detailed work of Voss (1905) on the thoracic muscles in the same insect and that of Bauer (1910) on Dytiscus.

(c) Muscular Power

The relative muscular force exerted by insects is very great and is in inverse proportion to their weight. In the well-known experiments of Plateau (1865–66) it was shown that the ratio of the weight lifted to the weight of the body was 25.5 in a small insect (Nebria brevicollis); 23.5 in Apis mellifica; and 14.3 in Melolontha, which is relatively large. In
man, however, the ratio is only $0.86$, and in the horse $0.5$ to $0.83$. These differences are no longer evident if we consider the **absolute muscular force** or contractile force per unit area of section which provides more reliable comparative data (Plateau, 1884). The contractile force of muscles of the same kind depends upon the number and thickness of the fibres, i.e., upon the sectional area of the muscles. If the size of an animal and its muscles be increased on a uniform scale, the sectional area (or strength) of a given muscle will increase as the square of its diameter, while the weight of the muscle increases as the cube of a single dimension. The ratio of contractile force to weight, therefore, becomes rapidly smaller as the size of an animal increases and, consequently, the larger insect is comparatively weaker, though actually stronger since its total muscular force is greater. Viewed in this light, the actual value for the relative muscular force of the bee in comparison with that of the horse is only one-fourth of the calculated ratio, supposing both animals were of similar construction, and their muscle fibres were of equal contractile force per unit of sectional area. It is evident, therefore, that the contractile force of vertebrate muscle is greater than that of insect muscle. A résumé and discussion of this subject is given by Miall and Denny ("The Cockroach," p. 79).

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II. **Myology.**


THE NERVOUS SYSTEM

I. The General Nervous System

The nervous system of insects may be divided into the central nervous system, the visceral nervous system and the peripheral sensory nervous system.

(a) The Central Nervous System

This constitutes the principal division of the nervous system and is composed of a double series of ganglia which are joined together by means of longitudinal and transverse cords or strands of nerve fibres (Fig. 50). The longitudinal cords are termed connectives and they serve to join a pair of ganglia with those which precede and succeed it. The transverse fibres or commissure unite the two ganglia of a pair. Typically there is a pair of ganglia in each segment of the body, but the members of a pair are usually so closely united that they appear as a single ganglion, the commissure being no longer evident. The connectives are separate and distinct throughout the body as in Machilis and Corydalis, or in the thorax only as in the Orthoptera, Coleoptera and many lepidopterous larvae, but usually they are so closely approximated as to appear as a single longitudinal cord. In many cases the ganglia of adjacent segments coalesce to form ganglionic centres. Two of the latter are always present in the head, and varying degrees of coalescence of the thoracic and abdominal ganglia are revealed by a comparative study of the nervous system in different orders of insects (vide Brandt 1879).

Seen in transverse sections, a typical nerve ganglion is invested by a synctytial membrane or epineurium which also forms the covering coat of the principal nerves. Beneath the epineurium are groups of nerve or ganglion cells enclosing a central medullary substance or neurospongium. The ganglion cells are for the most part unipolar and are chiefly evident by their nuclei, the cytoplasm being of relatively small amount. The neurospongium is formed by the

Fig. 50.—Central Nervous System of Forficula.

a.n., antennary nerve; b, brain; s.g., subesophageal ganglion; th1, thoracic ganglia; 11-14, nerves to legs; a1-a6, first and terminal abdominal ganglia.
fine twigs of the axons of the ganglion cells which are held together by means of a variable amount of neuroglia; when viewed in sections the neurospongium presents a punctured appearance owing to the twigs being cut across in large numbers (Viallanes, 1886). The nerve fibres of insects resemble those of the grey or non-myelinated type in vertebrates and each is enclosed in a delicate sheath or neurilemma.

The central nervous system is divisible into the brain or cerebral ganglion, the suboesophageal ganglion and the ventral nerve cord.

I. The **Brain** (Figs. 51–53) lies just above the oesophagus between the supporting apodemes of the tentorium. It is the dorsal ganglionic centre of the head and is formed by the coalescence of the first three neuromeres in the embryo. This three-fold division is maintained in the completed organ which is divided into corresponding regions which are designated the **protocerebrum**, the **deutocebrum** and the **tritocerebrum** respectively. Among the chief writings on the structure of the brain are those of Viallanes (1886–1887), Haller (1905), Janet (1905), and Jonescu (1909).

The **protocerebrum** represents the fused pair of ganglia of the optic segment. It forms the greater part of the brain and innervates the com-
pound eyes and ocelli. The protocerebrum is divisible into (1) the protocerebral lobes, and (2) the optic lobes.

(1) The protocerebral lobes are fused together along the median line to form a bi-lobed ganglion. They are composed of a cortex, consisting of an immense number of small ganglion cells, which surround a central core of nerve fibres constituting the medulla. The two lobes are interconnected by a median commissural system termed the central body, towards which fibres converge from various parts of the brain. In addition to the central body there are two smaller commissures, viz. the anterior and posterior dorsal. The anterior dorsal commissure ("commissure cérébrale supérieure" of Viallanes) passes in front of and above the central body. The posterior dorsal commissure ("pont des lobes protocérébraux" of Viallanes) is a J-shaped fibre-tract lying behind the former commissure. The most conspicuous formations in the protocerebral lobes are the mushroom or stalked bodies which are regarded by many investigators as the principal motor and psychic centres of the brain. Each mushroom body rests on the surface of the protocerebrum and is divisible into an outer and an inner lobe. These lobes are each formed of a peripheral layer of nerve cells and a central fibrous tract, the latter being deeply indented to form the calyx. The fibres are produced downwards to form the stalk and the two stalks of a mushroom body coalesce further inwards, thus giving rise to the main peduncle which is inserted deeply in the medulla. In the region of the brain, between the mushroom bodies, are four small ocellar lobes from each of which an ocellar nerve takes its origin. The two outer nerves supply the paired ocelli, while the two inner nerves unite just outside the brain to form a single nerve supplying the median ocellus.

(2) The optic lobes (optic ganglia or optic tract) form the most highly complex region of the brain and their degree of development is in direct relation with that of the zones or tracts of nerve tissues which are connected by a similar number of layers of nerve fibres (Figs. 53 and 71). The ganglionic layer or plate (periopticon) is the zone nearest the eye and is connected with the inner ends of the ommatidia (vide p. 73) by the layer of post-retinal fibres. The middle zone is termed the external medullary mass (epiopticon) and is connected with the ganglionic plate by means of the external chiasma which is formed by the crossing of nerve fibres. The inner zone is the internal medullary mass (opticon), the latter is united with the preceding zone by means of the internal chiasma. The nerve fibres of this layer cross completely in a manner similar to those of the external chiasma. The fibres of the optic nerve issue from the inner aspect of the internal medullary mass and divide into anterior and posterior bundles, which pass to the centre of the protocerebrum. The whole structure of the optic lobes is extremely complex; their histology is described by Viallanes (1885), and in papers by Hickson and other writers who have investigated the structure of the compound eyes (vide p. 89).

The deutocerebrum represents the fused ganglia of the antennary segment. It is chiefly composed of the paired antennary or olfactory lobes which are prominent swellings situated on the antero-ventral aspect of the brain and innervate the antennae.

The so-called dorsal lobe is chiefly represented by a transverse fibrous tract situated above the antennary lobes and serving to connect the latter together. Each half of

![Fig. 52.—Generalized Diagram of the Three Pair of Ganglia forming the Brain.](image)
the dorsal lobe is connected with the protocerebral lobe of the opposite side by means of a chiasma ("cordon chiasmique" of Viallanes) and the antennary lobe is connected with the mushroom body of its side and the central body by the optico-olfactory chiasma. Arising from the deutocerebrum are four pairs of nerves as follows: the antennary nerves are the longest and most important, and are the sensory nerves of the antenna; each has two roots, one of which is derived from the antennary lobe of its side and the other from the dorsal lobe. The accessory antennal nerves issue from the antennary lobes and are the motor nerves of the appendages concerned. The tegumentary nerves are a pair of slender strands arising from the dorsal lobe and passing to the vertex. Arising near the origin of the latter nerves are the roots of the asophageal ganglia. According to some authorities the fibres of the paired nerves supplying the median ocellus take their origin from the deutocerebrum.

The TRITOCEREBRUM is formed by the ganglia of the third or intercalary segment of the head. It is divided into two small widely separated lobes which are attached to the dorsal lobe of the deutocerebrum and receive nerve fibres from the latter. The tritocerebral lobes are joined together by means of the post-asophageal commissure which passes immediately behind the œsophagus. They also give origin to (1) the para-asophageal connectives or crura cerebri which unite the brain with the subœsophageal ganglion, and (2) the labro-frontal nerves. Each of the latter consists of two bundles of fibres, one of which passes to the labrum as the labral nerve, and the other forms the root of the frontal ganglion.

2. The Subœsophageal Ganglion is the ventral ganglionic centre of the head and is formed by the fusion of the ganglia of the mandibular, maxillary and labial segments. It gives off paired nerves supplying their respective appendages.

3. The Ventral Nerve Cord consists of a series of ganglia lying on the floor of the thorax and abdomen. They are united into a longitudinal chain by means of a pair of connectives which issue from the posterior border of the subœsophageal ganglion. The first three ganglia are situated one in each of the thoracic segments, and are known as the thoracic ganglia; the remainder lie in the abdomen and form the ganglia of that region. The thoracic ganglia control the locomotory organs. Each ganglion gives off two pairs of principal nerves, one of which supplies the general musculature of the segment and the other innervates the muscles of the legs. In the meso- and meta-thorax an additional pair of nerves is present which controls the movements of the wings.

The abdominal ganglia are variable in number; in Machilis and in many larvæ there are eight ganglia in the abdomen but as a rule there are fewer. The first abdominal ganglion frequently coalesces with that of the meta-thorax and the terminal ganglion is always composite. The latter is of the nature of a ganglionic centre formed by the fusion of at least three
primitive ganglia. Each abdominal ganglion gives off a pair of principal nerves to the muscles of its segment.

(b) The Visceral Nervous System

The visceral or sympathetic nervous system is divided into oesophageal sympathetic and ventral sympathetic systems.

1. The **Oesophageal Sympathetic** (or Stomatogastric) Nervous System (Fig. 54) is directly connected with the brain and innervates the fore and middle intestine, heart and certain other parts. It is dorsal in position, lying above and at the side of the fore intestine and is divisible into two principal types as below.

The first type is well exhibited in the Blattidae and is composed of the following ganglia and nerves. A small triangular frontal ganglion lies above the oesophagus, a short distance in front of the brain. Anteriorly it gives off a frontal nerve which passes to the clypeus, and a pair of lateral roots connect the frontal ganglion with the tritocerebrum. Posteriorly the frontal ganglion gives off a recurrent nerve which extends along the mid-dorsal line of the oesophagus and, passing just beneath the brain, expands a short distance behind the latter centre into a hypocerebral ganglion. The recurrent nerve leaves the hypocerebral ganglion and passes backwards to the hinder region of the fore-intestine, where it terminates in a ventricular or stomachic ganglion. The latter innervates the adjacent region of the fore and middle intestine. A pair of oesophageal or pharyngeal ganglia lies on the oesophagus just behind the brain and each ganglion is joined with the hypocerebral ganglion. They are also connected with the deutocerebrum by roots which have already been alluded to. Closely associated with the oesophageal ganglia are the corpora allata (vide p. 127) which are frequently referred to as posterior oesophageal ganglia.

The second type of oesophageal nervous system (exhibited for example in the saltatorial Orthoptera) differs in that the stomatogastric nerve is paired, each nerve terminating in a separate ventricular ganglion.

1 In the Blattidae and certain other families the hypocerebral ganglion is more or less atrophied.
2. The ventral sympathetic nervous system (Fig. 55), when typically developed, consists of a pair of transverse nerves associated with each ganglion of the ventral nerve cord, and each pair is connected with the ganglion preceding it by a median longitudinal nerve. The transverse nerves pass to the spiracles of their segment and dilate into one or more small ganglionic enlargements along their course. Arising from the last abdominal ganglion are the splanchnic nerves which pass to the hind-intestine and the reproductive system.

(c) The Peripheral Sensory Nervous System (Fig. 56)

This system is composed of an exceedingly delicate plexus of nerve fibres and multipolar nerve cells situated in the integument below the hypodermis. Certain of the processes of the nerve cells are continuous with those of bipolar nerve cells whose terminal prolongations innervate the sensory hairs on the general surface of the body. The larger fibres of this plexus are derived from the paired nerves of the central nervous system (vide Holmgren 1896; Hilton 1902).
method of feeding; (2) the degree of development of the special sense organs; and (3) with the perfection of the psychic faculties. Thus, in mandibulate insects (Orthoptera, Coleoptera), with an oesophagus of relatively wide calibre, the para-oesophageal connectives are elongate, the post-oesophageal commissure is free, and the tritocerebrum is largely separate from the deutocerebrum. On the other hand, in sucking insects (Hemiptera, Diptera and Hymenoptera) the oesophagus is a narrow conduit for the passage of liquid food. The surrounding nerve centres are very much concentrated and the para-oesophageal connectives greatly contracted. With regard to the sense organs, the optic lobes are very large in insects with correspondingly well developed eyes and poorly developed, or absent, in species with degenerate visual organs, or without eyes. In so far as

![Diagram of the central nervous system showing degrees of concentration.](image)

**Fig. 57.—Schematic Figures of the Central Nervous System showing Degrees of Concentration, based upon Various Authors.**

A, Machilis (Oudemans); B, Chironomus (Brandt); C, Stratiomyia (Runcell d'Hercula); D, Musca (Hewitt). 1–3, thoracic ganglia; 4, 6, abdominal ganglia; 5, antennary nerve; 6, optic lobe; 7, sub-oesophageal ganglion; 8, nerves to legs; 10, 11, dorsal thoracic nerves; 12, abdominal nerve cord.

the "psychic" development or "intelligence" is concerned, it is noteworthy that Dujardin, Forel, Viallaines and others maintain that it is in direct relation to the degree of development of the mushroom bodies. It is true that important differences are exhibited in the simple mushroom bodies found in Tabanidae and Odonata, where each is unilobed, and the same structures in locusts and Periplaneta where they are bilobed, or in the higher Hymenoptera where they attain a size and complexity not found elsewhere. Thus in Vespa, Apis and Bombus they cover the larger part of the dorsal surface of the brain and, in the first mentioned genus, the calyces are folded, so as to increase their surface, in a manner which recalls the mammalian cerebral convolutions. On the other hand the structural differences between the mushroom bodies in the Odonata and
Periplaneta do not appear to be correlated with a higher development, as judged by their activities and powers of perception, in the latter insect as compared with those of a dragon-fly.

According to Dujardin the volume of the brain is equivalent to \( \frac{1}{4} \) th the volume of the body in Apis, \( \frac{2}{3} \) th in Formica, \( \frac{3}{7} \) th in Melolontha and \( \frac{2}{3} \) th in Dytiscus.

The most generalized condition of the ventral nerve cord is found in the Thysanura, the lower Pterygota and in many larvae: in these instances three thoracic and eight abdominal ganglia are present. In Melanoplus, Periplaneta and other of the lower Pterygota, however, there is a reduction in the number of abdominal ganglia; in Tabanus the thoracic ganglia are fused into a single centre and the six abdominal ganglia are very much concentrated. In Volucella zonaria the thoracic ganglia are similarly fused into a common centre and the abdominal ganglia have coalesced into two centres. In the Sminthuridre among Collembola, in certain families of Coleoptera, and in the great majority of the higher Diptera, the whole of the thoracic and abdominal ganglia are concentrated in a single mass which, in the last two instances, is located in the thorax. Among the Coccidre centralization has proceeded still further, the suboesophageal ganglion being incorporated in the common thoraco-abdominal centre. Specialization along these lines is by no means confined to the most highly evolved insects and appears, in many cases, to be correlated with a reduction in the length and segmentation of the abdomen which results in a forward migration of the ganglia.

III. Physiology of the Nervous System

The experimental results derived from the study of the nervous system may be summarized briefly as follows:

The brain is the central organ of sensation but its capacity as a motor-centre is limited. Along with the suboesophageal ganglion it influences the co-ordination of the movements of the body, but decapitated insects can still walk and fly although they are seldom able to survive longer than three to five days. If one lobe of the brain be destroyed the insect makes circus movements from the uninjured side; this asymmetry disappears, however, if both lobes of the brain are destroyed (Loeb). If the brain be removed, and the subresophageal ganglion left intact, the insect may live for months; a brainless insect will eat when food is placed beneath its palpi, but it has no power of seeking food even when the latter be removed but a very short distance away (Binet). According to Packard a decapitated Ichneumon is able to clean its wings and legs, thus retaining considerable power of co-ordination.

The suboesophageal ganglion also has a co-ordinating function but is primarily the centre for controlling the movements of the mouth-parts. The conclusion of Faivre that it is the seat of motor co-ordination is without doubt exaggerated.

Each ganglion of the ventral nerve cord is a reflex centre combining both motor and sensory functions, and it also exhibits a certain degree of autonomy. Thus if the connectives immediately in front and behind the prothoracic ganglion be severed the fore-legs will still respond to stimulation. According to Yersin if those between the meso- and meta-thoracic ganglia, for example, be cut through both the fore and hind regions of the body retain their power of sensation and movement, but a stimulus applied
to either region is not transmitted beyond the severed connectives. Both Faivre and Binet have demonstrated that the dorsal lobe of a thoracic ganglion is motor and the ventral lobe sensory in function. This is further borne out by a study of the elytral nerve in Coleoptera, which consists of two roots, a dorsal and a ventral, the latter passing to the ventral lobe of the mesothoracic ganglion (Fig. 58). In those species in which the elytra are immobile the ventral root alone persists. The ganglia of the central chain exhibit co-ordination as well as individual autonomy, and this co-ordination exists independently of that exercised by the brain. Thus Yersin has shown that if the tarsus of a decapitated insect be pinched sufficiently the stimulus is not only conveyed to the nerve ganglion of its segment but also to those of other segments. According to Plateau each ganglion of the ventral nerve cord is a respiratory centre for its somite, and Faivre's conclusion that the respiratory movements are localized in the metathoracic ganglion is not borne out by experiment. Decapitation does not stop these movements but inhibits their frequency and force. The experiments of Barlow lend support to Plateau and show by dividing the abdomen of a dragon-fly that the several ganglia are centres of respiratory movement, each in its own segment.

The recurrent nerve, through the medium of the frontal ganglion, regulates digestion and the movements of the fore-intestine. According to Faivre destruction of the latter ganglion, or section of the roots which connect it with the brain, results in the cessation of power of swallowing. The last abdominal ganglion is designated by Faivre the genito-splanchnic centre which controls the movements of the hind intestine and the reproductive system.

IV. Literature on the Nervous System

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THE SENSE ORGANS

THE faculty of appreciating differences between the external forces acting upon it enables an animal to maintain its existence. Nerve fibres alone are not adapted to receive the impressions of these forces to an adequate degree. Special mechanisms are consequently necessary in order to differentiate between the various and often minute forces acting on the organism. Such mechanisms are of various kinds and differ according to the nature of the stimuli which they are capable of appreciating. These structures are the sense organs or receptor organs.

Attempts have been made to trace the various sense organs of insects all back to a generalized type, and Berlese considers that they are derivable from a primitive sensilla, or sense-bud, which he terms a "protoesthes." This hypothetical structure is nothing more than a specialized hypodermal cell which has acquired a direct connection with the termination of a nerve fibre.

The simplest type of sensilla actually met with among insects is tactile in function, and is differentiated from an ordinary body-hair in being provided with a nerve termination, and is thereby enabled to appreciate external stimuli. In the more complex sensilla two or more hypodermal cells may participate in its formation, and gland cells are also present.

The sense organs of touch, taste, and smell remain for the most part as isolated sensilla. Those of sight and hearing are usually composed of aggregations of sensilla, forming more elaborate organs which are essentially localized in position.

Since the cuticular parts of the sensilla, other than those of sight and hearing, are to be regarded as modified setae, these organs are often alluded to as the skin, or setiferous, sense organs. Many types of the latter have been described among insects, and they have received various names based upon characters afforded by their cuticular parts. The following classification (Figs. 59–62) includes the common kinds and is largely based on those of Schenk (1903) and Berlese. It must be remembered, however, that these types are often not sharply differentiated and various intermediates exist between them.

1. **Trichoid.**—Setiform, and articulated with a base which is set below the general surface of the cuticle.
2. **Basiconic.**—Conical and immobile, arising from the general surface of the cuticle.
3. **Styloconic.**—(Biarticulate type of Berlese.) Differs from the basiconic sensilla in consisting of one or more pegs of the basiconic type which are elevated on a style or cone.
4. **Placoid.**—Consisting of a plate or membrane covering an enlarged pore canal.
5. **Caifoconic.**—Derived from a basiconic sensilla by the latter becoming sunk into a pit with its apex not projecting.
6. **Ampullaceous** (Flask-shaped organs of Lubbock and Forel).—Derived from a caifoconic sensilla by the pit becoming prolonged deeply inwards to form a narrow canal. The latter becomes swollen, at its extremity, into an ampulla which encloses a slender hair-like process.
The different kinds of sense organs are distinguished according to the nature of the stimuli that they are adapted to receive. The tactile organs respond to simple contact with external objects and the auditory organs to vibratory motion induced by sound waves. These two kinds of organs may therefore be classed as the mechanical sense organs. The organs of smell and taste respond to chemical stimuli, acting either at a distance or by direct contact, and may be referred to as the chemical sense organs. The organs of sight respond to the stimulus of light and are probably adapted to make use of a photo-chemically sensitive substance, but, to be of value as distance receptors, it is necessary for them to be able to form images of external objects.

The component parts of a sensillum and their homologies in the different types of sense organs are shown in tabular form below.

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1. The Tactile Sensillae.

The tactile sensillae of insects are often distributed over the entire integument, a feature which is well exhibited for example in lepidopterous larvae. For the most part these organs attain their greatest abundance on the antennae, palpi, legs, and cerci. The sensitiveness of insects to tactile impressions is due to the number and wide distribution of these organs over the body, rather than to any elaboration of their structure.
Tactile sensilla include the simplest of all the special sense organs and are of the trichoid type. Apart from the presence of nerve fibres in association with them, there is often little to distinguish them from ordinary clothing hairs. They may be either slender flexible structures, or stouter and bristle-like, both types often occurring together on the same appendage. Each is located over a pore-canal in the integument and is associated with an underlying bipolar nerve-cell. The latter is prolonged at one extremity into a nerve fibre, which enters the cavity of the hair and, in some cases, the fibre may be branched. In lepidopterous larvae, Hilton has shown that the nerve-cells are connected with the peripheral nervous system.

2. The Olfactory and Gustatory Sensilla.

The senses of taste and smell are higher developments of a primitive chemical sense; the chief difference between the two kinds of sensation is that smell is the perception of chemical stimuli, acting from a distance, whereas taste has scarcely any distance element, even in its most developed form (Bayliss). It is, therefore, not surprising that the sense of smell is much more delicate than that of taste, and its receptor organs are often more highly developed.

Since there appears to be no constant structural difference between olfactory and gustatory sensilla in insects it is desirable to discuss them together. It is also probable that in many cases the two kinds of sensation are not sharply demarcated.

A large number of experiments have been conducted with a view to locating the olfactory sense in insects, and the majority of observers agree in regarding it as being mainly concentrated in the antennae. Histologists have examined the sensilla present on those appendages, and have ascribed an olfactory function to various types. The problem, however, is by no
means a straightforward one, as similar kinds of sensillae may occur over the body, and on the palpi and cerci. Also, the antennae of many insects bear several very different types of sensillae. It has been found experimentally that, in some insects, the olfactory sense is definitely restricted to the antennae. Thus Barrows (1913) ascertained that *Drosophila* no longer responds to odorous substances when the terminal joint of the antennae is amputated. Certain other insects still react to volatile substances after the antennae have either been amputated, or coated with paraffin wax, although the response takes place more tardily, thus implying a wider distribution of the olfactory organs.

The location of the gustatory sense is much less amenable to determination by exact experiment, but there appears little doubt that the chemical receptors of taste are distributed over the mouth-parts, and the membrane lining the buccal cavity.

It is maintained by Berlese that a chemical sensilla consists of a cuticular part which is produced by one or more trichogen cells, a gland-cell which secretes a fluid which keeps the organ moist and fitted for the reception of stimuli, and a nerve ending. The secretion fills the cavity of the sensilla and makes its way to the exterior either by filtration through the covering membrane, or through a pore in the latter.

The principal types of sensillae which have been regarded as chemical receptors include the various kinds of thin-walled structures enumerated under b-f on p. 64. They occur over the general surface of the parts bearing them (Figs. 61 and 62) or they may be localized in sac-like invaginations of the integument, forming organs of a higher type (Figs. 63 and 64). The latter are well exhibited, for example, in the flask-like pocket found on the apical palpal joint in various Lepidoptera (vide vom Rath, 1896) and in the antennal pits of many of the higher Diptera (vide Smith, 1919). The number of sensillae present in an insect is often exceedingly great. Thus in *Melolontha* Hauser (1880) states that there are 39,000 cceloconic sensillae to each antenna in the male, and 35,000 on the female. In the hive bee Vogel (Zool. Anz. 1922) finds that there are about 2,000 placoid sensillae to each antenna in the queen, about 6,000 in the worker and about 30,000 in the male.

Chemotropism or the response of an organism to olfactory stimuli is
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a phenomenon of very great significance in the biology of insects. It is particularly in evidence in the selection by many insects of their food, by the female when she chooses particular plants for oviposition, and by the male when in pursuit of the female.

Verschaffelt (1910) has shown that the larval food-plants of *Pieris rapae* and *P. brassicae* contain a group of glucosides—the mustard oils. He took a solution of sinigrin, which is present in black mustard, and uniformly distributed it over the leaves of plants which the *Pieris* larvae had previously refused to eat. Leaves so treated were readily devoured, and from such experiments it appears that these larvae exhibit strong chemotropism towards mustard oils whose presence in the leaves of certain plants determines the selection of the latter by the larvae for their food. By a similar method of research Verschaffelt has shown that larvae of the sawfly, *Priocephalus (Gladius) padi*, which feed on certain of the Rosaceae, are attracted by the glucoside amygdalin. Howlett (1914) has noted a marked response of certain Thysanoptera to the stimulus of the odours of benzaldehyde, cinnamylaldehyde and anisaldehyde. Chatterjee in India has discovered that Kusum oil has a marked attraction for both sexes of the Coreid *Serinatha augur*. Dewitz ascertained that it is the odour of the nectaries of the vine flowers that attracts the vine moths and induces them to oviposit on the unopened buds. Barrows (1907) has proved that *Drosophila ame­philosa*, which lays its eggs in fermenting fruit, exhibits an optimum response to a mixture of ethyl alcohol of 20 per cent. strength and acetic acid of 5 per cent. It is noteworthy that cider vinegar, and fermented cider, contain alcohol and acetic acid in percentages very close to those just quoted. Crumb and Lyon (1917) have produced evidence suggesting that carbon dioxide is the chief stimulus inducing oviposition in the house fly, and Richardson (1916) finds that ammonia exercises a marked attraction for those Diptera which spend part of their lives in some form of animal excrement. Imms and Hussain (1920) have conducted experiments showing that many Diptera are more strongly attracted to esters rather than to the respective acids or alcohols.

The remarkable phenomenon known as "assembling," which is particularly prevalent among moths belonging to the Lasiocampina, is another example of chemotropism. The females emit an odour to attract the opposite sex and, under favourable conditions, a freshly emerged example of the sex will attract scores of males which fly up against the breeze. Schenk (1903) has compared the number of antennal sensillae of certain types in the two sexes of species in which the antennae exhibit pronounced sexual dimorphism in correlation with differences of sexual behaviour. In certain species the ratios of their numbers in the male and female were from 3:5 : 1 to 8 : 1. Howlett (1915) has discovered a chemotropic phenomenon in certain species of *Dacus*, the males of *D. diversus* being strongly attracted by iso­eugenol, *D. zonatus* by methyl-eugenol, and *D. ferrugineus* by both reagents. The

![Fig. 64.—Longitudinal Section through the Apex of the Labial Palp of *Pieris brassicae*, showing Sensory Pit.](image-url)
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Significance of these responses is not properly understood, but it is noteworthy that females are not attracted by the substances mentioned.

Forel and others have shown that ants are guided in their foraging expeditions by means of their contact-odour sense: they recognize by means of their antennal sense organs the odour-form, and hence also the direction of the trails laid down by their own feet and those of their nestmates. Blind or small-eyed ants follow these odoriferous trails very closely, relying upon their topochemical sense in finding their way back to the nest (Wheeler). Ants also react amicably towards the odour of members of their own colony, and by this means they are able to distinguish between "friends" and "aliens."

3. The Organs of Sight

Two types of eyes are found in insects, viz.: ocelli or simple eyes, and compound or faceted eyes. Typically both kinds occur in the same insect but, on the other hand, either or both may be absent. Ocelli are often lacking in the imagines and compound eyes are wanting in larvae. Visual organs of any kind are usually absent in larvae which live in situations concealed from the light. Among adult insects they are either wanting, or exhibit various stages of degeneration, in cavernicolous forms and in various species which inhabit the nests of termites and ants. They are also wanting or degenerate in many of the Anopleura, in the sterile castes of almost all termites, and in the workers of certain ants. The two types of eyes are treated separately below.

A. THE OCELLI

Ocelli are divided into two classes: (1) the dorsal or primary ocelli of adult insects, and nymphs: and (2) the lateral ocelli which are the usual larval eyes.

i. The Dorsal Ocelli. The dorsal ocelli are innervated from the ocellar lobes which are located in the protocerebrum, between the mushroom bodies. When typically developed they are three in number disposed in a triangle. In the Plecoptera they are borne on the frons, and in certain other insects the median ocellus is situated on the frons, while the paired ocelli are located in the suture between that region and the vertex. In the more specialized orders the ocelli are usually situated on the vertex.

The median ocellus exhibits evidence of a paired origin since the root of the nerve supplying it is double, whereas the nerve-roots of the other ocelli are single. In some insects (e.g. Odonata, Bombus) the median ocellus exhibits a bilateral structure which is never found in the remaining ocelli.

The dorsal ocelli greatly vary in the details of their structure in various insects, but they exhibit certain common essential features and the following parts can be distinguished (Fig. 65).

(a) The cornea.—The name cornea is given to that portion of the cuticle which is arched or raised to form the external investment of the ocellus. In this region the cuticle is more transparent than elsewhere and usually becomes thickened to form a more or less spherical body known as the lens. In rare instances (Ephemeroptera, Fig. 66) the cornea is arched but not thickened and the lens is formed by a mass of polygonal cells lying beneath the corneagen layer (vide Hesse 1901, Seiler 1905).

(b) The corneagen layer.—This layer is directly continuous with the hypodermis but differs in being composed of colourless transparent cells which secrete and afford support to the lens. In some insects its cells
become elongated and grouped together to form the **vitreous body** which supplements the lens in its function.

(c) **The retina.**—The retina is composed of **visual cells** which are nerve end-cells, each being in direct connection with the termination of a fibre of the ocellar nerve. The visual cells are associated together in groups of two, three or more cells, each group being termed a **retinula**, which surrounds a longitudinal optic rod or **rhabdom**. The latter is produced along the inner junctions of the component cells of a retinula, and varies in form according to the number of those cells present.

(d) **Pigment cells.**—In some ocelli there are accessory cells loaded with pigment situated between the retinulae, or the pigment may be contained within the visual cells themselves. In deeply pigmented ocelli the margin of the lens and the proximal ends of the visual cells are enveloped in a dense layer of pigment forming the **iris** which is only interrupted by the fibres of the ocellar nerve.

2. **THE LATERAL OCELLI.**

The lateral ocelli are, with very few exceptions, the only eyes present in insect larvae. As their name implies, they are located on the sides of the head where they occupy positions corresponding with those of the compound eyes of the imagines. The number of lateral ocelli is variable and not always constant in the same species: in some groups there is a single ocellus present on either side while in others there may be 6, 7 or
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more ocelli. They differ essentially from the dorsal ocelli from the fact that they are innervated from the optic lobes of the brain. There are also great variations in the structure of the lateral ocelli; in some insects they are highly evolved organs, resembling the dorsal ocelli, while in others they are little more than groups of a few sense cells. Many of the structural variations represent different degrees either of degeneration or of arrested development.

The absence of compound eyes in almost all larvæ is due to the development of these organs being delayed until the pupal stage. Their places are consequently taken by the lateral ocelli which are adaptive organs functional during the larval instars. Although the formation of the complete compound eyes is postponed until pupation a small number of ommatidia (vide p. 72) may be developed in some cases and function as larval ocelli.

The principal types of lateral ocelli are dealt with below.

(a) In larval Tenthredinidae there is a single ocellus present on either side of the head. Structurally these organs are almost identical with the dorsal ocelli already described. Each consists of a biconvex lens and an underlying vitreous body formed by the elongated cells of the corneagen layer: the retina is formed of a number of retinule each composed of four cells with a typical 4-partite rhabdom (vide Redikorzew, 1900). Among larval Coleoptera (Dytiscus, Hydrophilus, Acilius) the lateral ocelli exhibit the same essential structure but differ in their more detailed features (Fig. 67).

(b) Among certain larval Lepidoptera and Trichoptera, and also in the larvæ of Sialis, Myrmeneleon and certain other insects, each lateral ocellus has the general structure of a single ommatidium of a compound eye (Pankrath, 1890: Hesse, 1901).

(c) Among the Collembola the lateral eyes form the visual organs of the adults. They are variable in number, there often being 8 to a side, and each eye consists of a single ommatidium of the eucorne type. Among the Poduridae, however, they are more degenerate and have lost the crystalline cone cells (Fig. 68, B).

(d) In many larvæ, particularly those living in partial darkness, the ocelli exhibit varying degrees of degeneration and, in Ceratopogon, they are reduced to a pair of visual cells with two overlying pigment cells (Fig. 68, A).

(e) In the larvæ of certain aquatic Nematocera (Culex, Anopheles,
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Chaoborus, Dixa, etc.) the lateral eyes are comparatively unimportant; the compound eyes, on the other hand, are present in varying degrees of development in close association with them, and eventually become transformed into the completed organs of the imago (vide Zavrel, 1907).

B. THE COMPOUND EYES

The principal feature distinguishing compound eyes from ocelli of either type is the fact that, in the former, the cornea is divided into a number of separate facets, whereas there is only a single facet to each ocellus. Compound eyes are formed of aggregations of separate visual elements known as ommatidia, each ommatidium corresponding with a single facet of the cornea. Certain other features have been regarded as distinctive of compound eyes, but in some cases they are also found in ocelli. Compound eyes, similarly to lateral ocelli, are innervated from the optic lobes of the brain (Fig. 71).

The number and size of the facets of the compound eye vary within wide limits. In extreme cases, as in the worker of the ant Ponera punctatissima, each eye is composed of a single facet. According to Forel there are 6–9 facets in the same caste of Solenopsis fugax, while among other ants the number varies between about 100 and 600 in the workers, 200 and 830 in the females, and between 400 and 1,200 in the males. In Musca the eye consists of about 4,000 facets, in some Lepidoptera from 12,000 to 17,000 (Packard) and in Odonata between 10,000 and 28,000 or more (Tillyard). In most insects the facets are very closely packed together and assume a hexagonal form but, in some instances where they are fewer in number and less closely compacted, they are circular. The facets are not always of equal dimensions over the whole area of the eye. Thus, in the males of Tabanus they are often larger over the anterior and upper parts of the eye, but the two fields are not sharply demarcated. In the males of certain other Diptera, including species of Bibio and Simulium, the two areas of different sized facets are very distinctly separated, each eye appearing to be double (Fig. 69). The extreme condition is attained among certain Coleoptera (Gyrinus, several Cerambycidae, etc.) and Ephemeroptera (Chloeon), where the two parts of the eye are so remote from each other that the insect
appears to possess two pairs of compound eyes (Fig. 70). In *Chlaxon* the anterior division of each eye is elevated upon a pillar-like outgrowth of the head, while the posterior division is normal.

**THE STRUCTURE OF AN OMMATIDIUM** (Fig. 72). The structure of the ommatidia varies in different insects but in all cases the differences are modifications of a common type. The various parts which enter into the composition of an ommatidium, passing from without inwards, are enumerated below.

(a) *The cornea.*—The cornea is the transparent area of cuticle forming the facet or lens of an ommatidium and is often more or less biconvex in form. It is cast off during each act of ecdysis.

(b) *The corneagen layer.*—The part of the hypodermis which extends beneath the cornea is known as the corneagen layer. It consists of two cells which, in some insects, are only to be detected with difficulty. In other cases they are wanting and, in these instances the cornea is secreted by the outer ends of the cells of the crystalline cone.

(c) *The crystalline cone cells.*—Beneath the corneagen layer or the cornea, as the case may be, there is a group of four cells which in the eucune eyes secrete a transparent body termed the *crystalline cone.* The nuclei of these cells are sometimes known as the nuclei of Semper.

(d) *The primary iris cells.*—These are densely pigmented cells which
are disposed in a circlet surrounding the cells of the crystalline cone and
the corneagen layer.

e. The retinula.—The retinula forms the basal portion of an ommatidium
and is composed of a group of usually seven pigmented visual cells.
Each of the latter is continuous with a post-retinal fibre and forms a nerve
e. end cell. The visual cells collectively secrete an internal optic rod or
rhabdom and the portion of the latter contributed by each cell is termed a rhab­
domere. Each rhabdomere is stated to exhibit an extremely fine fibrillar struc­
ture, the individual fibrils passing right through the cell and emerging as the
single nerve fibre previously alluded to. The rhabdom forms the central axis of the
retinula and is in contact with the extremity of the crystalline cone.

f. The secondary iris cells.—These are commonly elongated pigment cells
which surround the primary iris cells and the retinula, thus serving to isolate an
ommatidium from its neigh­bours.

The proximal extremities of the ommatidia rest upon a fenestrated or basement
membrane through whose perforations pass the nerve fibres from the retinula and
frequently fine trachea. The latter, as they enter further into the eye, become
arranged parallel with the long axes of the ommatidia. The nerve fibres (post­
retinal fibres) collectively unite the ommatidia with the periopticon or outermost
tract of the optic lobe of the brain.

THE TYPES OF COMPOUND EYES.—Four types of compound eyes are
described among insects. Of these, the first three were recognized by
Grenacher (1879) and the fourth type by Kirchoffer (1908–10).

I. Eucone eyes.—In eyes of this type each ommatidium contains a
true crystalline cone, which is a hard refractive body formed as an intra­
cellular product of the cone cells: the nuclei of the latter are located in
front of the cone. Eucone eyes are found in the Thysanura, Orthoptera,
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Odonata, Ephemeroptera, Trichoptera, Lepidoptera, Hymenoptera, Chrysopidae, certain of the Hemiptera and in the Cicindelidae, Carabidae, Dytiscidae and Scarabaeidae among Coleoptera.

2. Pseudocone eyes.—In this type of eye there is no true crystalline cone and the four cone cells are filled with a transparent, semi-liquid material which lies in front of the nuclei. Pseudocone eyes are found in the Brachycera and Athericera among Diptera.

3. Acone eyes.—In the acone eyes there is a group of elongate, transparent cone cells but the latter do not secrete any kind of cone whether crystalline or liquid. Eyes of this kind are found in the Dermaptera, Hemiptera, certain of the Diptera Nematocera, and in the Staphylinidae, Histeridae, Silphidae, Coccinellidae and Curculionidae among Coleoptera.

4. Exocone eyes.—The name exocone is here applied to that type of eye in which the crystalline cone is replaced by a cone of extracellular, cuticular origin which appears as a deep ingrowth from the inner aspect of the corneal facet, in front of the unmodified cone cells. Eyes of this type are found in
the Dermestidae, Elateridae, Byrrhidae and Malacodermata (Kirchoffer).

THE DEVELOPMENT OF EYES. The structure of compound eyes and ocelli is best appreciated after taking into account the essential facts of their development (Figs. 74 to 77).

In the case of an ocellus development commences with the formation of a hypodermal pit. The cells bordering the edges of the pit become differentiated into the corneagen layer and vitreous cells: the deeper cells, forming the bottom of the pit, become grouped in such a manner as to produce the retinula, their inner ends giving off nerve fibres which unite to form the optic nerve. In the simple type of ocellus, exhibited in the larva of Dytiicusus (Fig. 67), the mouth of the pit is still perceptible beneath the lens. In the larva of Acilius Patten has shown that the marginal cells of the pit grow inwards, and meet over the deeper parts, thus producing a two-layered ocellus. In the larva of Hydrophilus a more complex three-layered condition is arrived at by a fold of the hypodermis on one side of the pit (Fig. 76).

Each ommatidium of the compound eye commences as a pillar of thickened, elongated, hypodermal cells, the pillars being separated by undifferentiated tissues (Fig. 77). The cells of the pillars become differentiated into an outer series yielding the facets, crystalline cones and primary pigment cells, and an inner series producing the retinula. The hypodermis between the ommatidial pillars becomes transformed into the secondary pigment cells. (Vide Johansen, 1893).

THE RELATIONS OF COMPOUND EYES TO OCELLI.—It is well known that very similar types of eye occur in distantly related animals, and that nearly
allied species frequently differ in the fundamental structure of their visual organs. Even very different types of eye may occur in the same animal. In considering the relations of compound eyes to ocelli in insects the above facts, therefore, need to be borne in mind.

The lateral ocelli of many Collembola, and of larval Lepidoptera, are comparable individually with a single ommatidium of the compound eye. In these instances the ocelli represent a few disseminated ommatidia or, in other words, they are rudiments of compound eyes. With the dorsal ocelli, and the lateral ocelli of a similar character, the case is very different. In organs of this kind there is a single lens in front of a larger or smaller number of retinula. In the compound eye there is a number of separate lenses or facets each associated with a single retinula.

Attempts have been made to derive the compound eye from an organ composed of a group of ocelli of this latter type. This method of origin is upheld by Korschelt and Heider whose conclusions are based upon a comparative study of the eyes of Myriapods. The eye of Scolopendra consists of a few typical ocelli, each with a cuticular lens; in Lithobius and Julius there are 30–40, or more, similar ocelli on either side. In Scutigera a kind of compound eye is present which is formed of 200, or more, closely compacted ocelli. The latter are considerably modified by mutual compression until they have assumed somewhat the character of ommatidia, the retinula associated with each ocellus being greatly reduced in number. This type of eye is regarded by Rosen-stadt as intermediate between ocelli and true compound eyes.

Grenacher regards ocelli and compound eyes as “sisters” derived from an ancestral type of visual organ, resembling an
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ommatidium of the acone type of the Tipulidæ. The compound eye is derived through an increase in the number of these simple eyes and their close aggregation; the ocellus is derived through the multiplication of the retinulae with a corresponding increase in the size of the lens.

Insects alone afford no clue to the problem and speculations, confined within the limits of that class, lead only to the conclusion that if the two types of organs have a common origin that origin must be sought for elsewhere.

C. THE PHYSIOLOGY OF VISION

The eyes of insects, when completely developed, are divisible into two regions which are structurally and physiologically different. In the typical ocellus the corneal lens and vitreous cells constitute the dioptric portion of the eye, while the retinulae along with their rhabdoms form the retina or percipient portion. In the compound eye the dioptric portion is composed of the corneal facets and the underlying layer of crystalline cones; the percipient portion is similarly composed of the retinulae and their rhabdoms. The retina in insects is only comparable with the rod and cone layer of the retina of the vertebrate eye.

VISION BY MEANS OF OCELLI. The dorsal ocelli are constructed upon a plan more nearly resembling that of the human eye than the Arthropod compound eye. Since there is no power of accommodation in the dioptric layer, and the lens is strongly biconvex, vision is limited to the perception of very near objects. The small number of visual elements implies an image of a crude or indefinite kind, and this image is an inverted one. The experiments of Plateau and others have shown that caterpillars, for example, do not perceive objects at a distance greater than 1 or 2 cm.; spiders, with their highly developed ocelli, have little power of appreciating the shapes of the objects which they see. Forel and Lubbock believe that the ocelli of the social Hymenoptera are used by those insects when in the darkness or subdued light of their nests. In a few words it may be said that experimental evidence indicates that ocelli are used to distinguish between light and darkness, and are capable of conveying a coarse image of very near objects only.

VISION BY MEANS OF COMPOUND EYES.—The principal theory accounting for vision by means of compound eyes is the well-known mosaic theory formulated by Müller in 1826. This explanation with certain modifications based on the work of Exner and others, is generally accepted to-day. Müller's views are best understood by regarding the compound eye as being built up of an immense number of minute, elongate, transparent tubes arranged with their long axes parallel to one another. Let each tube be coated externally with a dark pigment, so that it is optically isolated from its fellows, and the only rays of light which will traverse the tubes, from end to end, are those parallel with the long axes; oblique rays will impinge on the walls of the tubes and become absorbed by the pigment (Fig. 78). In the compound eye each ommatidium will only convey to the retinulae rays coming from a very small portion of the whole field of vision, and only those travelling in the direction of its axis. The impression received through such an eye would be a single mosaic picture, formed by the same number of points of light as there are ommatidia, each point of light corresponding in colour and density to the corresponding part of the object viewed.

It is now generally recognized that compound eyes are specially adapted
for perceiving the movement of objects. The movements of even a very small object in the field of vision would be immediately registered on the mosaic picture received on the retina, which would become suddenly altered in one or more of its components. The extent of the alteration would depend upon the size and distance of the object, and the number of ommatidia affected. Such movement would be quickly impressed upon the brain of the insect and the latter would respond accordingly. It is often possible to approach an insect so gradually that the change of position passes unnoticed. An object as large as a human being affects all the ommatidia equally and simultaneously and, since it is moving very slowly, the change of position only causes slight changes in the character of the image as a whole. A sudden slight movement of any part of the body is often sufficient to cause the insect's immediate departure, owing to the fact that it abruptly affects a series of ommatidia in succession.

The distinctness of vision depends partly upon the number and size of the ommatidia. An image formed by a vast number of minute ommatidia will be sharper and more detailed than one formed by a smaller number of larger elements. It further depends upon the amount and distribution of the pigment surrounding each ommatidium, which determines the degree of isolation of the light passing through the latter. Since compound eyes generally possess no focussing mechanism, insects cannot perceive form beyond a few feet away, although perception of movement extends to a much greater distance. The closer an object is to the eyes the greater will be the number of ommatidia employed to produce the impression, and consequently the sharper the vision.

In eyes adapted solely for diurnal vision the retinulae are in contact with the apices of the crystalline cones (Fig. 78). A dense layer of pigment surrounds the cones and only rays of light issuing from the apices of the latter reach the rhabdoms. An image formed in this kind of eye is termed an apposition image because it is built up of apposed points of light; it is a true mosaic in the sense of Müller. According to Exner the image produced is an inverted one but apparently this is not always the case since Eltringham (1919) has observed an erect image in the eucane eye of a butterfly.

In eyes of many nocturnal and crepuscular insects the rhabdoms are not in contact with the apices of the cones, the two elements being separated by a space filled with transparent tissue. The ommatidia in this kind of eye are consequently greatly elongated (Fig. 79). The pigment is capable of forward or backward migration according to the amount of light available. At night time it moves forward and freely exposes a large portion of the cone apices with the result that rays of light entering adjacent ommatidia, traverse the space already alluded to and reach the same retinula.
In this type of eye there is an overlapping of points of light and the image thus formed is termed by Exner a superposition image, which is an erect one. It is evident that in an eye of this description a limited amount of light will produce a better image than in an eye giving an apposed image where much of the light is absorbed by the pigment. The eyes of nocturnal insects are adapted, therefore, to perceive the general forms and the movements of objects when there is very little light available. Owing to the overlapping previously explained the image is a continuous one and not a true mosaic. Many insects with eyes giving superposition images are adapted to make the most of varying degrees of light. In the presence of an increased amount of light the pigment moves backwards, like a dark sleeve cutting off more and more of the peripheral rays and, in this manner, the luminosity of the image is decreased without reducing its clearness. By fixing and sectioning the eye of an insect which had been kept for a time in the light, and comparing it with the eye of another individual of the same species which had been confined in the dark, Exner was able to definitely prove that corresponding changes in the distribution of the pigment take place.

In night-flying insects there is a structure termed the tapetum which reflects the light that has entered the eyes causing the latter to shine in the dark, when they assume the appearance of golden or ruby globes. In eyes of this kind the retinular elements are impregnated with a special colouring substance (erythropsin, zanthopsin) and the spaces between the retinulae are densely packed with fine, longitudinal tracheae filled with air (Fig. 80). It is probable that the effect of the faint nocturnal light is intensified owing to the light passing through the retinulae a second time, when it is reflected from the glistening tracheae of the tapetum (vide Bugnion and Popoff, 1914).

The divided eyes of certain insects have been alluded to on a previous page. Such eyes consist of an upper portion composed of large facets, which are adapted to give a superimposed image, and a lower portion composed of smaller facets giving an apposed image. The upper part of such an eye is probably used to perceive variations in the intensity of light from above produced by clouds, moving enemies, etc., without there being any necessity to perceive definite form. The lower part of the divided eye is clearly adapted for more acute vision, and to receive the more exact impressions produced by the objects over which the insect may be flying or resting. In some cases possibly the larger facets may also function for night vision, and the small facets for day vision.
A large number of experiments have been performed which lend strong support to the conclusion that insects can distinguish the differences of frequency in light waves which are called colours. The experiments of Forel, Lubbock and others have provided evidence indicating that certain insects, especially bees, have a memory for colour. Thus Forel, after feeding a bee on honey deposited on blue paper, observed the same insect afterwards seeking and examining all the pieces of blue paper in various parts of a room. Lubbock has shown that ants are remarkably sensitive to the ultra-violet rays. Seitz attracted males of Anthocaris charlonia by constructing coloured paper models of the females, and the extent of the attraction depended upon the accuracy of the colouring of those models. Nuttall has shown that mosquitoes have a marked tendency to settle on a dark blue surface, and Lloyd (Bull. Ent. Res. 1921) has demonstrated that Aleyrodes vaporariorum is powerfully attracted to a yellow colour.

4. The Chordotonal or Auditory Organs

It is well known that many insects are capable of sound production, and the possession of organs for this purpose indicates the probability that they also possess some mechanism for sound perception. Structures that are believed to fulfil the latter function exist in a number of insects, even in their larval stages, and are known as chordotonal or auditory organs. They consist typically of spindle-shaped bundles of sensillae, or scolophores, whose distal extremities are usually attached to the integument; less frequently they are without this attachment and end free in the body-cavity. The two types may be distin-
guished respectively as the integumental scolophores and the subintegumental scolophores (Fig. 81).

In the most completely developed chordotonal organs the sensory parts are covered over by a special thin area of the integument, which forms an external vibratory membrane or tympanum and, for this reason, they are often termed tympanal organs.

The Structure of an Auditory Sensilla.—An auditory or chordotonal sensilla consists of a nerve end-organ or scolophore, enclosing a hollow peg-like structure or scolopale (vide Schwabe 1906). A scolophore (Fig. 82) is composed of a bipolar nerve end-cell, continuous proximally with a fibre of the chordotonal nerve. This sensory cell is drawn out distally into a slender prolongation, which is enclosed by an envelope cell and a cap cell. The scolopale is formed within the envelope cell and its cavity communicates basally with a vacuole filled with a watery fluid. Viewed in transverse section the wall of the scolopale is composed of a number of ribs: in the simple type of chordotonal organs studied by Hess (1917) there are seven of these ribs at either end of the scolopale, each of which is divided in the central portion so that there are fourteen ribs in this part. The distal end of the scolopale is almost always thickened to form the end-knob. The entire scolopale is bathed by a fluid medium in

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Fig. 82.—I. A Scolophore of the Integumental Type from a Longicorn Larva.

II. Apical Portion of a Scolophore, more highly magnified, together with Transverse Sections.


af, axial fibre; cc, cap cell; ccon, nucleus of cap cell; cc, envelope cell and its nucleus ccon; ek, end knob; n, nerve fibre; s, scolopale; sc, nerve end-cell and its nucleus scn; tl, terminal ligament; v, vacuole.
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which it is free to vibrate. The cap cell appears to be a modified hypodermal cell and, in a scolophore of the integumental type, it forms a greatly elongated strand which serves to attach the sensilla to the body-wall. An axial fibre, or a group of neuro-fibrils, from the chordotonal nerve traverses the whole length of the sensory cell and scolopale to join the end-knob of the latter.

The Simpler Type of Chordotonal Organs.—The scolophores rarely exist as single sensilla, usually two or more are disposed closely together in a chordotonal organ. Those studied by Hess in Cerambycid larvae are individually composed of four scolophores. Each organ is in the form of a minute ligament which is attached to the integument at one extremity by the elongated cap-cells, alluded to previously, and at the other extremity by a short strand of connective tissue. The latter forms the fibrillar binding substance of Schwabe, and is prolonged over the scolophores so as to ensheath them.

Graber (1882-83), who laid the foundation of existing knowledge of the chordotonal organs, found them in all the larger orders of insects. They are not always located in the same region of the body, their positions often varying in different groups. In ants, for example, they are commonly found in the tibiae, but Janet has discovered a number of less conspicuous organs of a similar nature, in various parts of the body, numbering eight pairs in all. Chordotonal organs also occur on the tibiae in certain termites and Perlids, and in the tarsi in some Coleoptera.

In addition to adult insects chordotonal organs have been observed in many larvae including those of Dytiscus, Melolontha, and the Cerambycidae among Coleoptera; Tabanus, Chaoborus, Chironomus and Syrphus among Diptera; in Carpocapsa among Lepidoptera and Nematus among Hymenoptera. As a rule there is a pair of these organs in most of the abdominal segments and they are innervated from the ganglia of the ventral nerve cord (Fig. 83); in Dytiscus and Melolontha they are located in the tarsi.

The Tympanal Organs.—Highly specialized auditory organs are found in the Acridiidae on either side of the first abdominal segment (vide Graber, 1882; Schwabe, 1906). They are easily recognized by the presence of a tense, external vibrating membrane or tympanum, which is surrounded by a horny ring (Figs. 84, 85). A group of numerous scolophores, forming a swelling known as Müller's organ, is applied to the inner surface of each tympanum, and forms the termination of the auditory nerve which arises from the metathoracic ganglion. Two horny processes and a delicate pyriform vesicle, which is filled with a clear fluid, are intimately associated with Müller's organ; they probably serve to transmit the tympanal vibrations to the sensilla. The first abdominal spiracle is located near the anterior margin of the tympanum, and it gives off an air-sac which is applied to the under surface of that membrane: two other air-sacs take

FIG. 83.—RIGHT HALF OF 8TH BODY-SEGMENT OF THE LARVA OF CHAOBORUS.

eg, cs, chordotonal organ and its termina prolongation; cl, basal ligament; en, chordotonal nerve; tb, tactile sense; g, ganglion of ventral nerve cord. After Graber.
their origin in the second abdominal segment, from the ventral tracheal trunk of their side, and lie internal to and in close contact with the air-sac first mentioned.

In the Locustidae and Gryllidae there is often a pair of tympanal organs near the proximal extremity of the tibia of each fore-leg (Fig. 86). In many genera these structures are easily observable but, in certain others, each organ is concealed by an integumental fold and comes to lie in a cavity: the latter communicates with the exterior by means of a slit-like opening.

These organs attain great complexity of structure and most of what is known concerning them is due to the researches of Graber (1876), von Adelung (1892) and Schwabe. In Deticus verrucivorus the tympanal organs are of the concealed type (Figs. 87 and 88). The trachea supplying the leg is greatly modified and, on entering the tibia, it becomes inflated and divides into an anterior and a posterior branch, which reunite below the auditory organ. Each trachea is closely applied to the tympanum of its side, which thus has air on both its aspects: the open air on the outer surface, and the air of the trachea on its inner surface: It is noteworthy that these tracheæ communicate with the exterior by a special orifice on either side, in close proximity to the prothoracic spiracle, and these orifices are only present in species with tympanal organs. In a transverse section of the tibia (Fig. 88) it will be observed that the two tracheæ occupy
the area between the tympana. There is an extensive outer chamber in the leg (above the tracheae as seen in the figure) and a corresponding inner
chamber below. The outer chamber contains the supra-tympanal organ together with leucocytes and adipose cells. The **supra-tympanal organ** is placed a short distance above the tympana, and is composed of a number of scolophores of the integumental type, whose cap cells are attached to the integument of the leg. Immediately below this organ, on its outer side, there is a smaller sensory structure which is termed the **intermediate organ**: it is composed of scolophores of the subintegumental type. On the outer face of the anterior trachea is a third chordonal organ—the **crista acustica** (*organ of Siebold*). It is an elongated ridge or crest composed of a large number of scolophores of the subintegumental type, which gradually decrease in size towards the distal extremity of the tibia. There are two principal nerves in the tibia—the tibial nerve and the tympanal nerve,—both arising from the prothoracic ganglion. The supra-tympanal organ is supplied by a branch from each of those nerves, while the two remaining organs are innervated by the tympanal nerve.

Tympanal organs are described by Hagemann (1910) in *Corixa* and its allies on either side of the mesothorax, in close relation with the second pair of spiracles.

**Johnston's Organ.**

The organ which has received this name was first recognized in 1855 by Christopher Johnston and has since been observed in representatives of most of the larger orders of insects (*vide* Child 1894: Berlese 1909). It is located within the second antennal joint, and presents a certain amount of variation in form and degree of development in different insects, and in the two sexes of the same species. The organ attains its greatest complexity among male Culicidae and Chironomidae: it is also tolerably well developed in such diverse insects as *Calliphora*, *Vespa*, and *Satyrus*. Viewed in section it is composed of a variable but
considerable number of sensillae, which usually surround the antennal sensory nerve where it passes through the particular joint (Fig. 89). The sensillae only differ slightly from those of the chordotonal organs and also contain scolopale. Their distal extremities are attached to a process of the conjunctival plate, between the 2nd and 3rd joints of the antenna, and their proximal ends are continuous with fibres of the antennary nerve. It has been shown experimentally by Mayer (1874) that the whorls of setae, on the 3rd and following antennal joints, are caused to vibrate by different notes, being most affected when at right angles to the direction from which the sound came. It is believed that vibrations of the antennal setae are transmitted to the conjunctival plate, and thence to the sensilla, and that insects possessing these organs are able to appreciate sounds produced by their own species.

The Physiology of the Chordotonal Organs.—In the simpler types of chordotonal organs, and in the supra-tympanal organs already described, it is believed that sound waves impinge on the overlying body-wall, and the stimulus is transmitted to the scolopale which respond to a corresponding degree, since they are free to vibrate in the fluid surrounding them. Probably, by altering the tension of these ligament-like organs, they can be "tuned up" as it were, to appreciate a considerable range of vibrations. In the case of the tympanal organs it will be observed, from the preceding account, that the tympanal membrane is maintained in a condition of equilibrium by means of air-pressure exerted on both sides of it, the closely connected trachea acting very much like the Eustachian tube in the human ear. Sound waves impinging on the tympanum cause the latter to vibrate, and these vibrations appear to be transmitted to the nerve concerned by one of two methods. Since the scolophores in the crista acustica are turned away from the tympanum, the vibrations have either to act on the air in the trachea, or on the fluid in the anterior chamber of the leg, in the first instance, and indirectly affect the scolophores; in the Acridiidæ the tympanal vibrations appear to be directly transmitted to the scolophores.

5. Other Sense Organs, Including Those of Unknown Function

In addition to the various kinds of sensillae described in this chapter there is a widely distributed type variously known as the campaniform sensillæ, sense domes or olfactory pores (Fig. 90). Each consists of a thin, and commonly bell-shaped, cuticular structure overlying a large pore-canal: it may either project from the general surface of the integument, or be deeply enclosed in a cavity of the latter. In sectional view it is seen to be traversed by a nerve fibre which terminates at the apex of the bell-shaped covering. Unlike the chemical sensillae previously dealt with, no gland cells are present in association with these structures, and their function is not understood.

The campaniform sensillae were discovered by Hicks (1857) and have
been restudied by many later workers including Berlese, Vogel (1911), Janet (1904), and McIndoo (1914). They are widely distributed over the insect body and its appendages. In the hive bee, for example, they occur on the mouth-parts, the bases of the wings, the legs, and on the sting: in Diptera they are also found on the halteres. McIndoo differs from previous investigators in describing the nerve termination as entering a pore at the apex of the sensilla, with the result that its cytoplasm comes into direct contact with the air. Both from their histology, and the results of certain experiments, he concludes that they are adapted to receive olfactory stimuli, and terms them the olfactory pores.

The halteres of Diptera are richly endowed with groups of sensillae and are regarded by some investigators as static organs which enable those insects to co-ordinate their movements during flight. Much difference of opinion exists, however, and other observers ascribe to them a chordotonal function.

The elaborate structure known as Graber's organ, found in Tabanid larvae, is evidently adapted to receive sensory impressions of some kind, but its function is wholly problematical.

On either side of the first abdominal segment, in many Lepidoptera, there is a peculiar sense organ which is well exhibited for example in *Plusia gamma*. Its structure has been investigated by Deegener (1909) and by Forbes (1916) who regard it as an organ for sound perception (vide also Lepidoptera).

In the winged forms of *Phylloxera* Stauffacher (1903) has described what appears to be a true static organ, which is located at the base of each fore-wing, between the pro- and mesothorax. It consists of a small vesicle, enclosing a central body or statolith, together with nervous connections.

Among other sense organs are the postantennal organs of Collembola, and the pseudocelli distributed over various parts of the body in certain of the latter insects and in the Protura. Nothing definite is known concerning their functions.

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THE SOUND- AND LIGHT-PRODUCING ORGANS

In addition to the organs of special sense there are certain other organs of relation that are very different in character since they are adapted for the production and not for the reception of stimuli. These are the sound- and light-producing organs.

The Sound-Producing Organs

No insect possesses a true voice but sounds of different kinds and intensity are produced by a number of species scattered through all the great groups. In many cases the property of sound-production is confined to the males: the females, however, are not invariably dumb and some possess the same faculty but in a lesser degree. On the other hand, sexual differences of this kind are frequently wanting and the sound-producing organs exhibit no appreciable differences in the two sexes. The significance of the sounds that are produced is not always easy to infer and, in some cases, it does not appear to be subject to any teleological explanation. In many insects they are undoubtedly concerned with the attraction of the sexes for mating, and in others they serve to communicate some kind of intelligence such as recognition, danger, etc., to other members of a species.

The methods by which sounds are produced may be classified under the following headings.

(a) By the tapping of some part of the body against an external object.
(b) By the friction of one part of the body against another part.
(c) By the vibration of the wings.
(d) By the vibration of a special membrane exerted by muscular action.
(e) By vibrations of uncertain origin.

A. SOUNDS PRODUCED BY THE TAPPING OF SOME PART OF THE BODY AGAINST AN EXTERNAL OBJECT

The best known example of sounds produced by this method is afforded by beetles of the family Ptinidae; more particularly those of the genus Anobium. The latter insects burrow into old furniture and woodwork where they make ticking or tapping sounds that are believed to be of the nature of a sex call. The sound is produced by an insect striking the lower part of the front of the head against the surface upon which it is resting.

The soldiers of some termites (Termes spp.) similarly exhibit the habit of striking the floor of their habitation by means of the head thereby producing a clearly audible sound. In the highest stage of its development a large number of the soldiers may hammer in rhythmic unison. There appears every reason to believe that this practice is a warning signal serving to communicate the existence of danger to other members of the community.
B. SOUNDS PRODUCED BY THE FRICTION OF ONE PART OF THE BODY AGAINST ANOTHER PART

By far the greater number and variety of the sounds emitted by insects are produced by this method, the actual parts concerned with the sound production being known as stridulating organs. Practically every external part of the body which is subjected to friction on an adjoining part has given rise to a stridulating organ in one or another insect.

Stridulating organs are possessed by representatives of several orders of insects, particularly the Orthoptera, Coleoptera, and Hemiptera, but it is in the first mentioned order that they are best known. In many species of the families Acridiidae, Locustidae, and Gryllidae the males are capable of vigorous stridulation: outside these three families very few other Orthoptera stridulate and the faculty is rarely present in the females. Among the Acridiidae (vide p. 232), the sounds are produced by one of two methods. Either the upper surface of the costal margin of the hind wing works against the lower surface of the fore-wing, or, more usually, the inner aspect of each femur bears a series of pegs which are worked against the outer surface of the corresponding fore-wing (Fig. 91). In the Locustidae and Gryllidae (vide pp. 234 and 235) the sound is produced by friction between two modified areas of the fore-wings.

Among Coleoptera there is a great variety of stridulating organs which, so far as they were known at the time, were very fully discussed by Darwin in the "Descent of Man"; more recently they have been investigated by Gahan (1900). As a general rule one part of each stridulating organ is developed as a file-like area and the other as a scraper consisting of a point or a series of points which is rasped across it. These organs are generally present in both sexes and equally developed in each, probably serving for mutual sexual calling. The Bostrichid genus Phanopate is exceptional among insects in that the stridulating apparatus is confined to the female. In Heliopathes on the other hand the female is devoid of stridulating organs, and in species of Oryctes the striae are coarser and more regular in the male than in the female. The remarks of Darwin on stridulation in Coleoptera may be quoted verbatim. "In the case of the Heliopathes and Oryctes there can hardly be a doubt that the males stridulate in order to call or to excite the females; but with most beetles the stridulation apparently serves both sexes as a mutual call. Beetles stridulate under various emotions, in the same manner as birds use their voices for many purposes besides singing to their mates. The great Chiasognathus stridulates in anger or defiance; many species do the same from distress or fear, if held so that they cannot escape; by striking the hollow stems of trees in the Canary Islands, Messrs. Woolaston and Crotch were able to discover the presence of beetles belonging to the genus Acalles by their stridulation. Lastly, the male Ateuchus stridulates to encourage the female in her work, and from distress when she is removed."

The larvae of certain of the Lamellicornia (vide Schiödte 1861-81)
are endowed with stridulating organs on the legs or on the mouth-parts: they live in concealed situations and the significance of their sound-producing apparatus has never been adequately explained.

Among Hemiptera there is similarly a great diversity of stridulating organs more particularly in the Heteroptera. Both sexes frequently possess the power of sound production, but in Corixa the mechanism is less perfectly developed in the female. With the exception of certain leaf-hoppers organs of this kind are generally wanting among Homoptera.

Several Lepidoptera are known to be capable of stridulation. According to Hampson (1892) in certain Agaristidae the male has a corrugated area beneath the costa of the fore-wing, and the wing-membrane is dilated in that region apparently to act as a resonator. It is suggested that the clicking sound which is emitted is produced by the ridged areas on the fore-wings passing over spines on the tarsi during flight. Certain species of Angeronia (both sexes) have long been known to make a similar clicking sound, and Hampson has described a stridulating apparatus at the base of the fore-wing. The same author (Proc. Ent. Soc. 1894, p. xiii) mentions that the males of Cidaria dotata and other species possess a row of spines on a specialized area of the fore-wing which would presumably work against the costa of the hind-wing. A slight rustling, or hissing noise is produced by several of the common European species of Vanessa (Swinton, Ent. Month. Mag. 1877: Ins. Life i) and a more audible "squeaking" sound by Halias prasinana (Swinton, 1877). For sound production in Acherontia vide Lepidoptera.

In the Hymenoptera stridulating organs are common among certain ants and vary in structure in different species, and in the castes of the same species (Fig. 92). The organ consists of a file and scraper on the mid-dorsal region of the integument, at the base of the first gastric segment where the preceding segment overlaps. In Mutilla europaea both sexes have the power of stridulation, and the organ is very similar in its position and structure to that found in ants.

C. SOUNDS PRODUCED BY THE VIBRATION OF THE WINGS

Certain insects make a humming or buzzing sound when flying which is brought about by the vibration of the wings. Sounds of this description are particularly audible in such large insects as Melolontha, Geotrupes and Bombus. They are not, however, to be confused with other and higher pitched sounds, which may be made at the same time by a different method. Lubbock mentions that from the note produced the rapidity of the vibration can be calculated. Thus, the house-fly, which produces the sound of F vibrates its wings 335 times a second; and in the bee, which makes a sound of A, the vibrations are at the rate of 440 in a second. Marey has succeeded in confirming these numbers graphically by fixing an insect so that the extremity of the wing just touched a revolving cylinder. Each stroke of the wing caused a perceptible mark and he thus showed that a house-fly,
for example, made 330 strokes in a second which agrees very closely with the number inferred from the note produced. Bellesme, however, concludes that sounds corresponding to vibrations of this frequency are produced by extremely rapid changes in the contour of the thorax and are maintained after removal of the wings (vide also p. 94). By attaching a style to the tergal part of the thorax he obtained a record of these vibrations which corresponded in frequency to those required to produce the sound that was experienced.

D. SOUNDS PRODUCED BY THE VIBRATION OF A SPECIAL MEMBRANE EXERTED BY MUSCULAR ACTION

Among the Cicadidae there is found one of the most complex kinds of sound-producing organs known. These structures are met with in the males, the females being either silent or only possessing rudiments of the apparatus. The great volume of sound emitted by the cicadas marks them out as being the noisiest representatives of the Insecta.

The apparatus, and the sounds produced by it, have been studied by many observers, but the basis of our knowledge of the structure and mode of working of the mechanism will be found in the very full and accurate description of Reaumur (Hist. des Ins. V. 1740). His observations were confirmed and extended by Solier and later by Carlet (1887).

The organs in question comprise a pair of shell-like drums or timbals situated at the base of the abdomen. These drums vibrate by the action of powerful muscles, and the sound can be variously modified by the so-called mirrors or sounding boards. In *Cicada septendecim* the true sound organs are freely exposed, but in many other cicadas the drums are covered by overlapping plates or opercula.

In the more perfect form of the apparatus, which is exhibited for example in *Cicada plebeia*, the account given by Carlet may be followed (Fig. 93). In this species the *opercula* are a pair of large plates which are backward extensions of the metasternum, and situated on the ventral side of the body, where they overlap the base of the abdomen. On removing an operculum a pair of cavities containing the external parts of the sound-producing apparatus is disclosed. The larger of these cavities is ventral, and the smaller is lateral in position. Their walls contain three specialized areas of membrane which are known respectively as the *timbal* or *tympanum*, the *folded membrane* and the *mirror*. The *timbal* is a crisp, plaited membrane surrounded by a chitinous ring; it forms part of the inner wall of the lateral cavity, and is somewhat shell-like in appearance with its convex
surface bulging outwards. The folded membrane is in the anterior wall of the ventral cavity, while the mirror is a tense, mica-like membrane in the posterior wall of that cavity. In close association with the whole apparatus there is an extensive air-chamber which opens to the exterior by means of the third pair of spiracles. The sound is produced by the rapid in and out movement of the timbal, which is brought about by a powerful muscle. The latter arises from the mesofurca and is attached to the inner face of the timbal. When the muscle contracts the timbal is pulled inwards; on the relaxation of the muscle the timbal regains its former position in virtue of the elasticity of its chitinous ring. This method of sound production has been compared to the pushing in and out of the bottom of a tin vessel, which makes a cracking sound. The folded membrane and mirror are sounding boards which intensify and modify the vibrations of the timbal; their removal reduces the volume of the sound, while the destruction of the timbal of both sides of the body renders the insect silent. The sound can also be modified by the operculum which is capable of being slightly elevated, but its main function is protective.

E. SOUNDS PRODUCED BY VIBRATIONS OF UNCERTAIN ORIGIN

In certain insects, particularly Diptera, sounds are produced in a manner different from those already referred to. The actual method of sound production in these cases has given rise to much discussion, and the evidence that is available is of a conflicting nature. Many entomologists are familiar with the highly pitched singing note that is emitted by various flies, particularly in some species of Syrphidae, both when hovering and when at rest. Somewhat similar notes are produced by several Coleoptera and by Hymenoptera. According to Landois (1867) the sound is caused by the vibration either of a series of lamellae, or a tongue-like fold, projecting into the lumen of the trachea close to certain of the spiracles. These structures are membranous infoldings of the tracheal intima which are believed to be set in vibration by the forcible passage of air through the spiracles, thus producing a highly pitched note. Landois states that if the head, wings, legs and abdomen of a Calliphora be removed, so that the thorax is left with no vibratory parts other than the halteres, the highly pitched note is maintained. If the thoracic spiracles be closed with gum or wax the sound ceases. Lowne has described peculiar tympanic chambers immediately behind the insertions of the wings in Calliphora and in close association with the corresponding spiracles. He concludes that the emission of sounds in this insect is due to the expulsion of air through the thoracic spiracles, and the vibration of a membrane in the tympanic organ. He also mentions that the whole thorax vibrates distinctly when the insect is held between the finger and thumb. Bellesme (Comp. Rend. 87, 1878) notes that in Diptera and Hymenoptera the highly pitched sounds continue after removal of the wings and the stoppage of the spiracles. He considers that they are due to very rapid changes in the form of the thorax—in fact a kind of thoracic vibration—due to contractions of the wing muscles. J. Perez (Comp. Rend. 87, 1878) from a study of certain Diptera also finds that the sounds continue when the spiracles are artificially closed, and attributes them to vibrations of the wing bases against certain closely associated sclerites. The fact that different observers have not always used the same species of insect in their experiments may explain some of the discrepancies in the results obtained, but the subject is clearly one in need of renewed investigation.
The Light-Producing or Photogenic Organs

Certain insects are self-luminous owing to the possession of special photogenic organs: some other insects owe their luminous properties to the presence of light-producing bacteria, or on account of having ingested luminous food.

True luminous insects are almost confined to the order Coleoptera and more particularly to various genera of Cantharidae (Lampyrinae) notably Lampyris, Luciola, Phosphenus, Photurus, Photinus, Phengodes and others. The Elaterid genera Pyrophorus (the "cucujos") and Photophorus are also luminous and the same remark applies to several species of the Carabid Physoderia and to Buprestis ocellata. Outside the Coleoptera, the larva of the Mycetophilid Bolitophila luminosa has photogenic powers. A small number of other insects are also luminous but are not known to possess special organs for the purpose, and in many cases the light is probably associated with the presence of bacteria. Examples of this kind include Lipura noctiluca, a few Ephemeroptera, the "lantern fly" (Fulgora) together with certain larval Diptera and Lepidoptera.

In the Cantharidae, previously mentioned, the luminosity is known in some species to extend to all the developmental stages, and is a character of their plasma. In the egg the luminous substance is diffused, but in the post-embryonic phases it is localized in the photogenic organs. The latter are usually situated on the ventral aspect near the apex of the abdomen, except in Phengodes where they are distributed along the sides of the body. In Lampyris noctiluca the female is apterous and larviform (and also in Phengodes) yielding a bright light, while the male is winged and has a feebler photogenic capacity. In Luciola italica both sexes are winged and luminous and the same condition is found in the Elateridae. In the latter the chief photogenic organs are situated on the dorsal aspect of the thorax. It is generally believed that the light in the above instances serves to ensure the meeting of the sexes, but its significance in the earlier stages is not understood.

The luminous organs, in all stages of the species concerned, exhibit the same essential structure. They consist of an outer or photogen layer and an inner or reflector layer (Fig. 94). Tracheae and nerves penetrate both layers but are more highly developed in the outer stratum. Each organ is covered by the general cuticle of the body which is more translucent than elsewhere. The photogen layer is transparent and its cells are grouped into lobules which are associ-
ated with the larger tracheal branches; the smaller vessels from the latter terminate in end-cells with tracheoles. The exact distribution of the trachea varies in different species, but in all cases the arrangement is such as to provide a very abundant oxygen supply. The reflector layer is composed of cells containing numerous urate crystals; they have a milky appearance and act as a background scattering the incident light and preventing its dispersal internally.

Much discussion has taken place with regard to the morphological origin of the photogenic organs. Dubois and others maintain that they are derived from the hypodermis, but Vogel and Williams, who have both studied the development of these organs, state that they are derived from the fat-body. In the larva of Bolitophilus they are exceptional in being formed from modified portions of the Malpighian tubes.

The phenomenon of light-production in the animal and vegetable kingdoms is one of luminescence, the light emission being stimulated by some means other than heat. The term phosphorescent organs has often been applied to the luminous organs of insects and other animals, but the light produced is in no sense a phosphorescence since it is independent of the previous illumination of the organism. The light is emitted as the result of the oxidation of a compound luciferin in the presence of an enzyme-like substance luciferase. This reaction takes place within the cells of the luminous organ and is dependent upon oxygen and water for its consummation. The amount of heat generated during the reaction has been studied by Harvey who prepared luciferin and luciferase extracts from the Ostracod Cypridina. As the result of his experiments he found that if any rise of temperature occurs during the luminescence, which results from the mixing of these two substances, it is certainly less than 0.01°C.; or, 1 gram luciferin liberates less than 10 calories during the luminescence accompanying oxidation. The physical nature of animal light is not in any way different from light of ordinary sources except in intensity and spectral effect. It is visible light containing no infra-red or ultra-violet radiation, or rays which are capable of penetrating opaque objects. It is not polarized as produced but is polarizable by a Nichol prism; it will cause fluorescence and phosphorescence of substances and affect a photographic plate (vide Harvey, 1920).

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The alimentary canal is a tube of very variable length; in some cases it is about equal to that of the body, while in others its length is greatly increased and it assumes a convoluted course. The shortest and simplest type is found in many larvae, notably those of the Lepidoptera, Hymenoptera, and Diptera-Nematocera; in the Apterygota, Dermaptera, certain Orthoptera, etc., this condition is maintained throughout life. In nymphal and adult Homoptera, and in the larval Diptera Cyclorrhapha, it attains its greatest length and number of convolutions and is often several times longer than the whole insect. As a general rule, it may be said that the greatest length of digestive canal is to be found in those insects which feed upon juices, rather than upon the more solid tissues of animals and plants. Exceptions, however, are found in the larval Hymenoptera, whose aliment is entirely of a fluid nature, and whose digestive canal is a straight, simple tube. Morphologically the alimentary canal is divisible into three primary regions according to their method of embryonic origin (Fig. 95).

The fore-intestine arises as an anterior ectodermal invagination (stomodæum): the hind-intestine as a similar posterior invagination (proctodæum); and the mid-intestine, which ultimately connects the two, develops as an endodermal sac (mesenteron). These differences in embryonic origin result in marked histological differences in the structure of the mid-intestine, as compared with either of the other regions. Both the fore- and hind-intestine, being invaginations of the body-wall, resemble the latter in their essential histology, and are lined with chitin.

(a) The Fore-Intestine

The following layers, passing from within outwards, are generally recognizable in the walls of the fore-intestine (Fig. 96, A). 1. The intima or innermost lining, which takes the form of a chitinous layer directly continuous with the cuticle of the body-wall. 2. The epithelial layer continuous with the hypodermis and, like the latter, chitogenous in function: it is often extremely thin and may take the form of a syncytium. 3. The basement membrane bounding the outer surface of the epithelium. 4. The longitudinal muscles. 5. The circular muscles. 6. The peritoneal
membrane which consists of apparently structureless connective tissue and is often difficult to detect. The fore-intestine is divisible into the following regions:

The pharynx. The term pharynx is given to the region immediately behind the mouth, between the latter opening and the oesophagus. In biting insects the mouth is bounded by the labrum above, the labium below and by the mandibles and maxillae on either side. In sucking insects a true mouth is absent, the actual entrance into the digestive system being situated at the apex of the organ of suction. The pharynx is best developed in the latter type of insects, and is provided with an elaborate musculature, many of whose fibres pass outwards to be attached to the wall of the head. By means of these muscles it functions as a pumping organ, which serves to imbibe the liquid food through the proboscis and convey it backward into the oesophagus.

The oesophagus is a simple, straight tube passing from the hinder region of the head into the fore part of the thorax. It is very variable in length and the inner walls are longitudinally folded.

The crop is present in many insects and is a dilatation of the hinder portion of the oesophagus. It is extremely variable in form, and functions as a food reservoir; its walls are thin and the muscular coat weakly developed. In Periplaneta, and most Orthoptera (Fig. 97) it is very capacious and constitutes the major portion of the fore-intestine. In a few insects it is developed as a lateral dilatation of one side of the oesophagus as in Gryllotalpa, certain of Isoptera and the larva of Myrmeleon and the Curculionidae. Among various sucking insects this dilatation becomes greatly pronounced and connected with the oesophagus by means of a slender tube. The organ is then known as the food-reservoir or "sucking stomach," but the latter expression is misleading and incorrect. A food-reservoir is present in most Diptera (Fig. 98) and also in the larvae of some of the Cyclorrhapha and in the higher Lepidoptera (Fig. 99).

The proventriculus or gizzard (Fig. 100) is situated behind the crop and is principally developed in mandibulate insects which feed upon hard substances; among the Orthoptera it is a very highly specialized organ.
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(Fig. 97). It is also found in many carnivorous and wood-boring Coleoptera, the Mecoptera, Odonta, Isoptera and various Hymenoptera; it is reduced to the condition of a valve in the honey bee and most of the Diptera. The dominant feature in its structure is the great development of the chitinous lining into prominent denticles, and the increased thickness of its muscles. At the point of junction of the fore- and mid-intestine, there is present in many insects a cardiac or esophageal valve. This structure is formed by the wall of the fore-intestine being prolonged into the cavity of the stomach as an inner tube, which then becomes reflected upon itself and passes forwards to unite with the stomach-wall (Fig. 101). It exhibits varying degrees of complexity among different insects and, in certain Dipterous larvae, a blood sinus is present between its outer and inner walls (Imms, Journ. Hyg. 1907, 301).

(b) The Mid-Intestine

This region is termed the stomach or mid-gut and its shape and capacity vary exceedingly. In some cases it is sac-like, in others it is coiled and tubular like an intestine, or it may be divided into two well-defined regions as in many Cyclorrhapha (Fig. 98). Histologically the wall of the stomach exhibits the following structure (Fig. 96). Internally it is lined by a stratum of enteric epithelium the outer ends of whose cells rest upon a basement membrane: the latter is followed by an inner layer of circular muscles and an outer layer of longitudinal muscles. The outermost coat of the stomach is thin peritoneal membrane. Both muscle layers are composed of striated fibres and their positions are the reverse to what obtains in the fore-intestine. The structure of the enteric epithelium requires more detailed mention. Its cells are usually clearly demarcated and during
The non-secretory phase their inner or free margin is bounded by the so-called striated hem. The appearance of the latter, in many cases, appears to be due to minute pore canals while in others closely set cilia-like processes are described (vide Vignon, 1901). In the active or secretory phase the cells give off granular protrusions, which extend into the lumen of the stomach, where they either become disconnected or rupture, thereby discharging their secretory contents. The epithelial layer is generally folded to a greater or lesser degree and, beneath the crypts of the folds, or between the epithelial cells, are islands of small cells which are centres of regeneration replacing those which are no longer functional. As a general rule the enteric epithelium exhibits no special differentiation of its cells in conformity with the dual function of secretion and absorption, each cell being capable of performing both acts during its physiological phases (Steudel,
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1913). In a few insects, however, notably in Ptychoptera, van Gehuchten (1890) states that the absorptive cells are very large and located in a definite region between two areas occupied by secretory cells. It is frequently found that the stomach is lined by a membranous tube which, for the most part, is not in contact with its epithelium (Fig. 101). This tube is the peritrophic membrane of Balbiani; it is quite colourless and, on account of its resistance to the action of alkalies, it is inferred to be of a chitinous nature. The seat of its origin has given rise to much discussion, but the results of recent research indicate that it is continuously secreted by a band of deeply staining gland-like cells situated at the point of junction of the fore- and mid-intestine (vide Gehuchten 1890, Vignon 1901, Bordas and others).

A membranous tube surrounding the ingested food is present in the Thysanura, Orthoptera, many Neuroptera and Coleoptera, certain Hymenoptera, in larval Lepidoptera and many larval Diptera. On the other hand, Schneider states that it is wanting in the Hemiptera, adult Lepidoptera, many carnivorous Coleoptera and in many Hymenoptera.

In the hive-bee (Snodgrass), the larva of Aschm (Voinov) and certain other insects a peritrophic membrane is described as being formed by the delamination of the inner or free margin of the cells lining the mid-intestine. It is evident that in these instances it is a non-chitinized structure quite different from the usual type of peritrophic membrane described above.

In many insects the surface area of the stomach is increased by the development of sac-like diverticula,—the enteric or gastric ceca (Fig. 97). These organs are usually situated at the oesophageal end of the stomach and are very variable in number. In certain dipterous larvae and in the Gryllidae and Locustidae two large ceca are present; in Periplaneta and larval Culicidae there are eight, while in the larva of Oryctes nasicornis they are more numerous and are disposed in an anterior, a median, and a posterior annular series. Among various predaceous Coleoptera they are repre-
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sented by numerous villiform processes, and in some orders (e.g. Collembola, Lepidoptera) ceca are generally wanting.

In the larvae of certain groups of insects the stomach is a closed sac, the passage being closed between the mid- and hind-intestine. In these instances the food is always of a fluid nature and there is but little solid residuum. This condition is prevalent in the majority of the larvae of the Hymenoptera Apocrita, and in those of the Neuroptera Plannipennia, of Glossina, and of Diptera Pupipara.

(c) The Hind-Intestine

This region consists of the same layers as the fore-intestine except that its circular muscles are developed to a varying degree both inside and outside the layer of longitudinal muscles. The commencement of the hind-intestine is marked by the insertion of the Malpighian tubes (vide p. 130) which are likewise of ectodermal origin. In most insects three well marked regions are recognizable. These are:—the small intestine or ileum, the large intestine or colon and the rectum. The chitinous lining of the ileum and colon is often thrown into folds and provided with hair-like or spinous projections: among certain Lamelllicorn larvae the latter are highly developed and assume an arborescent form. The ileum may be very long as in Dytiscus and Necrophorus, short as in many other insects, or it may be undifferentiated from the colon, as in many Orthoptera and Hemiptera. Among Lepidoptera, certain Coleoptera, etc., a hollow outgrowth or cecum arises from the colon: it is sac-like in Sphinx ligustri (Fig. 99) and many other Lepidoptera, while in Dytiscus it takes the form of a tube nearly equal to the abdomen in length. The rectum is a more or less globular or pyriform chamber, generally provided with a variable number of inwardly projecting papillae or "rectal glands." The latter are six in number in Orthoptera and Neuroptera, very numerous in Lepidoptera but are absent in many insects, particularly in their larvae. They are generally formed of columnar epithelium invested by the usual layer of cuticle, and are sometimes well supplied with tracheae. Nothing definite is known relative to their functions.

(d) Physiology of the Digestive System

In a typical biting insect the food, on entering the buccal cavity, is subjected to the action of the salivary secretion which is neutral or alkaline in character, and has the property of converting starchy matter into assimilable glucose. When a crop is present this action largely takes place in that chamber and, according to Plateau and Jousset de Bellesme, the glucose may be absorbed directly through its walls. As a general rule, however, the stomach is the principal seat of absorption of the soluble products of digestion. The gizzard for many years was considered to be a triturating organ but the researches of Plateau and others indicate that it is mainly a straining mechanism which only admits the food into the stomach when it is in a suitable condition: so long as it is closed it allows of the amylolytic and inverting action of the saliva to complete its work. The secretion of the stomach is usually alkaline but its reactions vary in different regions. In most insects it is not comparable with the gastric juice of vertebrates but rather resembles the pancreatic secretion. In general it acts upon albuminoid and sometimes starchy substances,
and also breaks up fats into fatty acids and glycerine. Its proteolytic action is due to trypsin which transforms albumens into peptones with the formation of tryptophane and tyrosin (Biedermann). As already mentioned, the transformation of starchy substances into glucosé takes place mainly in the fore-intestine but, in certain cases, it has been shown to take place in the stomach also. Since the food in many insects is separated from the enteric epithelium by the intervention of the peritrophic membrane, the latter probably has a dialyzing function allowing of the outward passage of peptones and other prepared products of digestion and, at the same time, permitting of the diffusion of the digestive secretions in the opposite direction to mingle with the food. The principal function of the hind-intestine is that of conveying the residual products of digestion and material excreted by the Malpighian tubes to the exterior.

Specialized types of digestion.—In the digestive canal of wood-feeding Coleoptera an enzyme, xylanase, has been detected which has the property of hydrolising xylan (Seilliere). In other cases symbiotic microorganisms have been found to play an important part in digestion. Portier (1911) has investigated an apparent instance of symbiosis in the case of the larva of Nonagria which lives within the stems of Typha devouring the pith. In the digestive tube of this larva are found great numbers of motile conidia of a fungus (Isaria) which exist among the devoured vegetable fragments. The conidia are always accompanied by a micrococcus which secretes an enzyme capable of dissolving cellulose. Portier states that the conidia develop and multiply at the expense of the dissolved cellulose and eventually penetrate the walls of the gut, escaping into the blood. Most of them are there attacked by phagocytes and transformed into products which serve to nourish the tissues of the host. The abundant fauna of flagellates found in the hind-intestine of wood-feeding termites very possibly is also symbiotic, and it has been shown that the wood particles are absorbed by the Protozoa. Buscalioni and Comes (1910) claim to have established that they elaborate from the wood, sugars and glycogen which serve to nourish their host.

External digestion has been observed in diverse orders of insects; in some cases it is of a preliminary nature only, while in others, the essential processes of digestion appear to take place outside the body. In the Hemiptera the saliva is injected into the tissues of the plant and the enzymes which it contains act upon starch (Brunig). The larva of Cossus discharges a secretion of the mandibular glands which softens the wood upon which it subsequently feeds and thereby admits of its mastication. Fabre (Souv. Ent. 10th Ser.) states that the larva of Lucilia casar discharges its digestive secretion over the carrion which serves as its food. By means of a ferment analogous to pepsin the protein matter is liquefied and subsequently imbibed. This explanation, however, is disputed by Guenot (1907) who states that the digestive secretion exhibits no such properties and that the functions ascribed to it by Fabre are in reality performed by a symbiotic Micrococcus, which is abundant in the food reservoir. In the larva of the Dytiscidae Portier (1911) observes that their jaws pierce the tissues of the prey; the latter is paralysed by the secretion of the glands of the osophagus which enters through the perforate mandibles. The insect then injects the secretion of the stomach which is rich in zymes, and digestion of the tissues of the prey takes place in situ. The Dytiscus proceeds to imbibe its prepared meal, afterwards making further injections, the process being repeated until the tissues are consumed. The method of feeding in the larva of the Planipennia is very similar, and probably external digestion takes place in these cases also.

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THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM

In the vast majority of insects respiration takes place by means of internal air-tubes known as tracheae. The latter ramify through the organs of the body and the appendages, the finest branches being termed tracheoles. The air enters the tracheae through paired and usually lateral openings termed spiracles (or stigmata), which are segmentally arranged along the thorax and abdomen. More rarely the spiracles are closed or wanting, respiration in such cases being cutaneous. In the immature stages of most aquatic insects special respiratory organs known as gills (or branchiae) are present, and these may or may not co-exist with open spiracles. The respiratory organs of insects are always derived from the ectoderm: the tracheae are developed as tubular invaginations of that layer and the gills arise as hollow outgrowths. Histologically, both types of organ are composed of a layer of cuticle, the hypodermis and usually a basement membrane, all of which are directly continuous with similar layers forming the general body-wall.

The Spiracles

Number and Position of the Spiracles.—The spiracles are, morphologically, the mouths of the ectodermal invaginations which give rise to the tracheal system. They are normally placed on the pleura of the thoracic and abdominal segments, but their exact position is very variable. In the abdomen of most insects they are seen to lie in the soft membrane between the terga and sterna. From this position the spiracles may come to be situated either forward or backward in relation to their segments. In many insects, particularly on the thorax, the spiracles assume an intersegmental position, being situated just in front of each of the segments to which they properly belong: or, they may be no longer situated on the pleura but come to lie on the terga, near the side margins of the latter, as is seen in the abdominal spiracles of Apis and Musca. The whole question of the primitive situation of the spiracles, and the secondary positions assumed by these organs, is one needing investigation.

In the developing embryo the spiracles appear as a series of invaginations lying to the outer side of the rudiments of the appendages. Twelve evident pairs of spiracles are present in the embryo of Leptinotarsa, being situated on each of the thoracic and the first nine abdominal segments. In the embryos of most insects, however, the prothoracic pair is wanting and frequently the pair on the 9th abdominal segment is likewise absent. It is noteworthy that although 12 pairs of spiracles are not present in the post-embryonic stages of any one insect, nevertheless, if the spiracle-bearing segments in different orders be taken collectively, they are 12 in number. The maximum number of spiracles recorded in any adult insect is 11 pairs which are present in Japyx solifugus: in this species they are located on
the first 10 postcephalic segments and there is a supernumerary pair on the metathorax (Fig. 102). According to Silvestri 11 pairs of spiracles are also present in Evalljaapyx. No other insects, whether they be larvae or imagines, retain more than 10 pairs of spiracles (2 thoracic and 8 abdominal) which is the prevalent number in the adults of most orders. Among the principal exceptions are the Anopleura which have 1 thoracic and 6 abdominal pairs: the Thysanoptera usually have 1 or 2 pairs of thoracic and 2 pairs of abdominal spiracles; in the Hemiptera Sternorrhyncha their number is very variable and is reduced to 2 pairs in many Coccidae. Among Coleoptera, the Lamellicornia and Rhynchophora have from 1 to 3 of the hindmost abdominal spiracles wanting or non-functional. The Diptera usually exhibit a reduction in the number of abdominal spiracles and, among the Athericera, a sexual difference is evident in this respect, the females often having 5 pairs and the males 6 or 7 pairs. The Lepidoptera usually have 9 pairs of spiracles and many of the Hymenoptera 10 pairs: this number is exhibited, for example, in ants. Among the parasitic Hymenoptera reduction is frequently evident and in the Chalcidoidea, there are commonly only 3 pairs which are situated on the thorax, propodeum and 8th abdominal segment, respectively.

Among adult winged insects there is no indubitable instance of pro-thoracic spiracles being present. Those often regarded as belonging to this segment pertain in all probability to the mesothorax, having undergone a secondary forward migration.

Although functional spiracles are present on the head in the Symphyla, they are not found in that position in any insect. According to Nelson a pair of evanescent spiracles is present on the second maxillary segment in the embryo of the honey bee. Several observers have claimed that from 2 to 5 pairs of cephalic spiracles are represented by the invaginations which give rise to the apodemes forming the tentorium. The balance of evidence, however, is against this homology, since a pair of tentorial invaginations coexist with the spiracles on the second maxillary segment in the embryo bee, and apodemes are present along with spiracles in the thorax of most insects.

**Structure of the Spiracles.**—The term *spiracle* is held to include not only the external opening, and the annular sclerite or *peritreme* which surrounds it, but also the *atrium* or vestibule into which the opening leads, together with the *closing apparatus*. The latter consists of one or more muscles with associated chitinous parts. The atrium is a specialized region of the trachea leading from the spiracular opening: it lacks tenidia and its walls are variously sculptured or are provided with hairs, trabeculae and similar chitinous outgrowths. Closely connected with the spiracles are frequently *peristigmatic glands* which secrete an oily or other material preventing the wetting of those organs. The structure of the spiracles presents an enormous range of variety among different groups of insects: it is also usually different in the thoracic and abdominal spiracles of the same insect and may be greatly modified in different instars. It will, therefore, be readily appreciated that their classification is a matter of
much difficulty. Krancker (1881) divided spiracles into two main groups, viz., those without lips and those provided with lips. Under the latter category are included a number of subdivisions based upon various structural points. Mammen (1912) classified spiracles into four groups founded upon the number and relations of the muscles connected with the closing apparatus: his work, however, deals almost entirely with Hemiptera.

The most generalized type of spiracle is devoid of lips and closing apparatus and is little more than a simple crypt as in Sminthurus. No special chamber or atrium is developed and the spiracle opens directly into the tracheæ.

In most Hemiptera, more especially in the abdomen, the spiracles are simple apertures surrounded by a peritreme. A well developed atrium is present and between the latter and the trachea is the closing apparatus. This type of spiracle is also found in the Anopleura, Aphaniptera and in other insects (Fig. 103).

In Periplaneta the thoracic spiracles each have a slit-like opening which is guarded by a bi-lobed valve or lip (Fig. 104). The spiracle is closed by an occlusor muscle which arises from the integument and is inserted into the lip. The abdominal spiracles are permanently open and each spiracle leads into an atrium which communicates with the adjoining trachea by means of a slit-like opening (Fig. 105). On one side of the opening is a chitinous bar or bow and on the other side a pouch-like diver-
ticulum: the latter gives attachment to the occlusor muscle which is inserted into the bow. The contraction of this muscle closes the opening previously alluded to, and an antagonist muscle arises from the supporting plate of the spiracle and is also inserted into the bow (Miall and Denny).

In the spiracles of lepidopterous larvae the lips are fringed with repeatedly branched processes, whose finest divisions often require a high magnification for their detection, thus forming a most efficient guarding mechanism to the tracheal system. At the inner end of the atrium is the closing apparatus. The latter consists of a chitinous bow, which partly encircles the trachea, while on the opposite side of the latter is a chitinous band; a closing lever or rod is closely connected with the band. The occlusor muscle is attached at one end to the bow and at the other to the lever: when the muscle contracts the lever presses the band against the bow, thus closing the entrance into the trachea. The latter is opened partly by means of the elasticity of the chitinous parts which regain their former position, and partly by the aid of an antagonist muscle or an elastic fibre (Fig. 106).

In the larvae of Melolontha and other of the Lamellicornia (Boas, *Zool. Anz.* 1893: Meinert 1895) the spiracles are circular: each consists of a crescentic sieve-plate and a projecting tegumentary fold or bulla which is almost completely surrounded by it (Fig. 107). The true opening is a curved slit situated near the margin of the bulla and running concentrically with it. The sieve plate consists of an outer pore membrane supported beneath by a layer of trabeculae (Fig. 108).

In larvae of the Elateridae, Cleridae, Nitidulidae and other Coleoptera are biforous spiracles. Each has two contiguous openings which are more or less slit-like and separated by a partition wall. Each opening communicates either by means of a tubular passage with a common atrium, or opens directly into the trachea (Fig. 107). Other types of spiracles in larval Coleoptera are described by Steinke (1919).

In the immature stages of Diptera the spiracles are devoid of lips (vide de Meijere 1895, 1902). In the third-stage larvae of the higher Cyclorrhapha the posterior spiracles consist of a pair of chitinous plates. Each plate
is surrounded by a peritreme and bears as a rule three openings which may be pyriform (Muscina) or in the form of straight slits (Calliphora) or sinuous slits (Musca). Each opening is traversed by a number of fine chitinous rods presenting the appearance of a grating, and all three openings communicate with a common atrium. Just internal to the openings there is a system of branched chitinous trabeculae which form, along with the grating previously alluded to, an efficient barrier to the entrance of foreign particles. The walls of the atrium are also lined with a fibrous reticulum. The anterior spiracles each consists of a variable number of digitate processes whose apices are perforated by openings. Each opening communicates with a small atrium and the atria of each spiracle all join with the main tracheal trunk of their side. Since both anterior and posterior spiracles change in form at each instar the spiracles of the previous instar atrophy.
The new larval or pupal spiracle arises as an outgrowth of the atrium which eventually meets the skin. The old atrium shrivels, only persisting as a stigmatic cord, and all that remains of the original spiracle is seen in the stigmatic scar or cicatrix (Fig. 110) which is found in close connection with the functional spiracle. In the larvae of *Estrus*, *Hypoderma* and other of the *Estridae* instead of three openings to each spiracle there are multiple pores. In *Glossina* there are about 500 of these pores to a side which form the sculpturing on a pair of polypneustic lobes (Newstead, 1918). Each pore is connected by means of a tubular continuation with large tracheal trunks within the lobes. A similar arrangement obtains in the larva of *Hippobosca* except that the pores are much less numerous, while in *Melophagus* there are only four to each lobe.

The Tracheæ and Tracheoles

The *tracheæ* are elastic tubes and when filled with air present a silvery appearance. The innermost lining of a trachea is a layer of chitin known as the *intima* (endotrachea) which is directly continuous with the cuticle of the body-wall and is cast off at each ecdysis. When examined microscopically a trachea presents a very characteristic striated appearance which is due to the fact that the intima is specially thickened at regular intervals to form closely arranged thread-like ridges which project into the lumen (Fig. 111). These bands or thickenings are known as *tenidia* and, as a general rule, they pass round the trachea in a spiral manner although their continuity is frequently interrupted: in other cases they form independent rings. The function of the tenidia is to keep the trachea distended and thereby allow of the free passage of air. If a trachea be teased out the intima will tear between the tenidia and the latter will uncoil after the fashion of an unwound wire. In some insects several
taenidia exist side by side and in teased preparations a ribbon-like band uncoils which is formed of several parallel thickenings. Tenidia are absent, as a rule, from the large tracheae close to the spiracles, the intima in such positions presenting a tesselated or other type of thickening. In some insects (Zaitha, Lampyris, Luciola, etc.) cuticular piliform processes arise from the taenidia and project into the cavity of the trachea (vide Stokes, 1893).

An epithelial layer (ectotrachea) lies outside the intima and is composed of pavement cells with relatively large nuclei. The larger tracheae of some insects are faintly coloured with reddish-brown or violet pigment which is lodged in the cells of the epithelial layer. A delicate basement membrane forms the outermost coat of the tracheae.

The ultimate branches of the tracheal system are termed tracheoles. These are extremely delicate intracellular canaliculi less than 1 μ in diameter and are always devoid of taenidia. As a rule they unite with their fellows to form a capillary reticulum whose minute structure has received diverse interpretations. It has been shown by Holmgren (1895) and others that the finer tracheal branches terminate in end cells or transition cells of a more or less stellate form (Fig. 112). Each tracheal branch is connected within a cell of this type with several tracheoles which pass to the cells of the particular tissue with which they are associated. The tracheoles penetrate within the cells of the salivary glands of Lepidoptera and Trichoptera: they also pass deeply into the ganglia of the nervous system, they enter between the fibres of the muscles and are found over the digestive system, Malpighian tubes and reproductive organs. In the fat-body of the larva of Gastrophilus equi the tracheoles lie wholly within the cytoplasm of exceptionally large tracheal cells of a special type (Prenant, 1900) containing hemoglobin (Fig. 113).

The general arrangement and distribution of the tracheae in the body of an insect presents important differences among various groups but, so far, no systematic study of the subject has been made. The researches
of Fuller (1919) show that among the Isoptera the respiratory system of a newly-hatched termite consists of a framework of comparatively few simple tracheae from which a multitude of dichotomizing, arborescent, and other tracheae gradually develop and this statement holds good for the majority of insects. The specialization of the respiratory system, Fuller adds, is one of reduction, the nascent system of the more specialized termites being less extensive than that of the more generalized members. The work of Fuller will serve as a basis for similar ontogenetic and comparative studies in the absence of which no general conclusions are possible. Each spiracle communicates with a short inwardly directed spiracular
trachea which divides within its segment into branches passing to the various organs. In *Machilis* and *Campodea* Grassi (1887) has shown that the tracheae associated with each spiracle form, in themselves, an independent system which has no anastomoses with the tracheae from neighbouring spiracles (Fig. 114). In *Japyx solifugus* each spiracular trachea divides into an anterior and a posterior branch: since the anterior branch from one spiracle unites with the posterior branch from the spiracle in front a lateral spiracular trunk is formed on each side of the body. In *Nicoletia* and *Lepismina* these longitudinal trunks are also evident, but in addition

![Tracheal System of Periplaneta](image)

*Fig. 116.* Tracheal System of *Periplaneta.*

(A) with the ventral integument and viscera removed showing dorsal tracheae; (B) with dorsal integument and viscera removed showing ventral tracheae. *After* Miall and Denny.

there is a series of ventral, metameric, transverse commissures which unite the former trunks, thus combining the tracheae of the two sides of the body into a single system. This condition is the normal one in many larvae but in the imagines of the more generalized orders secondary longitudinal trunks are usually developed. Of these the most constant are the dorsal longitudinal trunks which are connected with the corresponding spiracular trunks by means of segmentally arranged palisade tracheae (Fig. 115). In *Periplaneta*, certain of the Isoptera and other insects, a pair of ventral longitudinal trunks connect the segmental transverse commissures (Fig. 116).
The dorsal longitudinal trunks give off segmental branches which pass to the heart and dorsal musculature. Visceral branches, which supply the digestive canal and reproductive organs, take their origin from the palisade tracheae or directly from the spiracular tracheae. The nerve cord and ventral musculature are supplied by branches derived from the ventral transverse commissures. The tracheae supplying the legs arise from the spiracular (or, in Odonata, the dorsal) longitudinal trunks in the thoracic region, and the basal tracheae of the developing wings usually take their origin in close association with those of the leg tracheae of the meso- and meta-thorax (vide Comstock, 1918). The head and mouth-parts are principally supplied by branches derived from the main longitudinal trunks.

The Air-Sacs

In many winged insects the tracheae are dilated in various parts of the body to form thin-walled vesicles or air-sacs. For the most part they are extremely delicate in structure and usually lack tænidia which ordinarily keep a tracheal tube open. The air-sacs are consequently distensible and, when inflated, are easily seen as glintening white vesicles. When collapsed and empty they are generally exceedingly difficult to detect. In Melolontha, for example, the air-sacs are dilataions of the secondary tracheae and are relatively small in size but exceedingly numerous. In Melanoplus there are a pair of large thoracic air-sacs and five pairs in the abdomen which are likewise dilatations of the secondary tracheae: there are also many smaller vesicles among the muscles. The air-sacs attain their greatest development in Volucella, Musca and other of the Cyclorrhapha and in Apis and Bombus among Hymenoptera (Fig. 117). In these instances the abdominal air-sacs attain very large dimensions and are dilatations of the main longitudinal tracheal trunks. Air-sacs are also met with among Lepidoptera and Odonata.

It has been maintained by the earlier writers that the air-sacs lessen the specific gravity of the body during flight since when distended they slightly increase the volume of the body. The temperature of the air within the sacs is very little above that of the atmosphere outside and consequently the loss of weight due to inflation is negligible. It is, furthermore, counteracted by the slightly increased volume of the insect occasioning a proportionally greater resistance to the atmosphere during flight. The presence of air-sacs, on the other hand, allows of an increased supply of oxygen in the respiratory system and thus affords a greater breathing
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capacity. Insects with well-developed air-sacs are commonly swift of flight and their great muscular activity when on the wing demands an abundant air-supply in relation to the increased rapidity of respiration. A system of rapidly-filled storage reservoirs in close association with the muscles and other organs of the body would appear to meet this physiological demand.

In the marine Coleopteron Apterus a single pair of abdominal air-sacs is present. These vesicles function as storage reservoirs which retain a supply of air during the time the insect is submerged (Miall).

In the aquatic larva of Chaoborus the main longitudinal tracheal trunks are strongly dilated into two pairs of sacs, one pair being located in the thorax and the other in the 7th abdominal segment. According to Franckenberg (1915) these vesicles are filled with oxygen (I) and function as hydrostatic organs. The insect adapts itself very rapidly to changes of pressure, requiring only a few minutes to adjust to an increase of two or three atmospheres.

The Gills or Branchiae

Gills are special respiratory organs situated at localized positions on the body and are present in the immature stages of many aquatic insects. They are outgrowths of the integument or, in some cases, of the walls of the rectum and being in free communication with the general body-cavity they contain blood. The cuticle investing these organs is extremely thin and allows of the inward passage of oxygen by means of diffusion. Two types of gills are recognizable, viz., tracheal gills and blood-gills (Fig. 118).

Tracheal Gills are filiform or more or less lamellate organs which are well supplied with tracheae and tracheoles. They are present in the majority of aquatic larvae and in some aquatic pupae. In many cases they are the only organs of respiration but in others (larval Culicidae for example) they are accessory in function and co-exist with open spiracles. Tracheal gills are usually borne on the abdomen; they are less frequently present on the thorax, and are only very rarely found on the head (Jolia and Oligoneuria among Ephemeroptera). In a few instances the gills of the larvae persist throughout life in the imago: they are best exhibited in Pteronarcys whose imagines possess thirteen pairs of gill-tufts on the ventral surface of the thoracic and first two abdominal segments. Tracheal gills similarly persist in other
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Plecoptera and in Hydropsyche among Trichoptera but, as a rule, they are retained in a more or less shrivelled condition.

In the Ephemeroptera tracheal gills are usually borne on the first seven abdominal segments and may be either lamellate or filamentous in character. When lamellate each gill may consist of a simple leaf-like expansion (Chiron) or the lamella may form a cover which protects a tuft of filamentous gills beneath (Heptagenia). In Canis the upper lamella of the 2nd pair of gills form opercula which conceal and protect the gills behind. In Prospicuus the gills are entirely hidden within a special branchial chamber.

In the Plecoptera primitive abdominal gills occur in the Eustheniidae, but in the nymphs of other forms they are replaced by secondary tufts of filaments which are variable in position.

Tracheal gills are universally present in the nymphs of Odonata. In the Anisoptera they are in the form of an elaborate system of folds of the wall of the rectum, the latter chamber being modified to form what is termed the branchial basket. In most of the Zygoptera there are three external caudal gills and no rectal gills; in a few rare cases lateral filamentous abdominal gills are also present.

Among Neuroptera gills are present in the larvae of the Sialoidea and in Sisyra among the Plannipennia. They consist of seven or eight pairs of filaments, usually jointed, borne segmentally on the abdomen.

Filamentous abdominal gills are present in the majority of larval Trichoptera and frequently persist in the pupae of those insects. In some genera although the larvae are gill-less the pupae are provided with well developed branchial organs.

Among Lepidoptera tracheal gills have long been known in the larva of Nymphula (Paraponyx) stratiolata; they consist of a series of delicate filaments arising from the sides of the trunk segments.

Among coleopterous larvae tracheal gills are filamentous in character and are only present in a few of the families. In Polobius they are ventral and are located near the bases of each of the pairs of legs and on the first three abdominal segments. In the Gyrinidae there are 10 pairs of hair-fringed lateral abdominal gills; somewhat similar organs are also found in Hydrocharis and Berosus among the Hydrophilidae. In Cnemidotus they take the form of numerous elongate jointed filaments which arise from the dorsal surface of the thorax and abdomen. In Psephenus there are five pairs of tufted ventral abdominal gills and in Psephenoides there is a single retractile tuft of anal gills.

Among dipterous larvae there are four lamellate anal gills in the Culicidae; in Phalaenocera the tracheal gills are in the form of numerous elongate filamentous processes which arise from almost all parts of the body segments; in Simulium and Eristalis rectal gills are present.

Blood-gills are commonly tubular or digitiform and are sometimes eversible. They derive their name from the fact that they contain blood but not as a rule tracheae, although occasional tracheoles may be present. In some instances there is little real distinction between these organs and tracheal gills. Blood-gills are of infrequent occurrence and are not exclusively confined to aquatic insects. They are found among many larval Trichoptera which have 4 to 6 finger-like tubes at the anal extremity. Among Diptera they are well developed in the larvae of Chironomus, some species of which bear two pairs of ventral blood-gills on the penultimate segment, and a group of four shorter anal gills. Small anal blood-gills are also met with among aquatic Tipulid larvae and, according to Pantel, in larvae of several genera of Tachinidae. The ventral eversible sacs of the Thysanura are probably also of the nature of blood-gills.

Types of Respiratory System

Three morphological types of respiratory system are recognized among insects (vide Palmen, 1877).

(i) The Holopneustic Respiratory System. In this type, which is the primitive one, all the spiracles are open: they are borne on the
The Holopneustic Respiratory System. This type is derived from the holopneustic condition by the closure of one or more pairs of spiracles and is the prevalent one among larvae. The following terms are in use which indicate the distribution of the spiracles.

Peripneustic.—Spiracles in a row along each side of the body. In typical examples the prothoracic and abdominal spiracles are open, those of the wing-bearing segments being closed. This condition is found in the larvae of the orders Neuroptera, Mecoptera, Lepidoptera, of many Hymenoptera Symphyta, and of many Coleoptera; among Diptera it is prevalent only in the families Bibionidae, Mycetophilidae and Cecidomyiidae.

Amphipneustic.—Only the prothoracic and the posterior abdominal spiracles are open. This type is the usual one among larval Diptera.

Propneustic.—Only the prothoracic spiracles are open. A comparatively rare condition exhibited for example in the pupa of the Culicidae.

Metapneustic.—Only the last pair of abdominal spiracles are open. The prevalent type in larval Culicidae and Tipulidae and in Hypoderma among the Cestridae; also found in the first larval instar of most Cyclorrhapha and in the aquatic larvae of certain Coleoptera (Dytiscidae, Hydrophilidae, etc.).

In addition to the foregoing there are certain anomalous types which do not obviously fall under any of the above categories. In Campodea, for example, there are only three pairs of spiracles which are located on the thorax, while in certain of the Protura and many Coccididae the number is reduced to two pairs which are similarly thoracic in position. Among the Thysanoptera there are one or two pairs of thoracic spiracles and a pair on the first and eighth abdominal segments. In Sminthurus there is only a single pair of spiracles which is located on the cervical region. Since there are no closed spiracles in any of these instances they are all to be regarded as specialized examples of the holopneustic type.

The Apneustic Respiratory System.—In this type of respiratory system oxygenation of the tissues is effected by osmosis either through the general integument, which in such cases is thin and membranous, or by means of gills. The spiracles are either closed or totally wanting. Respiration through the general surface of the integument takes place throughout life in almost all Collembola and among certain of the Protura. It also occurs in the larva of the Dipteran Chaoborus and in the early instars of endoparasitic hymenopterous larvae. Respiration by means of gills prevails among the immature stages of many aquatic insects.

Although the tracheal system is well developed in most apneustic insects, it is greatly reduced in larval Chironomidae and totally absent in almost all Collembola and in the family Acerentomidae among Protura.

The Stigmatic Cords

In many hemipneustic and apneustic insect larvae the spiracular branches are in the condition of delicate strands or stigmatic cords. They pass from the lateral longitudinal trunks to points on the cuticle where spiracles if present would be located or where their scar-like vestiges occur. The existence of these cords affords support to the conclusion that the closed or partially closed tracheal system is a derivative from an ancestral holopneustic condition. Stigmatic cords have been detected in larvae of most orders of insects.
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The intake of oxygen and the output of carbon dioxide are two closely associated processes which together constitute respiration. So far as is known it is only within living cells that O is consumed and CO₂ formed. In vertebrates the O is conveyed to the tissues by means of the haemoglobin of the blood, but in the vast majority of insects the greater part of the O is directly supplied to the organs of the body by means of the tracheal system. The blood in these animals is generally of secondary importance in respiration, and some investigators have denied that it participates in the process at all.

In holo- and hemi-pneustic insects the air enters the tracheal system by way of the spiracles and is periodically changed by muscular movements and by diffusion. After each inspiratory act, it is believed that the spiracles are momentarily closed and the first result of the expiratory contraction is to force the air enclosed in the tracheæ into the smallest branches of the latter. The spiracles then open and the remainder of the respiratory movement is expended in driving CO₂ from the tracheæ. Most of what is known concerning the respiratory movements of insects is due to Rathke (1860), Plateau (1884) and Langendorf (1883). The two last-mentioned observers, by means of lantern projections on a screen, studied the enlarged silhouettes of the insects under investigation (Fig. 119). By this method the changes of contour due to inspiration and expiration were observed and traced upon the screen so as to give two superposed figures. The principal facts concerning the respiratory movements of an insect at rest, as determined by this method, may be summarized as follows.

1. The respiratory movements of insects are located in the abdomen and, in most cases, the thoracic segments do not participate. Blatta orientalis, however, is an exception in this respect.

2. The movements consist of an alternate contraction and recovery of the figure of the abdomen in two dimensions, viz., vertical and horizontal. During expiration both diameters are reduced while during inspiration they revert to their previous condition. The vertical expiratory contraction is the most marked and in Periplaneta amounts to ⅓th of the depth of the abdomen (between segments 2 and 3). Changes in the length of the abdomen involving protrusion and subsequent retraction of the segments are rare in insects as a class, but are characteristic of aculeate Hymenoptera.

3. The nature of the respiratory movements depends upon the formation of the abdominal segments. In Coleoptera the sterna yield but little while the terga are mobile; in Periplaneta the sterna are slightly raised during expiration. When the terga overlap the sterna and conceal the pleural membrane, the two shields approach and recede alternately, the sterna being the more mobile. This type of movement is exhibited in Odonata, acrydian Orthoptera, aculeate Hymenoptera and Diptera. When the pleural membrane is freely exposed the terga and sterna approach and recede alternately, the pleural region becoming at the same time depressed and then open.
returning to its original figure. This type is prevalent among Locustidae, Neuroptera, Trichoptera and Lepidoptera.

(4) In most insects the expiratory movement only is active and is effected by the contraction of certain of the abdominal muscles; inspiration is usually passive, it is slower than expiration and effected by the elasticity of the body-wall.

(5) The frequency of the respiratory movements depends upon temperature and the muscular activity of the insect.

The respiratory movements are wholly reflex and, in insects whose nervous system is not highly concentrated, they persist for a while in the completely detached abdomen. Each ganglion of the ventral chain is a respiratory centre for its segment.

The interchange of gases in the smaller tracheae and the tracheoles is explainable upon the theory of diffusion. Krogh (1920) has developed a formula which enables the rate of diffusion of oxygen into a tracheal system of given dimensions to be calculated for various differences of oxygen tension at the outer and inner ends of the system. This experimenter finds that, in the larva of Dytiscus, two-thirds of the total volume of the whole tracheal system is composed of large tracheae which are ventilated by mechanical movements; in the remaining tracheae of small calibre diffusion alone occurs.

The respiratory exchange varies in different stages of life, and rises with increasing temperature as has been shown by Battelli and Stern (1913). Among Diptera, for example, it is lowest in the pupae and higher in the imagines than in the larvae: above a temperature of 45° C. it begins to show a decrease. According to Bützchli a cockroach at a temperature of 32° C. expires 17 times more CO₂ than at a temperature of 3°. Muscular movements also exercise a great influence upon respiration. Newport (1836) found that an example of Bombus terrestris, when in a state of violent activity evolved in one hour at 60° F. 27 times the volume of CO₂ than when in a state of complete rest, at nearly the same temperature (59° F.).

The means by which CO₂ is eliminated from the system is a difficult subject concerning which little is definitely known. The results of recent investigations indicate that it escapes partly by passage through the tracheae and partly by diffusion through the integument. The latter is stated to be permeable to gases (Dewitz, 1890: Muttkowski, 1920) and the outward passage of CO₂ is from a region of considerable tension (in the blood) into the atmosphere where the tension of CO₂ is practically zero. It has also been suggested, but not so far proved, that the calcium carbonate present in the Malpighian tubes and fat-body is produced by the neutralization of a certain amount of the CO₂ in the blood.

In aquatic insects, with a closed tracheal system, the principle involved in the respiratory exchange is the diffusion of gases in solution through an intervening membrane. In most cases the membrane concerned is the thin integumentary covering of the gills or, where the latter organs are wanting, the diffusion takes place through the general body-wall. In water with normal oxygenation the O content of the tracheal air is lower than that of the water, whereas the CO₂ content is the same as or a little higher than that of the surrounding water. The O dissolved in the water passes by diffusion through the part of the integument concerned and enters the tracheae in the gaseous state. Here it is circulated, partly by body movements and partly by diffusion, into the tracheoles from which it passes again into solution in the protoplasm of the tissues and in the blood. As the internal oxygen is constantly being used up in respiration there is a continuous diffusion from the region of
higher partial pressure (in the water) to the region of lower partial pressure (in the insect) and the gases tend to equilibrate. In insects devoid of a tracheal system, or where the latter is only very feebly developed, the oxygen diffuses directly into the blood which conveys it to the various organs. In apneustic parasitic larvae which live bathed in the blood of their host, the only available source of oxygen is that contained in the latter. Since the host breathes atmospheric oxygen its blood would contain a higher percentage of oxygen than that of the parasite, and the same principle of diffusion from a region of higher partial pressure (maintained in the blood of the host) to one of lower partial pressure (in the blood of the parasite) would hold good. It is noteworthy that the cuticle of these parasites has an extreme tenuity, and there is frequently a subcutaneous reticulum of fine tracheae which is in accordance with this type of cutaneous respiration. In many of the Apterygota, which are terrestrial organisms, the cuticle is also but little chitinized and a tracheal system is totally wanting. In these cases oxygen is believed to diffuse through the general surface of the body and to be taken up by the blood which acts as the sole distributing agent. The evolution of CO₂ has been investigated by Wallengren (1915) in the case of dragon-fly nymphs, who states that CO₂ given off by the tissues is dissolved in the blood, and only a small proportion of it enters the tracheae: the remainder diffuses from the blood through the gills and the general integument.

The available evidence, therefore, indicates that the blood of insects, in addition to its recognized function of transporting nutrient and metabolic products, aids the tracheal system in the distribution of oxygen to the tissues and in the removal of CO₂. It assumes its greatest importance in this respect in apneustic insects, and in cases where the tracheal system is either wanting or degenerate the blood is the sole medium for transportation of these gases. Certain larval Chironomideæ, known as “blood worms,” are exceptional in that haemoglobin is present in solution in the blood plasma: it also occurs in the specialized tracheal cells of Gastrophilus larveæ and in the Notonectid Buenoa (Hungerford, Can. Ent. 54). In other insects the existence of a respiratory protein has not so far been demonstrated.

Literature on the Respiratory System and Respiration

LITERATURE ON RESPIRATION

THE CIRCULATORY SYSTEM

Among insects the circulatory system is largely an open one, there being only a single closed organ or dorsal vessel. The greater part of the circulation of the blood takes place in the cavities of the body and its appendages, the blood occupying the spaces not appropriated by the internal organs. The larger of these spaces may be enclosed by special membranes and form definite sinuses. With the exception of the aorta-like anterior prolongation of the dorsal vessel, which usually divides into terminal branches, there are as a rule no definite veins or arteries such as are found in many Arthropoda. In the appendages and wing-veins, however, the blood flows in ingoing and outgoing streams along defined channels analogous to blood-vessels. In the larva of Chironomus the hindmost chamber of the heart gives off three caudal arteries which enter the respective tail appendages.

The organs and tissues belonging to the circulatory system are separately dealt with below.

The Diaphragms and Sinuses.—When the diaphragms are completely developed the general body-cavity or hæmocœle is divided into three sinuses by means of two fibro-muscular septa (Fig. 120). The dorsal diaphragm is the principal septum and the one most generally prevalent. It extends across the abdominal cavity above the alimentary canal and the blood-space, thus enclosed, is known as the dorsal or pericardial sinus. The latter is situated beneath the abdominal terga and within it is located the heart. The ventral diaphragm stretches across the abdominal cavity just above the ganglia of the ventral nerve cord, and the space limited by it is the ventral or perineural sinus. Between the dorsal and ventral sinuses is the large central cavity or visceral sinus containing the principal internal organs.

Pairs of alary muscles, composed of striated fibres, arise from the terga and spread out fanwise over the surface of the dorsal diaphragm. The fibres of one alary muscle meet, beneath the heart, those of the corresponding muscle of the opposite side of the body. In some insects, including the Collembola, dipterous larvae, and Anopleura, the alary muscles are attached to the walls of the heart (Fig. 122). These muscles vary in number, largely according to the number of chambers present in the heart. In Periplaneta, for example, there are 12 pairs of alary muscles (Fig. 121) in the hive bee 4 pairs, in Hæmatopinus 3 pairs and in the larva of Chironomus 2 pairs.

The Dorsal Vessel.—The dorsal vessel extends from near the caudal extremity of the body, through the thorax, and terminates in the head. It is situated along the median dorsal line just beneath the integument and is protected by the dorsal diaphragm below. Morphologically it is a continuous tube, usually closed posteriorly, and always open at its cephalic
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extremity. It is divisible in two regions, viz., the heart or pumping organ and a conducting vessel or aorta.

The heart is maintained in position within the pericardial sinus by means of suspensory filaments attached to the abdominal terga and frequently to the dorsal diaphragm also. It is generally divided by successive constrictions into a series of chambers but, in some insects, it is an un­constricted tube, and its segmentation is only evidenced by the presence of paired ostia (described below). In the most primitive condition there is a chamber for each thoracic segment, and for each segment of the abdomen, excepting the last. Among most insects, however, the heart is restricted to the abdomen and is variously shortened from both extremities with the result that the chambers are fewer in number than the abdominal segments. In Periplaneta (Fig. 121) the heart is exhibited in an exceptionally primitive condition and is composed of thirteen chambers: in Japyx there are ten chambers, in Lucanus cervus seven, among aculeate Hymenoptera there are five, and in Musca three: in a few insects the heart is reduced to only one chamber. Histologically the heart is composed of a single layer of cells with large nuclei, and striated muscle fibrillae are differentiated within the cytoplasm. The cellular layer is bounded both externally and internally by a delicate membranous tunic. The blood enters the heart through lateral inlets or ostia, a pair of which is situated at each constriction between adjacent chambers. The wall of the heart is reflected inwards and forwards at each ostium to form an auricular valve, which precludes the

![Diagram](image)

FIG. 120.—SCHEMATIC TRANSVERSE SECTION OF THE THORAX OF PERiplANeTA SHOWING THE DIAPHRAGMS AND SINUSES.

The plain arrows indicate the course of the circulation towards the head and the dotted arrows signify transverse currents more or less parallel with the plane of the paper. h, dorsal vessel; d, pericardial diaphragm; p.s., pericardial sinus; e, esophagus; v.s., visceral sinus; d.v.m., dorso-ventral muscles; t, lateral tracheal trunk; t', leg trachea; d.2, ventral diaphragm; n.s., peri-neural sinus; n, nerve cord; i, nerve to leg. The cavity of the leg is divided into an anterior sinus a and a posterior sinus p either by muscles or by a membrane m; in the femur the trachea and nerve are attached to the membrane; c, coxa; tib, tibia and tarsus. Adapted from Brocher, Ann. Soc. Ent. Fr. 1925.
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return flow of the blood into the dorsal sinus. In many insects each pair of auricular valves also functions as a ventricular valve, which prevents the backward flow of the blood in the heart itself (Fig. 125). In the larva of Aeschna the ventricular valves are separately developed and situated some distance in front of each pair of ostia.

The aorta is the anterior prolongation of the dorsal vessel and it functions as the principal artery of the body. Its junction with the heart is frequently marked by the presence of aortic valves. The aorta extends forwards through the thorax to terminate in the head near the brain. In some insects its anterior extremity is an open funnel-like mouth but, more usually, it divides into two or more cephalic arteries, each of which may subdivide into smaller vessels.

Accessory Pulsatory Organs.—In addition to the heart accessory pulsatory organs have been described in many insects. They are sac-like structures, situated in various regions of the body, and pulsate independently of the heart. Brocher (1919) has observed thoracic pulsatile organs in Protoparce and Dytiscus where they are present just beneath the meso- and metathoracic terga. In Protoparce the mesotergal pulsatile organ is well developed and is directly connected with a special diverticulum from the loop of the aorta (Fig. 123): the metathoracic organ, on the other hand, is very small. In Dytiscus the reverse obtains, the metathoracic organ being the best developed. Among Hemiptera special pulsatile organs are present in the legs: in Periplaneta and other insects, including Lepidoptera, there is a pulsatile vesicle at the base of each antenna.

The Blood.—The blood (or hæmolymph) of insects is contained in the general body-cavity, where it freely bathes the various internal organs and also enters the appendages and the tubular cavities of the wing-veins.
It consists of a liquid substance or plasma containing a number of small amoeboid, nucleated, colourless corpuscles known as leucocytes or amebocytes which vary in diameter between about 0.06 mm. and 0.27 mm.

The plasma may be either colourless or pale yellow, green, reddish, etc., owing to certain dissolved pigmentary substances which combine with the proteids present. In the larvae of some species of Chironomus, the plasma is red owing to the occurrence of hemoglobin. Among leaf-eating lepidopterous larvae, Poultion and others have shown that the yellow and green pigments of the blood are derived from the food, and absorbed without undergoing fundamental changes. When in contact with the air the blood frequently darkens. This change is due to two causes:—(1) the oxidation of the albuminoid substances present and (2) the precipitation of greenish-black granules of uranidine which is produced at the moment the blood leaves the insect (Cuenot). Clotting is also a frequent phenomenon, the clot involving both the leucocytes and uranidine granules.

The more recent researches have shown that marked differences exist in the blood of the two sexes. Thus Steche (Zeits. indukt. Abstamm. u. Vererb. 8, 1912) observed that the plasma of male larvae of Lymantria dispar is yellowish and that of the female green. Also, when the plasma of the two sexes is brought together a precipitin is formed. These experiments have been extended by Geyer (Zeits. wiss. Zool. 105, 1913) who noted a similar precipitin reaction in other insects, including cases where no colour differences occur in the plasma of the two sexes.

The leucocytes exist in several forms and four types of these cells are recognized by Hollande (1911) as being present in most insects (Fig. 124). These are—(1) Prolleucocytes or young leucocytes which divide by mitosis and give rise to the other types of leucocytes. (2) Phagocytes or cells capable of ingesting other tissues and microorganisms: such cells have a hyaline protoplasm; (3) Granular leucocytes whose protoplasm is charged with granules exhibiting acidophile or basophile reactions: these cells frequently function as phagocytes. (4) Enocytoids, rounded or spherical
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...cells which do not exhibit phagocytosis: their protoplasm is homogeneous and markedly acidophile. Hollande's classification of the leucocytes differs from that of Cuenot (1895) who regards (2) and (3) as stages in the evolution of a single type of cell. In addition to the foregoing elements there may be special leucocytes charged with fat (Heteroptera) or wax (Orthezia and many Aphididae).

The principal function of the blood is the transportation of the nutritive products of digestion to the various organs of the body. Its rôle in respiration in most insects is secondary owing to the highly developed tracheal system which conveys oxygen to all parts of the organism. (For the respiratory function of the blood vide p. 120.)

Certain insects exhibit the property of reflex-bleeding or, in other words, they have the power of ejecting blood from the femoro-tibial and other articulations of the body. They usually feign death at the time, and the blood which exudes may possess toxic, caustic or other properties which it is believed render such insects distasteful to their enemies. Reflex-bleeding is particularly evident in Meloë, Cantharis and other Coleoptera, also in certain Hemiptera and Orthoptera, while many Aphididae discharge blood through their cornicles.

The Circulation of the Blood.—The heart is the principal pulsatory organ, and it undergoes rhythmical contractions which are brought about by the muscle fibrillae situated in its walls. When the heart is composed of several chambers the latter pulsate, one after the other, with the result that a peristaltic wave of contraction passes from the caudal extremity forwards. At the moment of diastole, in a given chamber, the blood enters through the ostia from the pericardial sinus, but the ventricular valve is closed. During systole, this valve is open, and the blood flows into the chamber in front: at the same time the ostia are closed, and the return of the blood into the pericardial sinus is thus precluded (Fig. 125). On being propelled forwards, the blood passes out at the anterior end of the dorsal vessel, and enters the cavity of the head: from there it flows into the visceral and perineural sinuses. According to Brocher, the dorsal pulsatory organs bring about the circulation of the blood in the legs, wing-veins and among the muscles of the thorax. In Protoparce convolvuli he regards the mesotergal pulsatile organs as being more important than the heart in pumping the blood. By means of the up and down movements of the diaphragms its further circulation is provided for, and the blood ultimately returns to the pericardial sinus. It either enters through the
fenestrae in the dorsal diaphragm or, if these perforations are wanting, it flows into the pericardial sinus at the hinder extremity of the body, where the dorsal diaphragm is incomplete. The contractions of the body muscles during respiration are also of considerable importance in aiding the flow of the blood. The blood circulates in the veins of the expanding wings of newly emerged insects, and it is largely by means of the pressure which it exerts that these organs attain their full extension. The veins of the fully formed wings have been shown by Moseley (1871) and Brocher (1916, 1919, 1920) to function as blood channels since a definite circulation is maintained through them.

The frequency of the pulsations of the heart varies not only in different insects, but also in different stages in the ontogeny of the same species. In Sphinx ligustri, for example, Newport found that the average number of pulsations in a larva before the 1st ecdysis is 82–83 per minute, before the 2nd ecdysis 89, but before each succeeding ecdysis it gradually diminishes to 39 in the final larval instar; the force of the circulation intensifies as the number of pulsations diminish. During the quiescent period, prior to each ecdysis, the number of beats averages 30. In the pupa it falls to 22, and subsequently to 10 or 12, ultimately almost ceasing during hibernation. When the imago is in repose the pulsations number 42–50 and in flight 119–139. A decrease in temperature has a marked effect in reducing the frequency of the heart beats. Dogiel (1877) has found that in the larva of Chaoborus many poisons, when acting feebly, accelerate the pulsations, but when allowed to act energetically a retardation is exhibited. Such drugs as muscarine, curare and strychnine have no appreciable influence.

Special Organs and Tissues Associated with the Blood.—The following organs and tissues are regarded as performing important functions in connection with the blood. It must be pointed out, however, that their true physiological significance is still obscure and very divergent views are held.

The Corpora Allata.—These are a pair of small ovoid whitish bodies lying behind the supra-esophageal ganglion, in close relation with the sympathetic nervous system (Fig. 54). In some cases they have been mistaken for a pair of posterior sympathetic ganglia but, histologically, they differ from nervous tissues and have rather the features of glandular organs (Fig. 126). According to Janet (1899) they develop as a pair of ectodermal invaginations of the mandibular segment. Physiologically, they are to be regarded as ductless glands which secrete certain substances (hormones?) into the blood. Corpora allata are found in all orders of insects (vide Nabert, 1913).

The Ænocytes.—The term Ænocytes is given to certain usually very large cells, which are commonly grouped in metamerically arranged clusters in the pleural region of the abdomen or, occasionally, they may extend over the sterna (vide Wheeler, 1892). They are probably universal
in all orders of the Pterygota and are ectodermal in origin, being derived from segmental groups of cells situated just behind the primary invaginations which give rise to the abdominal spiracles (Fig. 128). Among nymphal and larval insects the cenocytes may retain their original connection with the hypodermis, or they may migrate into the superficial layer of the fat-body, or come to lie in close association with certain of the branches of the tracheae (Fig. 127). Among larval Culicidae and Chironomidae there are regularly two kinds of these cells—the large and small cenocytes. In adult insects the cenocytes often differ considerably from those of the immature stages of the same species. In the imagines of _Xiphidium_ and _Blatta_ they lose their original metameric arrangement and exhibit a more scattered distribution: in ants the cenocytes attain an enormously greater size in the larva than in the imago (Perez).

Histologically, an cenocyte is characterized by the large oval or rounded nucleus, an abundant cytoplasm, and an external limiting membrane. Cenocytes are variable in colour and often have the light yellow appearance of certain wines, a fact which suggested their name. The views held with regard to the functions of these cells are extremely conflicting, but it appears probable that they elaborate and discharge into the blood some physiologically important secretion. Glaser (1912) concludes from a series of experiments that in larvae of _Zeuzera_ they secrete enzymes which oxidize reserve food material stored up as fat.

**THE PHAGOCYTIC OR SPLENIC ORGANS.**—In *Forficula*, and some Orthoptera and Thysanura, Kowalevsky (1894) recognized certain bilateral groups of cells placed either just below the pericardial cells on either side (*Forficula*) or on the concave side of the dorsal diaphragm (*Caloptenus*). These cells exhibit a marked ameboid character and are believed to give rise to fresh leucocytes. It appears that they also have the property of taking up and storing particles of indian ink and other colouring matter when injected in suspension into the body cavity. In this respect they differ from nephrocytes which only deal with material in solution.
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THE EXCRETORY ORGANS AND FAT-BODY

The principal excretory organs are the Malpighian tubes, and an accessory excretory function is performed by the nephrocytes, fat-body, and labial glands (in Thysanura).

The Malpighian Tubes (Fig. 129).—First discovered by the Italian anatomist Malpighi, these organs are almost universally present among insects. They are long, slender, blind tubes lying in the hemocel where they are freely bathed by the blood. They open at their proximal extremities into the commencement of the hind intestine, near the junction with the mid-gut. Distally, they are usually free but in some insects, particularly Coleoptera, their blind ends are closely attached to the walls of the colon or rectum without, however, opening into those chambers (vide Woods, 1916). The exterior of the Malpighian tubes is richly supplied with a reticulum of fine tracheæ whose larger branches serve to maintain these organs in position. The number of Malpighian tubes is very variable but tolerably constant within the limits of most of the orders (vide Veneziani, 1905). These vessels usually occur in twos, or multiples of two,
and their primitive number according to Wheeler (1893) is six. It is only very exceptionally that more than six are present in the embryo and they are often reduced to four. Specialization either by addition or reduction is frequent: their number may exceed 100 while, on the other hand, it is often less than six. The typical number of these vessels present in the various orders is given below.


The Coccidae and larval parasitic Hymenoptera are exceptional in having only two Malpighian tubes and the Culicidae have the unusual number of five. In certain of the Thysanura, the Protura, and Steptoptera these vessels are doubtfully represented by papille: in the Collembola, japyx, and the Aphididae they are wanting altogether. Although the Malpighian vessels are usually simple tubes they are sometimes arborescent, as in Galleria mellonella, or they may give off short closely-packed diverticula as in Melolontha (Fig. 129). Very frequently the tubes unite in pairs and they may open into a common ampulla or bladder, which discharges into the hind intestine. When very numerous the Malpighian tubes may be grouped in bunches, each bunch discharging by a separate duct or ureter: in the Gryllidae all the tubes converge to open into a common ureter of considerable length. Not infrequently the Malpighian tubes exhibit morphological and physiological differences. Thus, in Haltica and Donacia four of the tubes discharge into a common ampulla while the remaining two shorter vessels have isolated insertions. In the larva of Myriatropa the two posterior tubes are filiform while the distal portions of the anterior pair are of even greater diameter than the intestine and contain CaCO₃, which is absent in the other vessels.

When viewed in transverse section a Malpighian tube is seen to be composed of a ring of about three to eight large and variably-shaped epithelial cells with prominent nuclei. Histologically these cells bear marked resemblances to those of the convoluted tubules of the vertebrate kidney. Where each cell borders the cavity of the tube its margin exhibits a striated or ciliated appearance which is due to the presence of pore canals. Towards the outside of each cell the protoplasm exhibits distal striæ which have been regarded as minute canaliculi (Fig. 130). The epithelial cells rest externally upon a delicate basement membrane and outside the latter is a peritoneal coat, which in some cases contains muscle fibres (Sinety), and in the larva of Cerambyx and Melolontha both muscle and elastic fibres (Veneziani).

Functionally, the Malpighian tubes are concerned with the removal of the waste products of metabolism from the blood. These substances accumulate in the epithelial cells of the vessels and are discharged into the central cavities, thence they pass into the intestine and are evacuated through the anus. The waste products stated to be eliminated by the

![FIG. 130.—Diagram of the structure of a Malpighian tube according to Veneziani.](image-url)
Malpighian tubes are extremely varied and include uric acid and urates of soda, lime, and ammonia: also urea, oxalate and carbonate of lime, carbonate of soda, phosphate of lime, and leucine. The discharge of these products from the Malpighian tubes is facilitated by the vermiform movements sometimes seen in the latter, which are due to the contraction of the muscle fibres previously alluded to. As a rule the Malpighian tubes are coloured yellow or brown: according to Veneziani the pigment is very similar to urochrome and is named by him entomurochrome.

Calcium carbonate is known to occur in the Malpighian tubes of many saprophagous and phytophagous larvae of the Diptera and also in certain larval Cerambycidae. It is usually present in the form of small granules, but, in the Agromyzidae, it forms calcospherites which also occur in special cells of the fat-body. Among Diptera, before pupation, the lime is dissolved in the blood and is excreted through the newly formed pupal cuticle into the ecdysial fluid. When the latter is absorbed the lime remains as a deposit on the outer surface of the puparium (Keilin, 1921). Among the Cerambycidae the lime is utilized in the formation of an operculum which closes the pupal cell.

In the Carabid Lebia scapularis (Silvestri, 1905) and the Neuroptera Planipennia (Anthony, 1902) the Malpighian tubes secrete the silk used in constructing the cocoons, discharging it through the anus.

The Nephrocytes (Fig. 132).—The nephrocytes consist of certain localized groups of cells, often binucleate, which have the property of storing up substances of an excretory nature (Fig. 131). They occur in two principal groups: (1) the dorsal or pericardial nephrocytes and (2) the ventral nephrocytes. The dorsal nephrocytes are commonly termed the pericardial cells, which consist of two chains of cells arranged in a linear series on either side of the heart in the pericardial sinus. In these insects they usually form a chain of cells which is suspended in the body-cavity below the fore-intestine and attached by its two extremities to the salivary glands.

The generally accepted opinion is that the nephrocytes are excretory in function. Hollande (1916), however, disputes this view and maintains that the pericardial nephrocytes absorb albuminoid substances of alimentary origin and render them assimilable. The excretory function of the nephrocytes is suggested by the fact that they have the property of taking up and storing ammonia-carmine and other dyes in solution when the latter are artificially introduced either directly by injection into the body-cavity or indirectly through the alimentary canal. Further information regarding the nephrocytes will be found in the writings of Kowalevsky (1886, 1889), Brunetz (1903), Cuénot (1896), Keilin (1917) and Keilin and Nuttall (1921).

The labial glands of the Thysanura discharge by means of an excretory
duct which opens at the base of the labium. According to Bruntz (1908) these organs consist of a saccule which eliminates ammonia-carmine and a labyrinth which similarly deals with indigo-carmine when these substances are injected into the body-cavity.

The excretory function of the fat-body is discussed in the next section.

The Fat-Body

The fat-body is composed of irregular masses or lobes of rounded or polyhedral cells which are usually vacuolated and contain inclusions of various kinds. In many insects the fat-body is built up of tightly compacted cells: in others it is a more or less laminate tissue with numerous lacunae, or it may take the form of loose strands. In colour it may be either white, yellow, orange or greenish. This tissue is derived from the mesoderm by a differentiation of the walls of the coelomic cavities and it consequently has a primitive metameric disposition. With the breaking down of the embryonic coelom, and the development of a haemocoele, the fat-body forms the irregular boundaries of the permanent body-cavity. In many insects it is possible to distinguish an outer or parietal layer, beneath the body-wall, and an inner or visceral layer, which surrounds and enters between the various organs (Fig. 133). In some larvae the parietal layer is interrupted at each segment and thus retains a segmental arrangement: the visceral layer, on the other hand, forms a continuous sheet passing from one segment to another. The fat-body alters very much in its histological structure during the life of an insect. In the earlier instars its nuclei are rounded or oval (Fig. 134, 3) but they often later alter in character, becoming stellate or ribband-like (Fig. 134, 2 and 4). In many cases the cellular structure is no longer evident and the fat-body has the appearance of a syncytium (Fig. 134, 1).

The physiological processes associated with the fat-body are obscure. The latter is everywhere in direct communication with the blood, from which it receives and stores up the
nutrient products of digestion, over and above those necessary to main­
tain the normal life of the organism. The most generally present sub­
stance is fat which accumulates in the form of globules in the vacuoles of
the cells. Among other products are albuminoid granules which are com­
monly found in holometabolous insects. Waste material in the form of
urates is also deposited in the fat-body and

and reduced. Insects which hibernate possess a copious fat-body
whose stores of nutriment are gradually absorbed during the quiescent
period.

The presence of urates indicates that the fat-body performs an important
part in excretion and any excess of waste substances not dealt with by the
usual excretory organs accumulates in its cells. In the Collembola, which
have no Malpighian tubes, the fat-body becomes loaded with concretions
of urates which increase in size and number with the age of the organism.
In insects with complete metamorphosis, the urates, accumulated in the
fat-body during the larval and pupal stages, are discharged through the
alimentary canal at the time of emergence of the imago, and form the
greater part of the meconium. In the Muscidae, where the Malpighian
tubes undergo re-formation in the pupa, their function is undertaken by
the fat-body which becomes, temporarily, the principal organ of excretion
(Marchal, Pérez).

The integument also performs a function similar to that of the fat-body
as a storage tissue for waste products, particularly in Lepidoptera, and
Hopkins has shown that uric acid and its derivatives are responsible for
the white and yellow coloration of the wings of the Pieridæ (vide also
p. 9).
. Literature on the Excretory Organs and Fat-Body

HOPKINS, 1895.—Vide p. 10. 
KEILIN and NUTTALL, 1921.—On the Nephrocytes of Pediculus humanus. Parasitology, 13. 
KREUSCHER, 1922.—Vide p. 129. 
VENÉZIANI, 1905.—Valore morfologico e fisiologico dei Tubi Malpighiani. Redia, 2. 
WHEELER, 1893.—The Primitive Number of Malpighian Vessels in Insects. Psyche, 6. 

Vide also the chapter on Metamorphosis.
THE GLANDS OR ORGANS OF SECRETION

The glands of insects are composed of one or more cells which secrete a substance, or substances, to be used in or eliminated from the body. The essential elements of a gland are the epithelial cells which have the property of selecting from the blood those constituents which serve to build up the secretion.

The most elementary types of glands are either unicellular or, if pluri­cellular, they are little more than simple aggregations of single units (Figs. 135, 136). Glands of this type are distributed in the integument of various parts of the body, and their secretions are discharged either directly to the exterior, or by means of separate ducteoles. In the larger or "organized" glands the secretory cells are disposed in the form of an epithelium bounding a tube, pit, or a more complex cavity.

The secretion is discharged into the latter, and flows out through an effer­ent passage or duct, which opens on to the part of the body concerned by an aperture or pore. Such glands occupy very definite positions and are often of complex structure. According to their general form they may be either tubular or saccular and, when the central cavity, or the duct, is branched or divided the gland is said to be compound. There are consequently compound tubular and compound saccular (or racemose) glands. The secretory cells line the subdivisions of a tubular gland and the ultimate saccules, or acini, of a saccular gland. These glands are developed as involutions of the surface upon which they open and their epithelium is continuous with that of this surface. In the majority of cases the glands are derived from the integument and are of ectodermal origin: the glandular cells of the mid-intestine, however, are formed from the endoderm, and
certain glands associated with the reproductive system are stated to be derived from the mesoderm.

Histologically a gland is composed of a layer of secretory epithelial cells which are provided with large and sometimes branched nuclei. Externally these cells are bounded by a membrana propria of connective tissue; internally they usually secrete a chitinous lining. In some cases the secretion of each gland cell is discharged through a minute intracellular ducteole which communicates with the lumen of the gland (Fig. 137).

The principal types of glands are dealt with under the following headings.

**Wax Glands** (Fig. 138).—Glands which secrete wax are more especially characteristic of Homoptera where they are unicellular or pluricellular structures distributed in various parts of the integument. They are particularly evident in the Coccidae among which insects they retain their simple character. The wax is secreted in the form of a powdery covering, as a clothing of threads, or as thin lamellae. Chinese white wax, which was formerly a commercial product, is secreted by the Coccid *Eucerus pecta*. Wax glands are also frequent among Aphididae and, in *E里斯oma lanigera*, the wax is exuded both in a powdery and a filamentous condition. In the latter case it is discharged through plates composed of a ring or an aggregation of several large cells, each cell containing a central excavation, or wax chamber, within which the secretion accumulates (Fig. 138c). In the Fulgorid *Phromnia marginella* Bugnion and Popoff (1907) have shown that the dense clothing of waxy filaments which covers the nymphs is secreted by groups of unicellular glands composed of greatly elongated hypodermal cells (Fig. 138e). Overlying each group of cells is a chitinous plate studded with small pores which are the openings of the
separate gland cells. The larvae of some Coccinellidæ and of a species of Selandria (Tenthredinidæ) are invested with a mass of flocculent material believed to be of wax. The wax glands of the hive bee are alluded to under Hymenoptera (vide Dreyling, 1903–05).

**Lac Glands.**—Lac is secreted by certain Coccidæ and, in particular, by Tachardia lacca, Gascardia madagascarensis and by some species of Coccus. The first mentioned insect yields the lac of commerce, which is a resinous substance produced in large quantities by the female insect as a protective covering. The lac is a product of gland cells distributed in the integument. Chemically it consists very largely of resin together with colouring matter, wax, proteids and small amounts of other substances. It is noteworthy that Tachardia lacca flourishes best on trees containing gums or resins, or which are rich in certain kinds of latex, and the food-plant influences the colour and quantity of the lac produced (vide Imms and Chatterjee, 1915).

**Exuvial Glands.**—In some insects there are specially enlarged hypodermal cells which secrete a fluid that facilitates the process of ecysis (vide p. 182), such cells being known as exuvial glands. In the larva of Bombyx mori Verson and Bisson describe 15 pairs of unicellular glands of this kind of which there are two pairs in each thoracic segment, a pair on each abdominal segment from the 1st to the 7th, and two pairs on the 8th segment. In addition to other lepidopterous larvae Plotnikov (1904) has found exuvial glands in larval Coleoptera, Tenthredinidæ and Chrysopidæ: they have also been described by Philiptschenko (1907) in Collembola.

**Glands Associated with the Cuticular Appendages.**—Under this category are various glands associated with specialized setæ or scales and their secretions exhibit urticating, alluring, or adhesive properties.

The urticating setæ of many lepidopterous larvae are often grouped together on tubercles or processes of the body-wall. Each seta is commonly provided with a unicellular gland at its base, in addition to the usual trichogenous cell (Fig. 139): in some species (e.g. Lagoa crispata) there is a group of gland cells associated with each seta. The setæ are sharp and brittle and their cavities are filled with an urticating secretion. When a larva is handled such setæ are readily fractured, and their contained secretion often produces a cutaneous irritation, not unlike that caused by nettles.

On the wings of many male Lepidoptera there are peculiarly shaped scales known as androconia which are either distributed among the ordinary scales, or located in restricted patches. The characteristic odours of certain male butterflies appear to be produced by gland cells situated at the bases of the androconia, the latter functioning as organs for the outlet and dissemination of the secretion. The odours are believed to be of an alluring nature attractive to the opposite sex. Groups of odoriferous gland cells are often present in various other situations where they are
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associated with tufts of setae or scales (Illig, 1902). Thus, in the males of _Hepialus hecatus_ (Fig. 140) the hind tibiae are curiously swollen and bear patches of long clavate or cylindrical scales whose bases are connected with large gland cells (Deegener, 1902). In other male Lepidoptera they are either present at the base of the abdomen (_Acherontia atropos_, _ Sphinx ligustri_, etc.) or at the apex of that region (Danaæ). Freiling (1909) has described odoriferous scales on the wings of both sexes of _Adopaea lineola_ and _Acipitilia pentadactyla_: tufts of specialized scales or hairs in association with the genitalia in the females of _Gonepteryx rhamni_, _Stilpnotia salicis_ and _Thaumatopœa pinivora_; and lateral saccules between the 8th and 9th abdominal segments in _Bomblys mori_ (female).

Adhesive secretions are associated with the tentent hairs of Collembola, and the hairs clothing the ventral aspect of the tarsi, pulvilli, and empodia of many insects (Figs. 19, I and 21), which enable them to walk up vertical surfaces, and on the undersides of various objects (vide Dewitz, 1884, 1885).

The aromatic secretions of various symphiline Coleoptera, living in the nests of ants or termites, are produced by dermal glands situated at the bases of tufts of hairs located in various regions of the integument.

**General Segmental Glands.**
—In some larval insects metameric cutaneous glands are present on all or most of the segments of the thorax and abdomen (Figs. 135, 136). Among Tipulidæ they are well exhibited in the larva of _Gnophomyia_ where there is a dorsal and ventral pair of simple saccular glands in each trunk segment; in several other genera these glands are simple cell aggregates whose secretion is discharged by means of intracellular ductules through a common pore (vide Keilin, 1913). In the larva of _Ocyphus olenus_ Georgevitsch (1898) has described a pair of branched tubular glands in the head, and in each trunk segment, above the spiracles. A pair of dorsal glands is present in each segment of the larva of _Melasoma populi_ (Berlese) and _Telephorus lituratus_ (Payne): segmental glands also occur in certain larval Tenthredinidæ. The function of these organs is obscure. In Tipulid larvae living in dry dead wood, they probably serve to keep the integument moist; in those living in mud, etc., they serve to protect the organism against asphyxiation when submerged. In coleopterous larvae, and those of the Tenthredinidæ, they are stated to render the insects distasteful to their enemies.

**Mandibular Glands.**—Glands opening near the articulations of the mandibles are present in most lepidopterous larvae, and in some species they are of large size (Fig. 141): they function as salivary glands, the true salivary glands being devoted to the secretion of silk. In the larva of _Sciara_ they attain a great development and extend nearly the whole length of the body. Mandibular glands are also present in the hive bee and other adult Hymenoptera.

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*Fig. 140.—Transverse Section of the Distal Part of the Hind Tibia of *Hepialus hecatus* (Male).*

*b*, blood space; *c*, cuticle; *ct*, connective-tissue sheath; *gs*, gland cells; *h*, hypodermis; *n*, central, *nc*, peripheral nuclei of gland cell; *s*, scent scale. *After Deegener, 1902.*
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Maxillary Glands.—Glands belonging to the maxillary segment are sometimes present. They are found for example in Collembola, Protura, in the larvae of Neuroptera Planipennia and of certain Trichoptera.

Labial Glands.—These organs are commonly known as salivary glands which are paired structures, generally situated in the thorax, on either side of the fore-intestine. Their ducts combine to form a median salivary duct which opens on the labium, usually near the base of the hypopharynx. In many insects the ducts of the salivary glands possess taenidia in their chitinous lining, and bear a close resemblance to tracheae. Although these glands appear to be often wanting in Coleoptera, they are present in the majority of insects and assume a great variety of form and structure. Among Orthoptera they are commonly very large and composed of a number of lobes, each lobe consisting of groups of glandular acini: a salivary reservoir is also present in relation with each gland (Fig. 142). In Hemiptera the salivary glands are differentiated to form two or three pairs, all of which discharge into the median salivary duct. In adult Lepidoptera the salivary glands form filamentous tubes. Among the majority of Diptera they are likewise tubular organs which, in the Muscida, may considerably exceed the total length of the body. Among Hymenoptera salivary glands are extremely well developed and assume great complexity. In the hive bee the true salivary glands consist of two pairs of racemose organs, one pair being cephalic and the other thoracic in position, and their four ducts unite to form a common canal. Under the category of salivary glands are also included the lateral and ventral pharyngeal glands and two pairs of mandibular glands found in this same insect.

Comparatively little is known relative to the functions of the salivary glands. In some insects they have the property of converting starchy matter into assimilable glucose. In many blood-sucking insects the saliva possesses poisonous or irritant properties and, in some Diptera, Cornwall and Patton (1914) have detected a powerful anticoagulin. The exact means by which the frequent local irritation of the skin of the host is produced is still in doubt. In certain

![Fig. 141.—Right Mandibular Gland (g) of the Larva of Acrotermia atropos.](image)

![Fig. 142.—Right Salivary Gland and Reservoir of Periplaneta. The arrow marks the opening of the common salivary duct on the hypopharynx.](image)
Capsidæ Smith (1920) has shown that the saliva has a violently toxic action upon plant tissues.

**Silk Glands.**—In lepidopterous and trichopterous larvæ the labial glands are transformed into organs for producing the silk utilized in the formation of the larval shelters and cocoons. The silk glands are cylindrical tubular organs of exceedingly variable length with characteristically branched nuclei (Fig. 143). The formation of silk has attracted the attention of a number of workers whose conclusions are summarized by Tanaka (1911). The silk is secreted in the form of a filament composed of fibroin, which is coated with a glutinous substance, sericin, formed by the transformation of the outer layer of the fibroin when the latter is oxidized and combined with molecules of water. In the larva of the Carabid *Lebia scapularis,* and of the Neuroptera Planipennia, silk is produced as a secretion of the Malpighian tubes; among Embioptera it is secreted by dermal glands situated in the anterior tarsi.

**The Frontal Gland.**—This is a median unpaired gland, peculiar to termites, and situated beneath the dorsal integument of the head, where it frequently opens by means of a frontal pore.

**Thoracic Glands.**—Dorsal thoracic glands are represented by the osmeteria of larval Papilionidae, which are eversible repugnatorial organs, and the metanotal gland of the male *Eccanthis* which has an alluring function attractive to the female. Ventral thoracic glands are exemplified by the prothoracic glands of various lepidopterous larvæ, the odoriferous sternal glands of many Heteroptera, and Gilson's glands of larval Trichoptera. These and other thoracic glands are further alluded to in the chapters dealing with the orders concerned.

**Abdominal Glands.**—Under the category of abdominal glands are the repugnatorial glands of many insects. Among the Blattidæ they are frequently pouch-like invaginations of either the sterna or terga. In the nymphs of many Heteroptera they open on to the terga of the anterior segments, and in *Cimex* they are present in the adult. Among Coleoptera, pygidial glands which open near the anus are frequent, particularly in the Adephaga. They are often of complex structure and their secretion has pungent or corrosive properties. Among lepidopterous larvæ eversible repugnatorial glands are present on the 6th and 7th segments in the Lymantridæ and permanently everted lateral segmental glands occur in the Megalopygidae. Dorsal eversible glands are present in many larval Lyccenidæ and yield a secretion attractive to ants.

**Glands Associated with the Reproductive System**—These include the colleterial glands of the female and the accessory glands of the male (vide p. 143).

**Poison Glands.**—These organs are peculiar to Hymenoptera, where they are associated with the ovipositor or sting.
Literature on the Glands

The literature on the glands of insects is very extensive and only a relatively small number of the references are quoted below. Further literature is given under the various orders of insects and more extensive bibliographies will be found in the textbooks of Packard, Berlese, and Schröder.

THE REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM

The form and structure of the reproductive organs present a very wide range of variation in different insects. In their embryonic condition they are at first essentially similar in the male and female, becoming differentiated later in development. Among the more primitive orders (Fig. 144) much of this similarity is still evident but an increasing divergence in structure becomes noticeable in the higher groups. The paired gonducts, leading from the ovaries or testes as the case may be, are of mesodermal origin and in a few insects they open directly to the exterior by separate apertures. This archaic condition is exhibited among Ephemeroptera as well as in the immature Lepisma and in the males of the earwig Labidura: in the latter insect the semeagus (vide p. 146) is also double. In other Dermaptera one gonduct atrophies or only a rudiment of it persists. Among the vast majority of insects the gonducts do not open directly to the exterior but join a median passage formed as a chitin-lined invagination of the ventral body-wall. In the Thysanura, Plecoptera and Odonata this passage is little more than a deep cup-like pit: in most other orders it becomes extended inwards in the form of a tube and in this manner the vagina in the female and ejaculatory duct in the male are developed. According to Palmen (1884), and also Nussbaum, the azygos condition of the ectodermal passage results from the fusion of two originally paired rudiments: Heymons, on the other hand, disputes this view and states that it owes its origin to a median unpaired invagination.

The genital aperture is usually situated on the 8th or 9th abdominal sternum or between the 8th and 9th or 9th and 10th sterna: its segmental position, however, frequently differs in the two sexes of the same species and in different orders.

The sexual organs, and their homologies in the male and female, may be tabulated as below.

### MALE REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS
1. Paired testes composed of follicles (testicular tubes)
2. Paired vasa deferentia
3. Vesiculce seminales
4. Median ejaculatory duct
5. Accessory glands:
   (a) Mesadenia
   (b) Ectadenia
6. ——
7. Genitalia

### FEMALE REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS
Paired ovaries composed of ovarioles (ovarian tubes)
Paired oviducts
Egg-calyces
Median vagina
Accessory glands:
(a) ——
(b) Colleterial glands
Spermatheca
Bursa copulatrix
Ovipositor
The sexes of insects are normally always separate; on the other hand, gynandromorphism (Fig. 145) or the presence in one sex of characters belonging to the other, sometimes occurs. These abnormal individuals are known in a number of the orders and several thousands have been recorded among Lepidoptera alone. In the latter order examples have long been familiar which exhibit on one side of the body all the characters, shape, size and colour of one sex and on the other side those of the opposite sex. Later it became recognized that, besides the halved gynandromorphs, other kinds also occur. From those insects which show an almost complete halving of external characters, transitional forms lead to those which exhibit a mosaic arrangement where the male and female characters are almost evenly balanced: in other mosaic types the features of one or other sex greatly predominate. Their classification by means of external characters only is unsatisfactory, but unfortunately one based upon internal structure is hampered by the small number of dissections carried out. Cockayne (1915) divides gynandromorphs into the following three classes. (1) Genetic hermaphrodites in which the gonads of both sexes are present. (2) Primary somatic hermaphrodites which possess the gonad or gonads of one sex only but parts of the secondary sexual apparatus, internal or external, of both sexes are present. (3) Secondary somatic hermaphrodites which possess the gonad or gonads of one sex and the secondary sexual apparatus of that sex: secondary sexual characters of both sexes are present in the antennae, wings or other parts. The majority of gynandromorphs come under category 2, relatively few in 1 or 3, but all three types are described in Pediculus by Keilin and Nuttall (1919); For a discussion of the origin of gynandromorphs vide Morgan and Bridges (1919) and Goldschmidt (1923).

1. The Male Reproductive Organs (Figs 146–148)

The Testes.—The testes in most Apterygota closely resemble the ovaries in form and size but in the majority of insects they are much smaller than the organs of the female of the same species. They are variably situated in relation to the alimentary canal and in some cases they lie above the latter, in others they are placed at the sides of the gut or wholly ventral to it. The testes are maintained in position by the surrounding fat-body and tracheae and, unlike the ovaries, there are no suspensory filaments or the latter are only very slightly developed. As a general rule, each testis is a more or less ovoid body composed of a variable number of follicles or lobes which also present almost innumerable variations in form and arrangement among different insects. In Lepisma there are three or four bi-lobed follicles which exhibit a segmental disposition but in most Apterygota each testis is a simple sac or greatly enlarged follicle. Among Neuroptera and Diptera the testes are small and unifollicular: in Pediculus and Phthirius they are bifollicular, and in the Orthoptera the follicles are exceedingly numerous. They may be short and globular as in Periplaneta and Tetrix, or elongate and tubular as in Geodipoda. In the Anopleura, also in Melolontha and certain other Coleoptera, each follicle is connected
with the vas deferens by a slender tube or vas efferens. In many insects the peritoneal investment of the follicles is developed to the extent of enveloping the testis as a whole in a common coat or scrotum which is frequently pigmented. Among the majority of Lepidoptera, also in Gryllotalpa and certain Hymenoptera, the testes are in close contact along the median line and are enclosed in a single scrotum.

**The Structure of a Testicular Follicle.**—The testicular follicles are lined with a layer of epithelium, whose cells rest externally upon a basement membrane, outside of which there is a peritoneal coat of connective tissue. Each follicle is divided into a series of zones characterized by the presence of the sex cells in different stages of development, corresponding to the successive generations of these cells. These zones are as follows—

1. The germarium is the region containing the primordial germ cells or spermatogonia which undergo multiplication.
2. The zone of growth is where the spermatogonia increase in size and develop into spermatocytes of the first and second orders.
3. The zone of division and reduction where the spermatocytes undergo mitosis and give rise to spermatids.
4. The zone of transformation where the spermatids become transformed into spermatozoa.

In addition to the sex cells there are found in Lepidoptera, and some other insects, certain large elements known as Verson’s cells. The function of these cells has received diverse interpretations, some authorities regarding them as contributing to the nutrition of the germ cells.

**The Genital Ducts.**—The vasa deferentia are the paired canals leading from the testes and are wholly mesodermal in origin. They vary greatly
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in length and, in the majority of insects, each vas deferens becomes enlarged along its course to form a sac or vesicula seminalis in which the spermatozoa congregate: in some of the Diptera the vasa deferentia open into a common vesicula seminalis. Histologically the vas deferens consists of an outer peritoneal coat, a middle coat of muscle fibres, and an inner coat of epithelial cells. Posteriorly, the vasa deferentia unite to form a short common canal which is continuous with a median ectodermal tube or ejaculatory duct. The latter is provided with a powerful muscular coat consisting of an outer layer of circular fibres and an inner layer of longitudinal fibres. Within the muscle layers is a stratum of epithelial cells which secrete a chitinous lining to the lumen of the ejaculatory duct.

The Ædeagus.—The terminal section of the ejaculatory duct is enclosed in a finger-like evagination of the ventral body-wall which forms the male intromittent organ or Ædeagus (often incorrectly termed the penis). The structure of the Ædeagus (Fig. 149) has been chiefly studied by Sharp and Muir in Coleoptera where it is developed as a medium tubular evagination of the membrane between the 9th and 10th sternae. It is divisible into a proximal portion (tegmen), which unites it to the abdomen, and a distal portion (median lobe) which corresponds to a penis. The latter region is telescoped or retracted within the proximal portion when at rest. Both portions are usually strengthened with chitinous sclerites. The region of the Ædeagus, which completely enters the vagina of the female during coitus, is the

![Diagram of the Ædeagus of a Beetle](image-url)

A, extended; B, retracted. a, anus; e, ejaculatory duct; m, median lobe; t, tegmen; s, internal sac; 8–10, sternae; 8–10, terga. Based on Sharp and Muir, 1912.
enlarged terminal portion of the ejaculatory duct (internal sac), which becomes everted in the process (Fig. A). At its apex is situated the genital aperture and around the latter there is frequently an armature of denticles and papillae.

**The Accessory Glands.**—From one to three pairs of accessory glands are usually present in relation with the genital ducts (vide Escherich 1894: Blatter 1897). They are tubular or sac-like in form, but very little information exists with regard to their functions. In most cases their secretions mix with the spermatozoa and in some insects they are directly concerned with the formation of the spermatophores. According to Beauregard the secretion of the 3rd pair of accessory glands in *Lytta vesicatoria* is extremely rich in cantharidin. Escherich divides the accessory glands into two categories: (1) *mesadenia*, or those derived from the mesoderm, and formed as evaginations of the vasa deferentia; and (2) *ectadenia*, or those of ectodermal origin, and formed as evaginations of the ejaculatory duct (Fig. 148). This classification may be adopted as a convenient one, but due reservation needs to be made on account of the paucity of knowledge concerning the development of these organs. Escherich’s observations relate to Coleoptera and among these insects ectadenia are generally present. In the Adephaga they constitute the only pair of accessory glands while among the Polyphaga one or more pairs of mesadenia are also present. Among Orthoptera the accessory glands are very greatly developed, forming dense bunches of tubuli which, in *Periplaneta*, form the “mushroom-shaped gland” of Huxley. The accessory glands are wanting in some insects, including the Apterygota, and *Musca, Tabanus*, etc., among Diptera.

2. **The Female Reproductive Organs** (Figs. 150–152)

**The Ovaries.**—The ovaries are typically more or less compact bodies lying in the body-cavity of the abdomen on either side of the alimentary canal. Each organ is composed of a variable number of separate egg-tubes or *ovarioles* which open into the oviduct. The primitive number of ovarioles composing an ovary is uncertain and probably does not exceed eight, the latter number being retained in *Periplaneta*, for example, among Orthoptera. In some Thysanura (*Japyx, Campodea* and *Lepisma*) there are 5–7 ovarioles on each side which open one behind the other in metameric succession into an elongate oviduct. In other insects this metameric disposition has become lost owing to the shortening of the oviducts. Specialization either by the reduction or the multiplication of the ovarioles is extremely frequent. In insects which produce a small number of relatively large eggs such as the viviparous Diptera *Glossina* and *Termitoxenia* there is a single ovariole to each ovary. In certain of the Aphididae, in
the sexual female there is a single ovary with one ovariole, the other ovary having atrophied. Two ovarioles are present in each ovary of *Melophagus, Hippobosca,* and certain Coleoptera and Hymenoptera: among Lepidoptera there are commonly four. Examples of specialization by multiplication are much more frequent. Thus in *Calliphora* and *Hypoderma* there are 100 or more ovarioles to an ovary; in some ants there are over 200; in *Meloe* they are even more numerous while the maximum number is attained in the Isoptera where among species of *Termes* it exceeds 2,400. In a few apparently anomalous instances ovarioles are wanting and the ovaries are more or less sac-like without any serial arrangement of the developing eggs. Such ovaries are well exhibited among Collembola. In *Chironomus, Anopheles* and some Braconidae (*Aphidius*) although there is an evident differentiation into follicles ovarioles are wanting: this is a secondary and highly modified condition (vide Henneguy).

**The Ovarioles.**—A typical ovariole is an elongate tube in which the developing eggs are disposed one behind the other in a single chain, the oldest oocytes being situated nearest the union with the oviduct. The wall of an ovariole is a delicate transparent membrane: its inner coat is a layer of epithelium whose cells rest upon a basement membrane or tunica propria; outside the latter is a peritoneal coat of connective tissue which, in many insects, contains a reticulum of muscle fibres.

Three zones or regions are recognizable in an ovariole (Fig. 153)—(1) The **terminal filament.** This is the slender thread-like apical prolongation of the peritoneal layer. The filaments of the ovarioles of one ovary combine to form a common thread which unites with that from the ovary of
the opposite side to form a median ligament. The latter aids in maintaining the ovaries in position and is attached either to the body-wall, the fat-body or to the pericardial diaphragm. In some insects the ovarian ligament is wanting and the filaments end free in the body-cavity.  (2) The germarium. This forms the apex of an ovariole, below the terminal filament,

and consists of a mass of cells from which are differentiated the primordial germ cells and, in many insects, the nutritive cells also.  (3) The vitellarium. The vitellarium constitutes the major portion of an ovariole and contains the developing eggs and the nutritive cells when present. The epithelial layer of the wall of the vitellarium grows inwards in such a manner as to

FIG. 153.—SCHEMATIC FIGURES OF THREE TYPES OF OVARIOLES.

A, panoistic. B, polytrophic. C, acrotrrophic. f, terminal filament; g, germarium; o, oocytes; o’ mature oocyte with chorion; n, nutritive cells; n’, remains of same; w, wall of ovariole; fe, follicular epithelium; c, cord joining nutritive cells with oocyte.
enclose each oocyte in a definite sac or follicle. The cells of the follicle secrete the chorion of the egg and in some cases serve to nourish the oocytes. Three principal types of ovarioles are recognized and are based upon the presence or absence of nutritive (or vitellogenous) cells and on the location of these cells when present (Fig. 153).

(a) The **panoistic type**.—Nutritive cells are wanting. This type of ovariole is primitive and is found in *Japyx*, the Orthoptera, Isoperta, Odonata and Aphaniptera.

(b) The **polytrophic type**.—Nutritive cells are present and alternate with the oocytes. In many cases (Neuroptera, Coleoptera-Adephaga and Hymenoptera) the nutritive cells are grouped together so as to lie in chambers, each chamber being separated from that containing an oocyte by a well-marked constriction; in others (Lepidoptera, Diptera) these constrictions are wanting.

(c) The **acrotrophic type**.—Nutritive cells are present and situated at the apices of the ovarioles (Coleoptera-Polyphaga and Hemiptera). In certain Heteroptera the nutritive cells are connected with the oocytes by means of protoplasmic cords. Types (b) and (c) are often grouped as one type—**meroistic**, which is characterized by the presence of nutritive cells.

**The Genital Ducts.**—The oviducts are the paired canals leading from the ovaries and are derived from the mesoderm of the hinder extremities of the embryonic gonads: in some insects each oviduct is distended to form a pouch or egg-calyx for storing the eggs. The two oviducts combine to form a common oviduct and the latter is continuous posteriorly with the vagina: in many insects however there is no external distinction between the two regions but the vagina differs morphologically in that it is an invagination of the body wall. In certain viviparous insects (*Glossina, Melophagus*, etc.) the vagina is greatly enlarged to form a chamber or uterus for the reception of the developing larva. Structurally the oviducts and vagina are composed of an epithelial layer whose cells secrete an inner lining: in the case of the vagina the lining is composed of chitin and is continuous with the cuticle of the body wall. The epithelial layer rests upon a basement membrane and outside the latter is a coat of powerful, and mainly circular muscle fibres.

**The Spermatheca** (*receptaculum seminis*).—This is a pouch or sac for the reception and storage of the spermatozoa. It varies greatly in form and usually opens by a duct (often reduced to a mere neck) into the dorsal wall of the vagina or into the bursa copulatrix. In most insects pairing only takes place once and, since the maturation of the eggs may extend over a prolonged period, the provision of a spermatheca allows for their fertilization from time to time. Although commonly ovoid or spherical in form, in some cases (certain Coleoptera) it is tubular, or even branched as in *Paederus*. As a rule the spermatheca is a single organ but in *Blaps, Phlebotomus* and *Dacus* there are two spermathecae and in *Culex*, the Tabanidae and most Calyptratae three. Since it is derived from the ectoderm the spermatheca is lined with chitin which is sometimes darkly or brightly coloured. A stratum of columnar epithelium rests upon a basement membrane which is followed by a muscular coat. In some cases glandular cells are present in the wall of the spermatheca and in others a special spermathecal gland opens into the duct of the spermatheca, or near the aperture of the latter into the vagina.

**The Colleterial Glands.**—One or two pairs of accessory glands are present in most insects and open into the distal portion of the vagina. These are variously known as colleterial or sebific glands and are very large and important organs in many of the Orthoptera. In these insects they provide the material for the formation of the ootheca: in *Chironomus*
they secrete a mucus-like substance which forms the gelatinous investment of the eggs, and in other cases they simply provide a cement-like secretion which serves to fasten the eggs down to the substratum upon which they are laid. The poison glands of Hymenoptera belong morphologically to the same category as the colletorial glands.

The Bursa Copulatrix.—The organ to which this name has been applied exists in several morphologically different forms. It is adapted to receive the penis and associated parts during copulation, the spermatozoa being discharged into it before entering the spermatheca. In Periplaneta the bursa is formed by the invagination of the body wall around the genital aperture and consequently receives the latter anteriorly. In Odonata the oviduct opens directly into a chamber which has been termed the bursa and also functions as a spermatheca. In the honey-bee the enlarged posterior region of the vagina is known by the same name. In Melanoplus and the Lepidoptera the bursa has a distinct external opening separate from that of the vagina. In the first mentioned instance there is no connection between the two and the eggs, as they are extruded, pass across the opening of the bursa where they are fertilized. Among Lepidoptera a fine canal connects the bursa with the vagina. In Coleoptera the bursa is a pouch-like outgrowth of the vagina and in some species it receives the duct of the spermatheca.

3. The Sex Cells

The Spermatozoa.—The spermatozoa of insects exhibit the same essential structure that obtains with few exceptions in similar cells throughout the animal kingdom. A spermatozoon consists of a head largely made up of chromatin, a middle piece and a vibratile tail of variable and often complex structure (vide Ballowitz, 1890).

In some insects (Gryllidæ, Locustidæ, Odonata and certain Lepidoptera) the spermatozoa are transferred to the genital passage of the female in a common mass enclosed in a definite envelope, the whole being known as a spermatoaphore. In Gryllus campestris the spermatoaphore is a complex body about 4 mm. long, bearing crochets which ensure its retention within the female.

The Eggs.—When the egg of an insect is mature its protoplasm contains abundant yolk or vitellus which serves to nourish the developing embryo. This material is composed of globules of fat and protein which largely conceal the nucleus or germinal vesicle. The egg is invested by a delicate homogeneous vitelline membrane derived from the peripheral protoplasm of the cell. Outside this covering a hardened shell or chorion is secreted by the follicular epithelium. The chorion is generally composed of two laminae, an exochorion and an endochorion, which are united by minute trabeculae. In many endoparasitic Hymenoptera the chorion is thin and membranous, and capable of stretching to a considerable degree with the growth of the contained embryo. Among many viviparous insects it is either rudimentary or wanting. The chemical nature of the chorion has been investigated by Verson with reference to the eggs of Bombyx mori. Unlike chitin it contains sulphur and upwards of 17 per cent. of nitrogen: at a temperature of 45° C. it dissolves in a few hours in a 3 per cent. solution of KOH.

In the greater number of insects the chorion exhibits some form of external sculpture: very commonly it is marked out into hexagonal areas
which correspond with the overlying follicular cells. In the Lepidoptera the eggs of many species are conspicuously ribbed and in some Ephemerop­tera they are covered with fine processes resembling pile. The form assumed by the eggs presents innumerable variations (Fig. 154): one of the com­monest types is the elongate-ovoid and slightly curved egg prevalent among Orthoptera, and in many Diptera and aculeate Hymenoptera. Among Lepidoptera the eggs may be almost spherical, cake-like or somewhat cylindrical and flattened at one end: in many parasitic Hymenoptera there is a tubular prolongation or pedicel. In some insects an operculum is formed as a special differentiation of the chorion at the anterior extremity. This structure is uplifted at the time of eclosion of the contained insect and is well seen in the Embioptera, Cimex and other Heteroptera, and in the Anopleura. In the Céstridae, the eggs are provided with flanges

\[ \text{Fig. 154.—Eggs of Various Insects.} \]


which enable them to grasp the hairs of the host upon which they are laid.

Owing to the impenetrable nature of the chorion, and the fact that the latter is formed before the egg is fertilized, some provision is necessary to enable the spermatozoa to gain admittance. One or more specialized pores or canals known as micropyles are present for this purpose, and are usually situated at the anterior or cephalic pole of the egg. In *Phyllodromia* there are numerous micropyles which are comparatively simple, oblique, wide-mouthed canals. Among Lepidoptera the micropylar area is in the form of an elaborate sculptured plate. In *Nepa cinerea* it is provided with stalk-like processes, and in other Heteroptera it assumes a remarkable complexity of structure the significance of which is quite obscure.

### 4. Types of Reproduction

Ordinarily reproduction among insects is dependent upon the meeting of the two sexes and the fertilization of the ovum by the spermatozoa. Most insects are oviparous or, in other words, they lay eggs which hatch after deposition. Exceptions to the above generalizations, however, are somewhat numerous and are separately dealt with below.

**Viviparity.**—A certain number of insects produce either larvae or nymphs instead of laying eggs and are said to be viviparous (vide Holmgren 1904: Keilin 1916). Viviparity is due to the fact that the eggs are retained within the body until the end of embryonic life and the contained insect has emerged. It is found in scattered instances among
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In the Orthoptera, Dermaptera, Ephemeroptera, Lepidoptera and Coleoptera: in the Aphididae and a number of the Diptera it is a regular feature. In the latter order of insects almost every transition is exhibited between species which lay a large number of small eggs from which the larvae hatch before or just at the time of oviposition (many Tachinidae), and such highly specialized forms as Glossina and the Pupipara. In the two latter instances only a small number of eggs are produced and each larva passes its life in the uterus of the female where it is nourished by a special secretion. After extrusion it changes almost immediately into a pupa.

Among the Aphididae: viviparity is accompanied by parthenogenesis and in a few other insects it is associated with pedogenesis.

Parthenogenesis.—Parthenogenesis, or reproduction without the act of fertilization, exhibits a multiplicity of phases among insects that is unequalled in any other class of the animal kingdom (vide Doncaster 1914, 1920). In some species it is a comparatively rare phenomenon and only occurs sporadically. In others it is a constant and normal method of reproduction, or it may be cyclic alternating with sexual reproduction. It is convenient, therefore, to classify parthenogenesis under three headings.

1. Sporadic.—Certain species of insects exhibit an occasional tendency to reproduce parthenogenetically although males are of regular occurrence. Such cases have been more frequently observed among Lepidoptera than in other orders and are more prevalent in some species than in others. Instances of this kind are well known in Bombyx mori, Lymantria dispar, Lasiocampa quercus and Smerinthus populii. Both males and females may be produced from the unfertilized eggs.

2. CONSTANT.—In most insects which reproduce parthenogenetically the process is either a constant one or takes place with such frequency that it is to be regarded as a normal phenomenon of the species concerned. In the social Hymenoptera males are regularly produced from the unfertilized eggs and females from those which are fertilized. This same fact has also been observed, but very little investigated, among the parasitic groups of that order, notably in a number of genera of Chalcidoidea. In other cases males are either unknown, or very infrequent, and reproduction is consequently always or nearly always parthenogenetic. Examples of this kind are frequent among the Tenthredinidae. Other cases are met with in the Cynipidae Rhodites rosa; in the Chalcids Aphelinus mytilaspis and Isosoma grandis; and in certain Phasidce, Coccidce, Aleyrodidce, Psychidce and in several of the Thysanoptera. The Tenthredinidae, it may be mentioned, are remarkable in that among their members are found species that produce males only, females only, or both males and females by means of virgin eggs. Among the Aleyrodidce the unfertilized females usually give rise only to males but in Aleyrodes vaporariorum there appear to be two races, the virgin females of one giving rise to males and of the other to females (Williams, 1917): the fertilized females produce members of both sexes.

3. CYCLIC.—In other cases one or more agamic generations alternate with a sexual generation. This peculiarity is exhibited among the Cynipidae, and the Aphididae. In the former group the individuals of the two generations may be morphologically very different and produce very dissimilar galls. The spring generation consists of females which give rise to the summer generation comprising individuals of both sexes. Among the Aphididae there is a regular sequence of parthenogenetic generations, accompanied by viviparity, in which females only are produced. Later in the
year sexuales appear and the fertilized females lay eggs which hibernate and give rise to the asexual cycle of the following year.

**Paedogenesis.**—In a few instances larvæ or pupæ are capable of parthenogenetic reproduction and this process, which involves the production of young by the immature organism, is termed paedogenesis. The best known instance of the phenomenon occurs in the Cecidomyiidae *Miastor* where it was first observed by Wagner in 1862. His remarkable discovery has been since confirmed by a number of observers, the most recent being Kahle (1908) and Hegner (1914). The female fly contains only 4 or 5 very large eggs which attain nearly the full length of the abdomen. Each egg develops into a correspondingly large transparent larva which produces paedogenetically from about 7 to 30 daughter larvæ of similar characters to the parent. After devouring much of the tissues of the latter, the larvæ eat their way to the exterior and reproduce by a similar method on their own account. After the process has gone on for several generations of larvæ pupation takes place and male or female flies are produced. The latter, after fertilization, give rise to the paedogenetic cycle over again.

In *Miastor americana* Felt, the ovaries lie on either side of the body of the larva in the 10th or 11th segment: each ovary contains typically 32 oocytes and is enclosed in a thin cellular envelope: as some of the oocytes fail to develop, usually 5–17 embryos are found in an individual larva (Hegner).

Pupal paedogenesis occurs in the Chironomidae *Tanytarsus* where it was discovered by Grimm in 1870, whose observations have been extended by Zavrel. The pupæ, and also the imagines very shortly after emergence, are capable of producing eggs from which larvæ duly emerge. Paedogenesis is also recorded by Barber in larvæ of the beetle *Micromalthus*.

**Polyembryony.**—Polyembryony is met with among insects in certain parasitic families of Hymenoptera. Its presence has only been detected in a few instances, but the phenomenon is likely to prove much commoner than has hitherto been supposed and a wide field awaits investigation. Polyembryony consists in the production of two or more embryos from a single egg by gemmation. The best known examples of the phenomenon are found among the Chalcid family Encyrtidae in species which parasitize the eggs of Lepidoptera. Marchal (1904) and Silvestri (1907) have investigated the process in *Ageniaspis (Encyrtus) fuscicollis*, a parasite of species of *Hyponomeuta*. Silvestri (1906) has also investigated the development of *Litomastix truncatellus*, a similar polyembryonic parasite of *Plusia gamma*, and Leiby (1923) has studied *Copidosoma gelechiae* whose host is a small moth—*Gnorimoschema salinaris*. In these cases the parasitized eggs duly hatch into larvæ and the Chalcid eggs within their bodies commence to develop about the same time. Each egg becomes differentiated into a central embryonic mass surrounded by a protoplasmic sheath or *trophamnion* which serves to nourish the former (Fig. 155). The whole becomes covered by an adventitious coat derived from certain cells of the host. The embryonic mass undergoes repeated gemmation until it becomes divided into a series of masses which may number 100 or more, each giving rise to a separate embryo (Fig. 156). A certain number of the embryos...
may become abortive but the remainder develop into larval parasites. The latter ultimately pupate and develop either into females or males, according to whether the original egg was fertilized or not. It is noteworthy that a single host may support several eggs each undergoing gemmation, and Giard records nearly 3,000 examples of *Lito-mastix truncatelloides* emerging from a single larva of *Plusia*. Among the Proctotrupoidea Marchal (1904) has investigated polyembryony in *Polygnotus minusculus*, whose embryos to the number of 10 or 12 are found in the stomach of the Cecidomyiid *Mayetiola destructor*. Among the Vespoidea polyembryony is recorded in the Dryinid *Aphelopus theliae*, which lays its eggs in the nymphs of the Membracid *Thelia bimaculata* (vide Kornhauser, 1919). Each egg develops into about 50 larvae which escape from their host and pupate in the ground.

**5. Castration**

Castration in the broad sense implies any process which interferes with or inhibits the production of ripe ova or spermatozoa in the gonads of an organism (vide Wheeler 1910).

**Surgical Castration.**—By this term is meant the sudden and complete extirpation of the gonads by artificial means. The experiment has been carried out by several observers and the insects successfully operated upon were lepidopterous larvae in the 3rd or later instars and crickets in the late nymphal period. The individuals on reaching the adult condition did not exhibit any deviations from the normal with regard to their instincts, and the development of their secondary sexual characters was in no way impaired by the absence of the gonads. In other cases, where the original operation was followed by the implantation of the gonads of the opposite sex, the secondary sexual characters of the original sex remained unaltered, even though they had not developed at the time of the operation.

The above experiments, however, do not preclude the possibility that the gonads influence the development of the secondary sexual characters at a stage earlier than those in which the experiments were able to be accomplished.

**Physiological Castration.**—Under this category are included certain forms of inhibition of the development of the gonads, leading to functional
disability, brought about by an insufficient supply of nutrient. The best examples are met with among the social Hymenoptera where the majority of the female larvae of a colony become workers and, owing to their inadequate nutrition, their ovaries remain in a very rudimentary state. This condition may be maintained throughout the adult life of the workers. If, on the other hand, the trophic status of the colony becomes highly favourable, or if the queen dies, one or more of the mature workers may functionally replace the latter, their ovaries undergoing active growth and producing fertile eggs owing, it is believed, to the influence of a special diet.

**Parasitic Castration.** The influence of parasites in suppressing the reproductive function of their hosts was first adequately recognized by Giard. The hosts also undergo certain correlated structural changes and may assume characters of the opposite sex. The parasitization by *Stylops* of bees of the genus *Andrena* results in the female bees becoming sterile, and also involves the atrophy of the pollen-collecting apparatus, and the acquisition of the clypeal coloration of the male. In the males the changes that occur are less pronounced features. The Membracid *Thelia* when parasitized by a species of *Aphelopus* exhibits marked alterations (Kornhauser, 1919). The gonads in both sexes usually degenerate, and often disappear, while the genitalia suffer reduction. The males take on female characters as regards pigmentation and the shape and texture of the abdominal segments. Other examples of parasitic castration occur in species of *Typhlocyba* when infested by *Aphelopus* or by the Pipunculid fly *Chalarus*. Although the genitalia may become reduced as the result, there is no tendency of any parts to partake of characters belonging to the opposite sex. The parasitic nematode *Spharularia* has long been known to cause sterility in the hibernating queens of *Bombus*.

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Part II

DEVELOPMENT AND METAMORPHOSIS

Oviposition or egg-laying takes place among insects in diverse ways: the eggs are often protected in some manner or other, and are generally deposited in situations expressly adapted for the immediate needs of the subsequent offspring. In some cases the female simply drops the eggs at random while flying low, as happens for example in a few Lepidoptera whose larvae feed on grasses or their roots. In very numerous instances they are laid singly, or in clusters, on the leaves of the future larval food-plants (Heteroptera, Lepidoptera, certain Coleoptera): or they may be superficially inserted into plant tissues (Locustidae, many Homoptera). When inserted more deeply excrescences (galls) of the plant may arise (Tenthredinidae, Cynipidae). In the Chrysopidae they are laid at the apices of stiff pedicels made of a hardened secretion. In certain cases the eggs may be glued to some surface, in others they are laid beneath a web or a cottony covering. There are again insects which enclose their eggs either singly (Phasmatidae) or collectively (Mantidae, Blattidae) in a firm capsule or ootheca. Many aquatic species surround the eggs with a gelatinous secretion which swells in water forming a jelly-like spawn (Trichoptera, Chironomus). A considerable number of insects lay their eggs beneath the soil (Gryllidae, many Coleoptera). Parasitic species oviposit on or within the bodies of the hosts which support their future offspring (Tachinidae, parasitic Hymenoptera): when the host is a vertebrate, the eggs are often fastened to the hair or feathers (Anopleura, Óstridae).

Embryonic development may take place entirely after oviposition, or partly while the eggs are still within the parental body, or the whole phase may be passed within the latter (in viviparous species). Almost every transition between these conditions may be found, notably among the higher Diptera. The duration of the egg state (after oviposition) is very variable. In some of the Sarcophagidae it is only momentary, the larva emerging immediately: in Musca domestica it lasts about 8–12 hours, according to temperature. At the other extreme are certain Lepidoptera which pass about nine months in the egg, and among the Phasmidae this stage may last nearly two years.

In discussing the development of insects the subject falls naturally into two divisions: (a) embryology and (b) post-embryonic development.
EMBRYOLOGY

In the eggs of most insects there is a distinction between the anterior and posterior poles which bears a definite relation to the position of the future embryo. The eggs are located in the ovarioles in such a position that the cephalic pole of each is directed towards the head of the parent; also, the dorsal and ventral aspects of the egg correspond with those of the parent and of the future embryo (Hallez, 1886). This relationship becomes less evident in the more spherical eggs but there is every reason to believe that it holds good.

The contents of the egg are made up of two portions, namely, protoplasm, and deutoplasm or yolk. The protoplasm forms a reticulum which pervades the substance of the egg and also forms a bounding layer, or periplasm, which lies just beneath the vitelline membrane, and completely surrounds the egg (Fig. 157). The deutoplasm is contained within the meshes of the protoplasm and consists of vitelline spheres and generally globules of fat: small refringent vitelline bodies are present within the vitelline spheres. In addition to these constituents many eggs contain minute greenish bodies known as Blochmann’s corpuscles, which are independent organisms capable of cultivation in artificial media.

In the unfertilized egg the germinal vesicle, or nucleus, is situated in the central part of the yolk, enclosed in an island of protoplasm. During the maturation process the germinal vesicle migrates towards the periphery of the egg where it undergoes division and the polar bodies are formed (Fig. 157). After fertilization the zygote nucleus passes inwards and there commences to divide into daughter nuclei.

Cleavage and Blastoderm Formation.
—The products of the division of the zygote nucleus are the cleavage nuclei, each of which becomes enveloped by a stellate mass of protoplasm. When a considerable number of cleavage cells have been formed, the majority migrate to the periphery of the egg, where they become merged with the periplasm (Fig. 158). In
this manner they form a continuous cellular layer or blastoderm surrounding the yolk (Fig. 159). At a slightly later stage the blastoderm consists of a layer of columnar cells (ventral plate) on the ventral side of the egg and a flattened epithelial stratum over the remainder (Fig. 160).

Those of the cleavage cells which remain in the yolk form the primary yolk cells,

which become augmented by secondary yolk cells derived by the immigration of cells from the blastoderm. In some cases it appears that the yolk cells are only derived from the latter source. Among several orders of insects, notably Orthoptera, Lepidoptera and Coleoptera the yolk undergoes secondary cleavage, becoming thereby divided into polyhedral masses each of which contains one or
more yolk nuclei (Fig. 164). The function of the yolk cells is to liquefy the yolk and bring about its assimilation.

In a few insects the cleavage is total rather than peripheral as described above. This feature is exhibited among Collembola (e.g. *Amurida*) and certain of the endoparasitic Hymenoptera. In the former example the cleavage is slightly unequal and subsequently becomes peripheral; this condition is probably ancestral to the usual type found among insects. Among the parasitic Hymenoptera the cleavage is total and complete which has probably been secondarily acquired in relation to the almost entire absence of yolk.

**Formation of the Germ Band.** — The germ band makes its first appearance as the ventral plate already alluded to. The extent of the germ band depends upon the amount of yolk present. When very abundant the germ band occupies a relatively small area; with eggs poor in yolk, as in Diptera, the germ band extends along the whole ventral surface, and its two extremities nearly meet on the dorsal aspect of the egg.

A pair of longitudinal folds appears on either side of the median line of the ventral plate which thus cut off a middle plate and two lateral plates (Fig. 164). In most insects (e.g. *Hydropilus*, *Musca*, *Donacia*, etc.) a groove-like invagination (*gastral groove*) extends the whole length of the middle plate, representing a modified process of gastrulation, while the actual mouth of the groove is the homologue of an elongate blastopore. The lateral folds grow over the middle plate and the groove becomes converted into a tube; or, the overgrowth may take place in such a way that the cavity of the groove is wholly, or partially, obliterated. The tubular cavity, when present (as in *Hydropilus*), is evanescent and is the counterpart of the archenteron of other animals. In some insects (e.g. *Apis*, *Pieris*, *Gastroidea*, etc.) the...
middle plate remains flat, and is overgrown by the lateral folds, without any invagination being formed (Fig. 162). In either event, the meeting of the lateral folds results in the production of a two-layered germ band. The lateral plates give rise to the ectoderm, and the inner layer (formed from the middle plate) is the rudiment of the future mesoderm. In a third type the inner layer results from a simple proliferation of the ectoderm along the median line of the ventral plate (Apterygota and Orthoptera) and may, or may not, be accompanied by the formation of a gastric groove.

**The Embryonic Envelopes and Blastokinesis.**—It is characteristic of insects that the germ band does not remain freely exposed on the surface of the yolk but becomes covered by amniotic folds arising from its edges. These folds grow towards one another, usually meeting and fusing, with the result that they enclose a space or amniotic cavity containing the germ-band (Fig. 163). It will be observed from reference to Fig. 163 that the germ-band becomes covered by a double cellular envelope composed of the amnion and serosa. The amnion or inner envelope is continuous with the margins of the germ-band, while the serosa is an extension of the undifferentiated blastoderm covering the surface of the yolk, and forms the outer envelope to protect the developing embryo.

The formation of the embryonic envelopes presents many variations which are dependent upon whether the germ-band is invaginated into the yolk, simply immersed in the latter, or lies wholly superficially to the yolk.

Insects with an invaginated germ-band are exemplified by certain of the Thysanura, the Odonata and many Hemiptera and Orthoptera. In *Lepisma* the germ-band becomes segmented at the same time as it is being bodily sunk into the yolk, and the invagination, or amniotic cavity, remains permanently open by means of the amniotic pore (Fig. 165). The yolk is almost entirely covered by the serosa which is characterized by its large and widely spaced-apart nuclei. The inner walls of the cavity consist of ordinary flattened cells with normal nuclei and constitute the amnion.
At a later stage the embryo becomes completely everted and superficial in position. In Machilis the embryo is very similarly invaginated, but the front half of the egg exhibits the characteristic serosa cells, while the hinder half remains covered by cells with ordinary nuclei which represent the amnion. In the dragonfly Calopteryx the germ-band gradually sinks, at its hinder extremity, into the yolk and the space thus formed is the amniotic cavity (Fig. 166). As the germ-band sinks deeper, a portion of the undifferentiated blastoderm is drawn in with it, and forms the amnion. The part of the blastoderm not drawn into the cavity, but remaining around the yolk, constitutes the serosa. The invagination of the germ-band, or embryo as it now may be termed, proceeds in such a manner that its ventral surface comes to lie towards the dorsal aspect of the egg, and its posterior extremity is directed towards the anterior pole. The cephalic portion of the embryo remains in its superficial position for a while, but it subsequently becomes enveloped by ventral folds of the amnion. The latter meet, completely enclosing the embryo, and at their point of union the amnion fuses with the serosa. Except just at the latter position, the two embryonic envelopes are separated by yolk. When the process is complete the original position of the whole embryo is reversed, and it will be observed that the dorsal and side walls of the amniotic cavity are formed by the amnion while the ventral wall is formed by the embryo itself. At a later stage the embryo undergoes further changes in position during which great alterations take place in the amnion and serosa. The latter contracts and thickens, drawing all the yolk towards the anterior pole. The increase of pressure that is consequent, together with the growth of the embryo, causes the amnion to rupture at the point of its fusion with the serosa. As the latter goes on contracting, the head of the embryo protrudes through the split and, turning round, becomes directed towards the anterior pole of the egg. The rest of the embryo follows in due course, and it eventually comes to lie in its original ventral position. These movements of the embryo are termed blastokinesis. To recapitulate, the germ-band always arises on the ventral surface of the yolk, and it moves through an arc until its position is completely reversed on the dorsal surface. Here it rests for a while, and again passes through the same arc to its original ventral position. Blastokinesis is characteristic of the Exopterygota whose eggs are rich in yolk, and the germ-band is invaginated therein: in eggs poorer in yolk the process is usually less marked or wanting (vide Wheeler, 1893; Henneguy; Heymons, 1895).

In the superficial type of germ-band the embryo retains its ventral position and blastokinesis is usually wanting. The embryonic envelopes are formed as overfolds of the germ-band arising from the edges of the latter at its anterior and posterior extremities: the cephalic and caudal folds are generally connected later by side folds. When the folds come into apposition their intervening walls fuse, and two continuous embryonic membranes are formed which enclose an amniotic cavity on the ventral aspect of the embryo. This type of germ-band is well exhibited, for example, in Diptera Orthorrhapha and among Hymenoptera.

In Lepidoptera and the Tenthradinidae the envelopes develop in a similar
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manner, but the germ band subsequently sinks bodily into the yolk and the latter enters between the amnion and serosa. In this manner the immersed type of germ band is produced.

Among Coleoptera (Hydrophilus, Gastroidea, Melasoma) the development is intermediate between that of Calopteryx, with a completely invaginated germ-band, and the wholly superficial type. The posterior extremity of the germ-band becomes invaginated after the manner already described for Calopteryx, bending round dorsally and becoming immersed in the yolk. Both anterior and posterior amniotic folds develop and fuse in the usual manner, thus enclosing the embryonic area. Finally the posterior extremity becomes drawn out of the yolk and regains its superficial position. This migration of the germ-band is to be regarded as a vestige of the process of blastokinesis, and the type of development is probably derived from ancestors in which the whole germ-band was invaginated. As Korschelt and Heider suggest, it is likely that the invaginated germ-band is the
primitive one, while the superficial type, which is wholly overgrown by amniotic folds, is a secondary condition. With the acquisition of the latter blastokinesis becomes no longer evident.

In the Locustidae a third envelope or indusium appears as a disc-like thickening of the blastoderm, just in front of the future head (Fig. 167). It develops into a membrane which pushes its way between the serosa and the yolk, finally becoming an inner envelope next the yolk and only separated from the embryo by the amnion. This structure itself forms a second membrane or outer indusium and the two membranes cover the whole surface of the egg except at the poles: they subsequently shrink and disappear with the growth of the embryo. The precephalic organ of Collembola, which has a similar mode of initial development, has been homologized with a degenerate indusium (vide Wheeler, 1893).

In addition to the foregoing there are certain anomalous types. An amnion and serosa are totally wanting in Anurida and other Collembola, and are vestigial in the higher Diptera. In Aphis there is a single envelope homologous with a serosa (Nelson). In many parasitic Hymenoptera the egg is surrounded by a single envelope known as the trophamnion. It is composed of a small number of large cells with prominent nuclei and may persist up to the time of the eclosion of the larva. In any event it breaks down and, in some cases, its cells afterwards occur free in the blood of the host. Its method of development differs in various species: in Litomastix and the Platygasteridae it is formed from the polar bodies (Silvestri, 1906, 1921) or at the commencement of cleavage (Marchal, 1906). In Litomastix a second membrane, formed by delamination of the blastoderm, is present (Silvestri).

**Formation of the Embryo.**—At an early stage in development the
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germ-band becomes divided by means of transverse furrows into a series of segments and, in this condition, it may be referred to as the embryo (Figs. 168–170). The segmentation may even occur contemporaneously with the formation of the gastral groove, as in *Hydrophilus* and *Chalicodoma*, but as a rule it does not become apparent until after the separation of the inner germ layer. The embryo is at first divisible into a protoccephalic or primary head region, and a protocormic or primary trunk region. The protoccephalic region is conspicuous on account of its large lateral lobes, which give rise to the prolocerebral or ocular segment. The latter bears no appendages, but exhibits a median and sometimes more or less bilobed swelling, the future labrum. The second primary head segment is the deuto­cerebral or antennary segment which bears a pair of outgrowths representing the future antennæ. The third segment is the trilocerebral or intercalary segment: in some cases it bears a pair of evanescent rudimentary append-

![Diagram](image)

**Fig. 168.**—Three Stages in the Segmentation of the Germ-Band of a Leaf-Bettle (*Melasoma*).

a'a'', abdominal segments; af, amniotic fold; b, blastopore; h'–h'', gnathal segments; kl, head-lobe; l'–l'', thoracic segments. From Korschelt and Hesler, after Graber.

ages (Fig. 171, A) homologous with the Crustacean 2nd antennæ and in *Campodea* vestiges of them are retained in the adult (Uzel). Immediately behind the labrum is a pit-like invagination of the ectoderm which is the beginning of the protomérum. The first three of the primary trunk segments combine with the protoccephalic region to form the future head, of the segments are those which bear the developing rudiments subsidibles and 1st and 2nd maxillae. The maxillary segment agram, b median protuberance which gives rise to the hypopharynx a*gran* e Onurida and *Campodea*, a pair of small protuberances situated medially which are the rudiments of the future superlinguae (Fig. 171, C). The appendages of the 2nd maxilla ultimately fuse to form the labium. The next three protocormic segments bear the rudiments of the future three pairs of thoracic legs and eventually form the thorax, while the remaining segments constitute the abdomen. In most insect embryos the latter region consists of ten segments, together with a terminal
region or telson. The telson bears a median invagination which is the beginning of the proctodaeum. There is good reason to believe, however, that the primitive number of abdominal segments was 12; this number having been recognized by Heymons in the embryos of Dermaptera, Orthoptera and Odonata, and by Nelson in that of the hive bee. All the abdominal segments, excepting the telson, may carry a pair of embryonic appendages and, in some orders, the first pair is frequently much more pronounced than those on the remaining segments and later may take on a peculiar structure. According to Wheeler (1889a) this pair of appendages was possibly glandular in function and formerly had an important significance. In the Apterygota one or more pairs of the abdominal appendages persist throughout adult life: among other insects they remain as the abdominal feet of larval Tenthredinidae and Lepidoptera, and as gills in the larvae and nymphs of certain aquatic groups. As a rule, however, all traces of abdominal appendages disappear on hatching, with the exception of the last pair which is retained in many orders as the cerci. It is still a disputed point as to whether the gonapophyses are to be regarded as true appendages or not. According to Wheeler they are directly derived from the embryonic appendages of their segments: Heymons, on the other hand, regards them as non-appendicular out-growths (vide p. 43).

Dorsal Closure of the Embryo and Degeneration of the Embryonic Envelopes.—As the embryo develops it grows round the yolk and the dorsal or non-embryonic portion of the blastoderm becomes more and more restricted. The final closure and the fate of the embryonic membranes, exhibit important differences among various insects which are classified by Korschelt and Heider into four main types.

I. INVOLUTION THROUGH THE FORMATION OF A DORSAL AMNIOSEROSAL SAC.—This process occurs in the more generalized orders of Pterygota.
but exhibits various modifications. The two envelopes rupture and, with the upward growth of the embryo, their contracted remains become carried on to the dorsal side of the yolk. Here they sink into the latter, forming a tubular sac known as the dorsal organ. Ultimately the dorsal organ undergoes dissolution and the embryonic ectoderm completes the dorsal closure.

In Hydrophilus the two flaps formed by the rupture of the amnion and serosa become carried to the upper side of the yolk, with a small contracted area of the original dorsal serosa between them. The flaps then overgrow the latter until their edges unite. By this means a tubular dorsal organ is formed, which sinks into the yolk and becomes enclosed by the developing mesenteron, while the embryonic ectoderm completes the dorsal closure (Fig. 172, A-E). In Ceanthus the contracted serosa alone forms the dorsal organ, the amnion persisting, for a while, as a covering of the yolk (Fig. 172, A, B, F-H).

2. INVOLUTION OF THE AMNION WITH THE RETENTION OF THE SEROSA. — In Leptinotarsa and other of the Chrysomelidæ, the amnion ruptures ventrally and grows round the yolk so as to enclose it dorsally, becoming at the same time separated from the serosa. With the upward growth of the embryo the amnion becomes compressed into a small dorsal tract—the dorsal organ. The
latter disintegrates in the yolk with the dorsal closure of the embryo. The serosa persists, until a late stage, as a complete membrane applied to the inner aspect of the chorion (Fig. 173, A–C).

3. INVOLUTION OF THE SEROSA WITH RETENTION OF THE AMNION.—In Chironomus the serosa alone ruptures and contracts to form the dorsal organ, which becomes absorbed into the yolk. The amnion afterwards grows over this area, so as to entirely enclose the egg, and persists until the time of hatching (Fig. 173, D–F).

4. RETENTION OF BOTH THE AMNION AND SEROSA.—In Lepidoptera and Tenthredinidae the amnion ultimately grows entirely round the yolk and becomes separated from the serosa. The egg is now enclosed by two complete envelopes up to the time of hatching, when they are ruptured.

In Lepidoptera a quantity of yolk is retained between these two envelopes, which serves as the first food of the young larva (Fig. 173, G, H).

The Mesoderm.—The whole of the inner layer, or that part of it which does not participate in endoderm formation, gives rise to the mesoderm. The latter becomes arranged into two longitudinal bands, connected across the median line by a single layer of cells. These bands come to be constricted transversely, and consequently the mesoderm is divided into segments which correspond with those of the ectoderm previously alluded to (p. 165). These divisions are the mesoblastic somites and, sooner or later, a pair of cavities or coelom sacs appears in each (Figs. 164, 174). In their completely developed condition there is a pair of coelom sacs for each segment of the germ-band, excepting the protocerebral and last abdominal segments. In the majority of insects they are less fully developed while, in the Muscidae, Graber states that the mesoblastic somites remain solid throughout: in Apis Nelson finds that the coelom sacs on either side of the body are confluent, thus forming a pair of longitudinal tubes. The outer or somatic layer of the mesoblastic somites gives rise to the body muscles, dorsal diaphragm, and pericardial cells: from the inner or splanchnic layer the visceral muscles, genital ridges, and the greater
part of the fat-body are produced. At the upper angles, where the somatic and splanchnic layers meet, are peculiar cells termed *cardioblasts* (Fig. 178) which take part in the formation of the heart. The middle layer of mesoderm, which unites the somites of the two sides of the body, appears in some insects to dissociate and form blood cells. The mesoderm of the protocerebral segment produces the musculature of the stomodaeum, and a similar mass at the posterior end of the embryo provides the proctodeal musculature.

**The Endoderm.**—The origin of the endoderm is a much disputed problem of insect embryology and its method of development is, furthermore, subject to modification in different insects (vide Nelson, 1915). In most cases it appears as two widely separated masses of cells which are applied to the blind ends of the stomodaeum and proctodaeum respectively (Fig. 175). These masses become U-shaped, and the arms of each U elongate and grow so that the two masses are joined by a pair of cell-strands. These latter grow together in the median line, and also extend laterally, so as to eventually extend round the yolk and form a complete tube which constitutes the *mesenteron*, of primitive mid-intestine. Some observers, including Hirschler, maintain that a middle section of endoderm is also formed between the two original masses.

A large number of competent embryologists state that the endoderm is derived from the inner layer. This view is held for example by Kowalevsky and Escherich for *Calliphora*, by Wheeler for *Phyllophora* and *Leptinotarsa*, by Heider for *Hydrophilus*, by Grassi, Petrunkewitsch, and Nelson for *Apis* and by Hirschler for *Donacia*. Another group of embryologists hold that the two masses of cells are derived by cell-proliferation taking place at the blind ends of the stomodeum and proctodeum. Its natural consequence is that the mesenteron is of ectodermal origin. This view was upheld by Ganin, Witlaczil and Voeltzkow, but its chief modern supporters are Lecaillon (for Coleoptera) and Heymons.
(for Orthoptera and Dermaptera). According to Heymons the functional mesenteron of the Pterygota is of recent origin, and the original endoderm is now represented by yolk cells which are to be regarded as representing a vestigial mesenteron. This view has received support from Heymons' discovery of the formation of the mesenteron from yolk cells in *Lepisma* and *Campodea*, and from Claypole's discovery of the same method of formation in *Anurida*. Tschuproff also states that in Odonata it is formed partly from the ectodermal invaginations, and partly from the yolk cells—the latter building up the middle section only. The view that the ectoderm produces the mesenteron in insects is completely at variance with what is known from a study of other classes of the animal kingdom. Definite proof is still needed to demonstrate that the cells around the blind ends of the stomodæum and proctodæum are actually derived from those invaginations, and not from cells of the inner layer which have become intimately associated with them at a very early stage. It is also noteworthy that Nusbaum and Fulinski reinvestigated endoderm formation in *Phyllodromia* and *Gryllotalpa*, which were studied by Heymons, and came to the conclusion that it is derived from the inner layer.

**The Alimentary Canal.**—The alimentary canal is formed in three sections. The anterior section or stomodæum is constituted by an ectodermal invagination at the anterior extremity of the germ band, while the posterior section or proctodæum is formed somewhat later by a similar invagination of the telson (Fig. 169). The middle section or mesenteron develops as a sac (previously described) which is situated between the blind extremities of these two ingrowths. The establishment of a thorough passage, from the mouth to the anus, is brought about by the absorption of the intervening walls where they are apposed to one another. The Malpighian tubes develop as paired outgrowths of the proctodæum, at a stage when the latter is little more than a funnel-like depression (Fig. 169). At first they often open directly on to the external surface of the embryo, but become carried inwards with further growth. Two or three pairs make their appearance and, in cases where a larger number is present the additional tubes arise as diverticula of the primary formations.

**The Nervous System.**—The beginnings of the central nervous system appear as a pair of longitudinal neural ridges of the ectoderm of the germ-band, about the time when the latter becomes segmented. They commence at the sides of the stomodæum, and continue backwards until they unite behind the proctodæum. These ridges are separated by a median furrow—the primitive or neural groove (170, 177). A chain of cells forming the median cord is separated from the ectoderm lining the neural groove. The ectoderm cells forming the neural ridges become segregated into two layers,—an outer thin layer of dermatoblasts which forms the ventral body-wall and an inner layer of neuroblasts which forms the nervous tissue (Fig. 164). When the embryonic appendages commence to appear the neural ridges become segmented into definite swellings at the bases of the former, and each pair of these swellings constitutes a neuromere. The intrasegmental portions of the median cord and neural ridges give rise to the definitive ganglia, while the intersegmental portions of the ridges form the connectives.

In the cephalic region the neural ridges expand into broad procephalic lobes, forming the future supra-cesophageal ganglion, and they become divided into three neuromeres corresponding with the three primary cephalic segments. These neuromeres are known respectively as the proto-, deuto-
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and tritocerebrum (vide also p. 55): since the first two lie in front of the stomoæum, they are pre-oral in position, while the tritocerebrum is post-oral since the commissure uniting its two halves (ganglia) passes below the stomoæum. The optic lobes differ in their method of formation in different insects: thus in Orthoptera they are derived from neuroblasts and in Hymenoptera as infoldings of the superficial ectoderm.

The neuromeres of the first three protocormic segments fuse to form the sub-cesophageal ganglion, while the remaining neuromeres constitute the ganglia of the ventral nerve cord. These latter are nine to eleven in number and subsequently undergo varying degrees of fusion in different insects.

The frontal ganglion and the remainder of the stomatogastric system develop as invaginations of the dorsal ectoderm of the stomoæum.

The Tracheal System.—Shortly after the appearance of the neuromeres the tracheæ appear as ectodermal invaginations lying just outside the bases of the appendages (Figs. 169, 179). As a rule, even pairs are developed, and they occur on the last two thoracic and first nine abdominal segments. In Leptinotarsa Wheeler has found indistinct invaginations also on the 10th and 11th abdominal segments: in Apis there are no invaginations beyond the 8th abdominal segment. Each invagination gives rise to a T-shaped horizontal outgrowth, which extends longitudinally until it meets and fuses with those of the segment in front and behind, thus forming the main longitudinal trunks. The mouths of the original invaginations contract and form the spiracles. In Apis there is also a pair of invaginations on the 1st maxillary segment which form the anterior prolongations of the main tracheal trunks and subsequently close.

The Salivary Glands.—These appear as a pair of ectodermal ingrowths of the 2nd maxillary segment (Fig. 170). As they increase in depth their apertures approximate, and become drawn into the mouth where they finally open by a median pore. Carriere (1890) regards the salivary glands as modified tracheæ, and their original invaginations as representing the missing spiracles of the pro-thoracic segment which have migrated forwards.

The Body-wall.—The body-wall is directly derived from the superficial ectoderm, and the essential parts of the organs of special sense are formed from the same layer.

The Body-cavity and Dorsal Vessel.—The permanent body-cavity commences as a space—the epineural sinus—which is mainly produced by the separa-
tion of the yolk from the embryo, over the region of the ventral nerve cord (Fig. 177). The process of separation extends laterally, and the walls of the coelom sacs are stated to break through in such a manner that their cavities become confluent, both with one another and with the epineural sinus. The common cavity thus formed extends upwards along with the mesoderm, on either side, until the formation of the body-cavity is completed. The upward migration of the mesoderm carries the cardioblasts with it: the latter subsequently meet along the dorsal line of the embryo, and arrange themselves in the form of a tube, which is the rudiment of the heart. A single layer of cells unites the cardioblasts to the somatic mesoderm on either side, and eventually gives rise to the dorsal diaphragm (Figs. 176, 178). The aorta is formed by the union in the mid-dorsal line of the two coelom sacs of the tritocerebral segment (Donacia), or of the deutocerebral segment (Forficula, Apis): by its backward extension the developing aorta comes to unite with the heart.

**The Reproductive System.**—The primitive germ cells in some insects, including Donacia, Chironomus and Miaistor, are derived from special "pole cells" situated at the posterior end of the egg. In some cases these have been traced from a single original cell, distinguishable at an early stage of the cleavage (vide Hegner, 1914). Among other insects the primitive germ cells are believed to be derived from the mesoderm, but it is probable that they are likewise segregated at a very early stage, only are not capable of being definitely identified until later. In any event they migrate to the splanchnic mesoblast, coming to lie in the walls of the coelom sacs—in the case of Phyllodromia in those of the 2nd to 7th abdominal segments. The germ cells become surrounded by mesoderm, which forms the genital ridges, and the latter fuse into a cell-strand lying on each side of the dorsal wall of the coelom. The primitive germ cells give rise to the sex cells,
while the enveloping mesoderm produces all other parts of the gonads and their primitive ducts. At an early stage a sheet of cells, the filament plate, is differentiated, and connects the apex of the genital rudiment with the heart rudiment of the same side of the body. With the migration of the heart rudiments towards the mid-dorsal line, the genital rudiments follow. Their primitive metamery becomes lost, and it is only in later embryonic stages that sexual differences can be recognized. In the female the filament plate divides into eight strands or terminal threads, and these are connected with eight divisions of the ovary which represent the ovarioles. The undivided basal portion of the genital rudiment gives rise to the efferent duct of its side. The studies of Wheeler and Heymons on Orthoptera and Dermaptera show that the gonoducts of the two sexes are homodynamous rather than homologous structures, and each duct exhibits a primitive metamery with original openings on the 7th and 10th abdominal segments (Fig. 180).

In the Blattidae and in Gryllus the primitive sexual openings in the female are those on the 7th segment, and in the male they are those on the 10th segment. In each sex traces of an original hermaphroditism may be exhibited in the retention of vestiges of a condition of the gonoducts which belongs to the opposite sex. In Forficula the openings of both sexes are on the 10th segment, with vestiges of a former opening on the 7th segment in the female.

Except in rare instances (vide p. 143), the paired mesodermal ducts acquire connection with a median ectodermal invagination. The latter forms the ejaculatory duct in the male, and the vagina and uterus in the female together with their appendices.
Sequence of the Developmental Stages.—Data concerning the rate of development, and the time taken to arrive at the principal stages, are given in great detail by Heider for Hydrophilus and by Nelson for Apis. Since the data for Hydrophilus concern a more generalized type they are quoted here. Heider divides the developmental period into three phases, occupying altogether 11 days, and the most important facts may be summarized as follows.

1ST PHASE
1st Day. Blastoderm completely formed.
2nd Day. Metamerization of the germ band; formation of amniotic folds, procephalic lobes, and middle plate.
3rd Day. Appearance of neural groove and antennæ; closure of amniotic folds.

2ND PHASE
4th Day. Appearance of buccal and trunk appendages together with the stomodeum, which is followed by the proctodeum; appearance of tracheal invaginations.
5th Day. Elongation of appendages; mouths of tracheal invaginations reduced to rounded orifices representing the spiracles.
7th Day. Elongation of neural groove; embryonic membranes rupture, exposing the embryo.

During this phase the separation of the endoderm from the mesoderm takes place and the rudiments of the mid-intestine are formed: the mesoblastic somites and body-cavity appear, and yolk cleavage occurs.

3RD PHASE
End of 7th Day. Appearance of dorsal organ.
8th Day.—Dorsal organ completely formed.
9th Day. Pigmentation of the eyes.
10th Day. Eyes more pigmented; main tracheal trunks visible.
11th Day. Embryo becomes strongly pigmented and exhibits movements beneath the chorion.
12th Day. Eclosion of the larva.

This phase is one of histological differentiation and no new permanent organs are developed.

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A. Metamorphosis

ECLOSION from the Egg.—The process of hatching or eclosion from the egg varies greatly in different groups. Some insects (e.g. caterpillars) simply eat their way through the embryonic membranes and chorion, while others rupture the chorion by body movements. In the Odonata a peculiar pulsating organ, or cephalic heart, exerts pressure against the egg shell and forces up a caplike operculum, thereby providing for the exit of the insect. Among Orthoptera the cervical ampulla performs a similar function, which is aided by convulsive movements of the body. Many insects have special hatching spines or egg-bursters. In Leptinotarsa there are three pairs of these spines on the body (Wheeler); in Aphaniptera there is a single spine on the head, and in the Pentatomidae a T-shaped cephalic denticle. Hatching spines are also present in other orders but have not received much attention.

Instar and Stadium.—Every insect during its growth sheds its skin one or more times, this process being known as a moult or ecdysis, the cast skin being termed the exuvia. The intervals between the ecdyses are known as stages or stadia, and the form assumed by an insect during a particular stadium is termed an instar. When an insect issues from the egg it is said to be in its first instar; at the end of this stadium the first ecdysis occurs and the insect then assumes its second instar, and so on. The final instar is the fully mature form which is known as the adult or imago.

Metamorphosis.—One of the most characteristic features of insects is the fact that they are almost always hatched in a condition morphologically different from that assumed in the imago. In order to reach the latter instar they consequently have to pass through changes of form which are collectively termed metamorphosis.

Some insects emerge from the egg in a form resembling the imago and, therefore, pass through no metamorphosis: such insects are described as Ametabola. The Apterygota are usually regarded as being ametabolous, but in some cases a slight metamorphosis is present. Ametabolous forms also occur among aperous representatives of the Pterygota, whose transformations have become reduced to such a degree of insignificance that they no longer merit the term metamorphosis. Such forms have consequently acquired a secondary ametabolous growth and examples of this kind are found in the Phasmidae, Anopleura, in the workers of the Isoptera and in female Embioptera.

The majority of insects pass through a metamorphosis and, in contradistinction to the primitively ametabolous species, are termed Metabola. In the strict zoological sense the immature forms of animals which undergo metamorphosis are called larvae. Among insects it is customary and
convenient to distinguish two types of immature individuals, viz., nymphs and larvae.

A nymph may be defined as a young insect which quits the egg in a relatively advanced stage of morphological development, and mainly differs from the imago in that the wings and genitalia are only present in an incompletely developed condition. The mouth-parts exhibit the same general type of construction as in the adult, while the compound eyes suffer no arrestation of development and are functional. The growth from the nymph to the imago is a simple one and is unaccompanied by a pupal instar.

A larva may be defined as a young insect which quits the egg in an
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early stage of morphological development, and differs fundamentally in form from the adult. The mouth-parts usually differ greatly in construction from those of the adult and compound eyes, with scarcely any exceptions, are either wanting or non-functional. The growth from the larva to the imago is by means of a complex metamorphosis accompanied by a pupal instar.

Types of Metamorphosis.—The orders of insects exhibiting metamorphosis are often divided into two main groups: (1) Heterometabola and (2) Holometabola.

1. Heterometabola.—This term is applied to members of the lower orders (or Exopterygota: p. 202) which pass through a simple metamorphosis often described as direct or incomplete. A pupal stage is wanting, and the immature insects are referred to as nymphs.

The Heterometabola are separated into two divisions as follows:

(a) Paurometabola (Fig. 181). In a number of orders the young resemble the adults in general form and mode of life. Postembryonic development is one of gradual growth, unaccompanied by any striking morphological changes, and the distinctive feature of this type of metamorphosis is the acquisition of wings. The exopterygote orders other than the Plecoptera, Odonata and Ephemeroptera conform to this type.

(b) Hemimetabola (Fig. 182). In the three last mentioned orders the young differ from the adults in the presence of provisional organs. Since they live in water, while the imagines are aerial, their differences are of an adaptive nature and principally concern the respiratory system. The morphological changes which take place are greater than in the Paurometabola, and consequently the transition from the nymph to the imago is more profound. Nymphs of the Hemimetabola are termed "naiads" by Comstock in order to distinguish them from those of the Paurometabola.

2. Holometabola.—This term is given to members of the higher orders (or Endopterygota, p. 202) which pass through a complex metamorphosis: the young are larvae and the imago is preceded by a pupal instar (Fig. 183). Such a type of metamorphosis is often referred to as indirect or complete.

Types of Insect Larvae.—In discussing the larval forms of insects it is necessary, in the first instance, to consider the progressive development of metamerism in the embryo. As a rule segmentation commences at
the anterior extremity, and extends backwards, although there are modifications and exceptions to this sequence. Berlese (1913) recognizes three successive embryonic phases in the development of insects, these phases being based primarily upon the condition of the metamerism, viz., protopod, polypod, and oligopod (Fig. 184).

In the protopod phase metamerism is incomplete, the abdomen being imperfectly differentiated and, if segmented, its metameres have not as yet acquired appendages. The digestive and nervous systems are in a rudimentary condition and the tracheal invaginations are undeveloped.

In the polypod phase the abdomen has acquired its complete segmentation and full number of appendages. The internal organs are further differentiated and tracheal invaginations are formed.

In the oligopod phase the embryo has reached an advanced condition: the thoracic limbs have increased in size, and the evanescent abdominal appendages have disappeared. At the end of this phase the nymphs of insects with incomplete metamorphosis issue from the egg.

In general, insect larvae represent an arrestation in one or other of these phases when eclosion from the egg takes place. Larvae, therefore, generally issue from the egg at an earlier ontogenetic stage than nymphs.

The following types of larvae may be recognized.

1. The CAMPODEIFORM (or thysanuriform) LARVA.—The Thysanura are undoubtedly the most primitive representatives of the Insecta. The larvae of many insects are hatched in a form bearing a general resemblance to the adults of Campodea and other members of its order. Such larvae are regarded as being primitive and as representing a Thysanuran stage in the species to which they belong. The campodeiform larva is active, with a more or less flattened body, and a markedly chitinized integument (Fig. 185). Well developed biting mouth-parts, antennae, legs, and cerci are present. In conformity with an active life, eyes and other organs of special sense are evident. This type of larva, unlike the Thysanura, never bears the lateral abdominal appendages so characteristic of the latter order. Bérlese regards it as an insect hatched in the oligopod phase and it consequently represents a post-Thysanuran stage in ontogeny. Nymphs closely resemble campodeiform larvae but represent a more advanced condition of the oligopod phase, having, for example, compound eyes and often dorsal ocelli. The campodeiform larva is met with in its most primitive condition in the Adephaga, Staphylinidae and in the first instar of Mantispida, the Meloidae and Strepsiptera.

2. The ERUCIFORM LARVA.—In this type the body is usually cylindrical
and fleshy with a somewhat weakly chitinized integument. Such larvae are less active than the preceding type: the antennae and thoracic legs are reduced, and there are no cerci. Unlike the campodeiform larva, paired appendages are present on the abdomen (Fig. 186). The eruciform larva is probably derived from the polypod phase and consequently represents an earlier ontogenetic stage than the campodeiform larva. Examples are found in the “caterpillars” of the Lepidoptera and Tenthredinidae, and in larval Mecoptera.

It is convenient also to include under the term eruciform a large number of other larval types. These, as the result of passing an inactive existence amidst an ample supply of food, exhibit various degrees of degeneration, affecting more especially the organs of locomotion and special sense. Owing to a concealed and protected life such larvae have a membranous or only slightly chitinized integument. The various types of larva which come under this category are not necessarily derived from the same embryonic phase.

Among Coleoptera the eruciform larva may still retain its thoracic limbs or the latter may be absent, as for example among Rhynchophora (Fig. 183). Unlike the eruciform lepidopterous larva, abdominal appendages are always wanting and the polypod phase is passed through in the egg. This type of larva is evidently derived by degeneration from the campodeiform and is connected with the latter by many intermediate forms. This conclusion is supported by the fact that in members of the Meloidae and Rhipiphoridae with hypermetamorphosis (p. 182) the campodeiform first instar is followed by the eruciform. Also the apodous type of larva may, as in the Bruchidae, be preceded by leg-bearing stages and even in the Curculionidae the last rudiments of thoracic limbs are retained as sensory protuberances in Phytonomus (Pérez, 1911).

Among the Hymenoptera Aculeata the eruciform larva is always apodous. Since the polypod phase in these insects is passed through in the egg the larva is hatched subsequently and, according to Berlese, in a condition intervening between the polypod and oligopod phases. Instead of the thoracic appendages persisting they are resorbed along with those of the abdomen.

Among Diptera the larvae are likewise apodous and eruciform. They exhibit, however, many grades of degeneration between the active Culicid type of larva, with well developed head and sensory organs, and the so-called acephalous “maggot” type of the Cyclorrhapha. Keilin has shown that transformed vestiges of thoracic limbs persist among dipterous larvae as sensory papillae and it is therefore probable that the larvae of this order, similar to those of Coleoptera, issue from the egg somewhere about the oligopod phase.

3. INTERMEDIATE TYPES.—Among Coleoptera there exist numerous larval types, some of which retain the armoured integument and reduced facies of the campodeiform larva (many Diversicornia and Heteromera). Others exhibit a marked approach to the eruciform type with soft fleshy bodies and membranous integument (Lamellicornia). These features are of an adaptive significance and have been developed in accordance with the mode of life of the groups concerned.
4. PRIMARY LARVAE OF PARASITIC HYMENOPTERA.—Certain of the endoparasitic hymenopterous larva develop from eggs containing little or no yolk and are compelled, as it were, to emerge while still in an early embryonic phase. Thus in the Platygasteridæ and in Eucoila the larvae are hatched in the protopod phase. In the cyclopoid larva of Platygaster evident rudiments of thoracic limbs are present, but the abdomen is as yet imperfectly segmented. The food canal is blind and there are no nervous, circulatory or respiratory systems (Fig. 187). In Eucoila the protopod phase is also well preserved with prominent thoracic but no abdominal appendages. In Polyneura and Teleas the primary larvae are likewise hatched in a condition which in other groups of insects is passed through in the egg. These primary larvaæ also exhibit prominent adaptive features in relation with an intra-hæmoccelic life but, in their subsequent instars, they always assume the usual form and characters common to all older larvaæ of the Aculeata.

**Hypermetamorphosis.**—When an insect in its development passes through two or more markedly different larval instars it is said to undergo hypermetamorphosis (Fig. 188). This phenomenon is accompanied as a rule by a marked change in larval life. In the majority of instances of hypermetamorphosis the first larval instar is campodeiform. During this stage it seeks out its future pabulum and having discovered it undergoes, in its subsequent instars, morphological transformations which adapt it to the changed mode of life.

Since various examples of hypermetamorphosis are described under
the several families concerned they need not be discussed here, and only
the principal instances are enumerated below.

**NEUROPTERA.** Mantispa.

**COLEOPTERA.** Carabidre (Lebia scapularis). Staphylinidre (Aleochara
spp.) Meloidre. Rhipiphoridre.

**STREPSIPTERA.** All species.


**HYMENOPTERA.** In all the chief groups of Parasitica.

**HEMIPTERA.** Coccidre—Margarodes and allies.

**Ecdysis.**—The more or less rigid integument is ill adapted for accom­modating itself to the increase in size of an insect that is consequent upon
growth, and is therefore periodically shed. During each act of ecdysis
not only the general cuticle investing the body and its appendages is cast
off, but also the chitinous lining or intima of the tracheae, fore- and hind­intestine, glands, etc. All these parts together with hairs, scales, and
similar structures, are renewed by the hypodermal cells underlying them.
The demands of growth, however, are insufficient to provide an entire
explanation of the significance of ecdysis. It has been suggested that
the formation of chitin is, in itself, an act of excretion and that ecdysis
provides a means for the removal of waste products from the blood. The
formation of the new cuticle may, therefore, provide an outlet for the elimina­
tion of further material of a similar nature.

The actual process of ecdysis has been described by Trouvelot (1867),
Tower (1906) and others. Prior to this crisis the hypodermis secretes a
thin lamella over its entire surface beneath the old cuticle. This new
layer or epidermis rapidly thickens forming hairs, scales, and other cuticular
structures which replace the old. These parts lie compressed beneath
the original cuticle and very probably exercise a function in loosening
the old skin. Verhoeff contends that many of the spinous processes of
certain pupæ serve a more important function in loosening the old larval
skin than in aiding pupal locomotion. When the new epidermis is fully
formed, the exuvial glands (vide p. 138) secrete a moulting fluid which
facilitates the separation of the old and new layers of cuticle. The old
skin becomes completely detached from the new and eventually ruptures—
usually along the back of the head and thorax. The anterior extremity
of the insect is protruded through the fracture thus formed, and the exuviae
is worked backwards towards the caudal end of the body where it is cast
off. The moulting fluid corrodes and softens the old skin rendering it more
flexible. When first cast off it is possible to extend the old skin to its
former length, but the moulting fluid which bathes it quickly hardens and
the skin soon becomes rigid. In cases where the cuticle is of extreme
tenuity, as in parasitic hymenopterous larvæ, the shrivelled skin often
remains around the hindmost segments of the body: several of the super­posed exuviae are sometimes observable in this condition, and are recogniz­able by the remains of the head-capsules of previous instars.

After ecdysis the epidermis hardens, rapidly deepening in colour, while
the new dermis becomes formed beneath it.

A very wide range of variation is exhibited with regard to the number of
ecdyses undergone by different insects. Thus according to Grassi there is
only a single fragmentary ecdysis in Campodea and Japyx, while the may-fly
Chloron was found by Lubbock to moult twenty-three times. Almost every
transitional condition is met with between these two extremes, but, as a
general rule, the number of ecdyses is five or six. In the Diptera Cyclorrhapha
and Neuroptera Planipennia, two ecdyses only are very constant while among Lepidoptera the number is extremely variable; in some species it may be as high as nine and in others as low as three. It may also vary within the limits of a single species as in *Aretaia caia*. The factors determining the number of ecdyses need investigation and it is at present impossible to judge how far they are phylogenetic in significance, and how far they are an expression of internal physiological processes in the species concerned.

Some insects undergo ecdysis almost immediately after leaving the egg. The Collembola are stated to be exceptional in that ecdyses occur after attaining sexual maturity and the Ephemeroptera alone exhibit the unusual feature of an ecdysis taking place after the insect has acquired functional wings. With these exceptions ecdysis is confined to the preimaginal instars.

**Dyar’s Law.**—Dyar (1890) has shown from observations on the larval instars of twenty-eight species of Lepidoptera that the head-width follows a regular geometrical progression in successive instars. Since the head is not subject to growth during a stadium it is possible, by means of accurate measurements, to determine whether an ecdysis has been overlooked or not during life-history studies. In the example below the observed and calculated head-widths in mm. in the seven larval instars of *Halisidota harrisii* Walsh are given. By dividing each observed number in the series by the one which precedes it a ratio of increase in each instar is found; the average of these ratios for the example given is 1.44.

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<td>,, ,, ,, 7th ,, (2.43 x 1.44) = 3.49</td>
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It will be noted that the approximation of the observed to the calculated measurements is sufficiently close to preclude the probability of an ecdysis having been overlooked.

**Growth.**—The larval and nymphal periods are pre-eminently ones of growth. The rapidity with which this process takes place, and the great increase in size that accompanies it, are particularly evident in many holometabolous insects. Growth, however, is interrupted at each ecdysis, and just before that process occurs an appreciable fall in weight takes place. A comparison of the weight of a mature larva with that at the time of eclosion from the egg has been made in several species. Thus, Trouvelot found that the silkworm *Telea polyphemus* when fully grown is 4,140 times its original weight. In the larva of the bee *Anthophora retusa* the corresponding increase is 1,020 times (Newport); in the larva of *Cossus cossus*, which lives for three years, it is 72,000 times (Lyonnet); in *Sphinx ligustri* 9,976 times (Newport); in the silkworm *Bombyx mori* the increase varies according to racial and other factors between about 9,100 times and 10,500 times.

The most complete data available concerning growth is in the case of the mulberry silkworm (vide *Rep. Imp. Sericult. Inst. Tokyo, 1910*). On hatching 100 larvae were found to weigh .038 grm., and their subsequent growth, given in tabular form, is as follows. (The figures are per 100 larvae.)
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<th>Instar</th>
<th>Live-weight at maximum point of growth.</th>
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<th>Average length.</th>
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The relation of the weight of 100 larvae to the quantity of food eaten and digested is as follows (average of three races):—

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<th>Instar</th>
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<th>Weight at end of instar.</th>
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<td>30.21</td>
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<td>227.99</td>
<td>153.53</td>
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According to Hiratsuka (1920) the data vary according to the sex of the larvae. The amount of fresh leaves consumed by 100 larvae (both sexes) in the 1st instar was found to be 1.48 gm. and in the 5th instar the same number of male larvae consumed 986.33 gm. and of female larvae 1182.20 gm. The greatest activity in tissue-building is in the 1st instar: at this period the live-weight increases threefold in 24 hours, but afterwards the rate of growth gradually falls as age advances.

**The Pupa.**—The name "pupa" signifies "baby" and was given by Linnaeus to the chrysalis of Lepidoptera on account of its resemblance to an infant which has been swathed or wrapped up as is customary among certain peoples. The term *pupa* is now used with reference to the resting inactive instar in all holometabolous insects. During this stage the insect is incapable of feeding and is quiescent. It is to be regarded as an acquired transitional phase during which the larval body and its internal organs are remodelled to the extent necessary to adapt them to the requirements of the future imago. Although normally motionless, many pupae possess a limited capacity for locomotion which becomes evident towards the end of the stadium, when it facilitates the emergence of the perfect insect.

Three types of pupae are generally recognized.

(i) **The Exarate or Free Pupa (Fig. 189).**—In this type the wings and legs are free from any secondary attachment to the body and such pupae exhibit a greater capacity for movement than other types. Exarate pupae are characteristic of all the lower Endopterygota, including the Neuroptera, Mecoptera, Coleoptera, Trichoptera, and the Micropterygidae among Lepidoptera: they are also found throughout the Hymenoptera.
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(2) THE OBTECT PUPA (Fig. 190).—In this type the wings and legs are firmly soldered down to the body by the moulting fluid after the final larval ecdysis. Obtected pupae are characteristic of Lepidoptera and are also found in the Diptera Orthorrhapha, and in the Staphylinidae and Coccinellidae among Coleoptera.

(3) THE COARCTATE PUPA (Fig. 191).—In the Diptera Cyclorrhapha the last larval skin is retained as a covering to the pupa, becoming hardened and completely separated from the insect which it encloses. This pupal covering or capsule is known as the puparium, and pupae protected in this manner are termed coarctate. As a rule puparia are cylindrical or barrel-shaped and they betray no outward indication of the developing insect within.

Mention has been previously made of the locomotory capacity of pupae. Among some Neuroptera including Raphidia, Hemerobius and Chrysopa the pupae regain considerable activity before the final ecdysis and are able to crawl about. Those of certain of the Trichoptera exhibit adaptive modifications which enable them to swim to the surface of the water to allow of the exit of the imagines. In the Culicidae and certain Chironomidae the pupae are active throughout the instar, and are capable of vigorous swimming by means of caudal movements. Movements of a less pronounced character are exhibited by many pupae which occur in the soil, in wood or in stems. In cases of this kind they are commonly armed with spines or denticles which facilitate their movements towards the exterior, when the time for the emergence of the imagines approaches.

The Prepupa.—The existence of an instar between the last larval and the pupal stadia is sometimes overlooked. Near the end of the larval period the insect prepares itself for transformation into the pupa, usually constructing a cocoon, cell, or other form of protection. A brief period of quiescence then follows which marks the prepupal instar (Fig. 192). At this period the wings and appendages become everted from their sacs, and lie for the first time outside the body, where they are found beneath the old larval cuticle which still persists. The thorax becomes modified and other changes in the general form of the insect are assumed. In Hymenoptera, for example, it is at this period that the first abdominal segment
becomes amalgamated with the thorax. The old larval skin is ultimately cast off and after a short interval the more lengthy resting stadium of the pupa is entered upon. The prepupa represents a greatly abbreviated instar during which an ecdysis has been suppressed.

Pupal Protection.—During transformation into the pupa and throughout the latter instar insects are particularly vulnerable. Since at these periods they are provided with exceedingly limited powers of movement and no means of defence, special methods of protection are necessary. Most pupae are concealed in one way or another from their enemies, and also from such adverse influences as excess of moisture, sudden marked variations of temperature, shock and other mechanical disturbance. Provision against such influences is usually made by the larva in its last instar. Many lepidopterous and coleopterous larvae burrow beneath the ground and there construct earthen cells in which to pupate. The larger number of insects, however, construct cocoons which are special envelopes formed either of silk alone, or of extraneous material bound together by means of threads of that substance. Thus many wood-boring larvae utilize chips, larvae which transform in the ground select earth particles: many Arctiidae use their body-hairs and Trichoptera use pebbles, vegetable fragments, etc., their larval cases functioning as cocoons. In these instances the substances are held together by means of a warp of silk and worked up to form cocoons. A large number of other insects, including some of the Neuroptera and Trichoptera, many Lepidoptera and Hymenoptera and the Aphaniptera, utilize silk alone in forming their cocoons. Great variations exist in the colour and nature of the silk and in the texture and form of the completed cocoons. The densest and most perfect types of cocoon are found in the Saturniidae, while the other extreme is met with in the Papilionina, where the pupa may be suspended by its caudal extremity, which is hooked on to a small pad of silk representing the last vestige of a cocoon. Exposed pupae of this type are commonly protectively coloured. Among the Tenthredinidae cocoons of a parchment-like or shell-like consistency are frequent: in some cases the outer cocoon encloses an inner one of more delicate texture.

In the Diptera Cyclorrhapha a cocoon, with very rare exceptions, is wanting, and the hard puparium forms the sole protection to the pupa. A cocoon is also wanting in the Chalcidoidea.

Emergence from the Cocoon.—Many insects upon issuing from the pupa leave the case or cuticle of the latter behind, and gnaw their way through the wall of the cocoon by means of their mandibles. This is the prevalent mode of exit among Coleoptera and Hymenoptera. In other cases the pupa is provided with mandibles which perform this same function, as happens among the Neuroptera and Trichoptera and Micropteryx. In other examples the pupa ruptures the cocoon by means of a special cocoon-breaker which takes the form of a spine or spines on the head, or at the bases of the fore-wings: or the cocoon may be softened by a secretion exuded from the mouth of the imago. These and other methods of emergence are further dealt with under the order Lepidoptera.

Eclosion of the Imago.—As the time for the eclosion of the imago approaches the pupa noticeably darkens in colour. In some of the more transparent pupae of the Papilionina the colours of the imago are distinctly observable a short period before its emergence. When the time for the latter arrives, the contained insect, by means of convulsive movements of its legs and body, succeeds in rupturing the pupal cuticle. A longitu-
dinal fracture occurs down the back of the thorax, and there are often other fractures in the region of the legs and elsewhere. The insect withdraws its appendages from within those of the pupa and emerges completely formed except for the wings. It crawls up the nearest available support and there rests in such a position that the folded miniature wings are inclined downwards. By the influx of blood from the body, and pressure exerted upon that fluid by muscular action, the complete expansion of the wings is rapidly acquired (Fig. 193). During this preliminary phase drops of liquid (the meconium) are discharged from the anus: they represent the waste products of pupal metabolism, and in Lepidoptera are coloured with residual pigmentary matter which has not been utilized. A short period elapses after eclosion before the insect is able to make its trial flight. The time of emergence varies greatly in different species. In some Lepidoptera, for example, it occurs in early morning and in others towards evening; at such times they may sometimes be observed resting upon tree trunks, etc., awaiting their normal hours of activity. Among certain aquatic insects the imago is able to take to the wing almost immediately after eclosion.
Origin of the Pupal Instar.—The pupal instar is to be regarded as a prolongation of the shorter period of inaction which frequently accompanies each ecdysis. Among the Isoptera one of these quiescent phases becomes a pronounced feature in the ontogeny of many of the species. Thus, in several species of *Termes* Bugnion has observed that the workers and soldiers pass through a period of hypnosis lasting seven or eight days, during which the transformation into the final instar is accomplished. While the insect is in this condition its head is downwardly flexed upon the thorax, while its antennae and legs are directed backwards along the ventral surface. The quiescent phase is even more pronounced in *Rhinoterms taurus* (Fig. 194) and prefigures, as it were, the primitive type of exarate pupa. A similar phase has been noted during the final transformation into the winged form in other termites. The incipient pupa of the Thysanoptera is a definite and more lengthy resting phase which likewise precedes the appearance of the imago.

In the above instances, however, the wing-rudiments remain externally to the body throughout their growth. It is consequently evident that a further evolutionary stage has to be passed through, before the conditions of wing-growth which precede the true pupa of the Endopterygota are arrived at. Among the latter insects the wing-rudiments sink within the body from the beginning, and their outward appearance is postponed until after the last larval instar. A near approach to the endopterygote condition is afforded by the Aleyrodidae and the males of the Coccidae. An Aleyrodid, in its last larval instar, settles down upon a leaf and ceases to feed, while the cuticle separates from the body without actually being cast off. The wings are derived from internal buds which become everted and the insect, at this stage, is a quiescent nymph or rudimentary pupa which is protected by the persistent larval cuticle. The latter eventually dehisces to allow of the eclosion of the imago. In the males of the Coccidae rudimentary prepupal and pupal instars are present. The wings, however, develop externally, but the adult limbs are new formations derived from imaginal buds. Some further observations on this subject are given under the families concerned.

The endopterygote condition is derived from the sinking in of the wing-buds with the result that their outward appearance becomes more and more delayed. The prepupal instar is to be regarded as a survival from exopterygote ancestors and it is noteworthy that occasional atavistic larvae are found among Endopterygota (e.g. in *Tenebrio molitor*, etc.) in that they bear external wing-buds.

On a previous page it has been pointed out that insect larvae are often hatched in an earlier stage of development than nymphs. In the former the imaginal wing-buds are internal and in the latter they are external. The nymphal period corresponds to the pupal stadium of the higher insects, the obvious difference being that the nymph is active and seeks its food while the pupa is quiescent and does not feed. If this comparison be correct it follows that several instars and ecdyses have been eliminated from the ontogeny during the pupal stadium, and that the latter consequently represents an example of abbreviation of development.
B. The Development of the Imago

The culminating feature of metamorphosis is the formation of the imago. The characteristic distinctions between hetero- and holometabolous insects with regard to the manner of development of the perfect insect have already been pointed out. In the Heterometabola it is accomplished through a gradual series of external and internal changes and alterations of form, which may be traced back to simple growth during the nymphal instars. In the Holometabola the transformation from the larva to the imago is accomplished through the intercalation of a quiescent or pupal instar. Since the latter method of development involves complicated ontogenetic changes a more detailed consideration is necessary. These changes may be discussed under two headings—(2) the development of the external form of the imago and (2) the development of the internal organs.

1. The Development of the External Form of the Imago.—The formation of the body and its appendages becomes evident in the larval period and attains completion during the pupa. The principal agents in the process are certain masses of formative cells variously known as imaginal buds, imaginal discs or histoblasts (Fig. 195). They arise as slight folds or thickenings of the hypodermis, and their cells exhibit the potentiality of embryonic tissue. On the inner aspect of the imaginal buds are found loose cell accumulations often referred to as mesenchyme. The origin of these cells has been much disputed, and it is believed by most authorities that they are derived from the embryonic mesoderm: by others it is maintained that they are formed by the delamination of the ectoderm of the imaginal buds.

The usual time of appearance of the imaginal buds is during the larval stadia, but in the higher Diptera they are already evident in the late embryo. These structures are present for each part of the body, including the appendages of the head, the wings, legs, genitalia, and the hypodermis of the abdomen. They usually appear as evaginations from previously developed hypodermal pockets. The entrance to the pocket narrows or closes up, and the space surrounding the imaginal bud is the peripodial cavity, whose wall is known as the peripodial membrane: the latter is continuous with the general hypodermis (Fig. 29). As the imaginal buds develop the peripodial cavities enlarge accordingly and the peripodial membrane becomes attenuated. The mouths of the cavities eventually open and the buds commence to protrude: with the assumption of the prepupal instar the latter are completely everted and appear outside the body. A more
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detailed account with respect to the development of the wing buds is given on p. 32.

The imaginal buds are exhibited in a relatively simple condition in the larva of Anopheles. Those of the head appendages appear at the bases of the existing larval organs which they are destined to replace, and the imaginal head is formed within that of the larva. The largest buds are those of the antennae, and, of the buds of the mouth-parts, the most conspicuous are those of the future labrum, maxillary palpi and labium. In the thorax two pairs of imaginal buds are present on each segment—a dorsal pair and a ventral pair. The dorsal imaginal buds give rise to the pupal respiratory horns, the wings and the halteres in their respective segments. Each pair of ventral buds forms the legs of its segment. In the abdomen there is a conspicuous pair of dorsal buds at the anal extremity which forms the pupal caudal lamellae.

The researches of Weismann (1864-66), Kowalevsky (1887), van Rees (1888), Pratt (1900), Vaney (1902) and others have shown that the imaginal buds attain increasing complexity in the passage from the lower to the higher members of the Diptera. In the Cyclorrhapha they are deeply sunk into the body, and it is often difficult to trace their connections with the hypodermis owing to the peripodial membrane being reduced in each case to a greatly attenuated cord (Fig. 196). In Melophagus the buds, although superficial in position, become disconnected from the hypodermis (Fig. 197).

The most complex feature is exhibited in the imaginal buds of the head: the development of the latter is associated with the position of the cerebral ganglion in the larva, and the fact that the larval head is no longer able to accommodate the developing head of the imago. In Chironomus Miall and Hammond (1892) have shown that the cerebral ganglion lies in the larval prothorax, and the imaginal head is formed in relation with the former centre. In a larva about half an inch long, the hypodermis becomes infolded along two nearly longitudinal lines, corresponding to the margins of the larval clypeus. The imaginal buds of the compound eyes and antennae arise from the inner extremities of these cephalic folds and are thus far removed from the surface. The folds
gradually extend backwards into the prothorax until the imaginal buds referred to become closely related to the cerebral ganglion. The posterior prolongation of the folds is accompanied by the formation of a transverse fold which runs back from the junction of the larval head and prothorax (Figs. 198 and 199). During the change to the pupa the parts of the head, thus formed in the larva, assume their final exterior position by a process of eversion, with the result that the now evaginated folds form the wall of the imaginal head and carry the eyes and antennae with them.

In Calliphora, according to Weismann and Van Rees (Fig. 200), the head becomes invaginated during the later embryonic period into the region which follows it, and its outwardly visible portion is reduced in the larva to a small apical papilla. The invaginated part of the head forms the so-called larval “pharynx” and the true mouth opens into the posterior end of this pouch. A pair of cephalic buds extend as diverticula from

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**FIG. 198.-TRANSVERSE SECTION THROUGH THE JUNCTION OF THE HEAD AND PROTHORAX OF A Chironomus Larva SHOWING INVAGINATIONS FOR IMAGINAL HEAD.**

c, larval cuticle; f, longitudinal fold; a, antenna of imago; dv, dorsal vessel; as, esophagus. After Miall and Hammond.

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**FIG. 199.-FORMATION OF IMAGINAL HEAD IN LARVA OF Chironomus.**

A, The new epidermis thrown into folds, which have been cut away in places. B, The same parts in horizontal section; lc, larval cuticle; ff, transverse fold; lff, upper wall of ditto; ep, epidermis; m, cut edge of new epidermis; ant, larval antenna; a.m, nerve to ditto; ant1, antenna of fly; lff, longitudinal fold; 0, eye of fly; on, optic nerve; a.m1, root of antennary nerve; br, brain; as, esophagus; b, enlarged second joint (bulb) of antenna of fly; s, s, s', blood-spaces. After Miall and Hammond.

the so-called pharynx to the cerebral ganglion (which is located in the metathorax), and the imaginal eyes and antennae develop from the inner wall of each sac. During the pupal stage the cerebral ganglion and cephalic
buds move forwards until the former come to lie in the prothorax. At the same time the openings of the buds into the "pharynx" widen, and ultimately both the pharynx and its diverticula become confluent, forming a single sac or cephalic vesicle (Fig. 200 C). The latter is finally everted through the mouth of the pharynx, and becomes turned inside out to form the completed imaginal head very much as in Chironomus (Fig. 200 D). In the embryo of *Melophagus* Pratt states that the cephalic buds, which ultimately form the adult head, develop as paired dorsal and unpaired ventral thickenings which later on become invaginated. The dorsal pair corresponds to the cephalic buds of *Calliphora*: they are destined to form the dorsal and lateral portion of the imaginal head together with the compound eyes. The ventral cephalic bud has no counterpart in *Calliphora*: it forms the floor of the imaginal head together with the proboscis. Involution of the embryonic head takes place as in *Calliphora* and the cephalic buds become drawn into the secondary "pharynx" thus developed (Fig. 201 A and B). Owing to the early fusion of the dorsal buds the cavities of the latter open into the pharynx by a common connection, but they retain their paired formation posteriorly (Fig. 201 C and D). Finally the dorsal and ventral diverticula combine to form the cephalic vesicle, which subsequently becomes evaginated.

The hypodermis of the adult thorax is formed by cell-proliferation of the peripodial membrane of the imaginal buds of that region. The new tissue gradually extends over an increasing area, replacing the larval hypodermis which undergoes disintegration. Areas of new hypodermis, originating from different imaginal buds, become confluent, and an entirely new cell-layer is thus built up. The hypodermis of the adult abdomen is similarly formed from four imaginal buds in each of the first eight segments. These buds differ from those previously described in that they arise as simple thickenings of the larval hypodermis, without any folding taking place. The genitalia arise from pairs of typical imaginal buds in the ventral wall of the two penultimate abdominal segments.

The essential features of the development of the external form of the body in other orders proceeds very much after the manner described in Diptera. The imaginal buds, however, are not deeply insunk as in the Muscidae, and the complex process which gives rise to the cephalic vesicle...
does not take place. Furthermore, the buds which form the pupal respiratory horns and caudal lamellae in Anopheles are unrepresented.

2. Development of the Internal Organs.—The great differences in the manner of life of the larva and the imago render many of the larval organs unadapted to perform their functions in the perfect insect, and the necessity for reconstruction consequently arises. The changes involved take place during the late larval and pupal stadia and, although an insect at this period is outwardly quiescent, it is in reality often the seat of intense physiological activity. The extent of the inner transformations varies, not only in different groups of holometabolous insects, but also with regard to individual organs and tissues. Certain parts, including the dorsal vessel, central nervous system, and genital organs, are little affected, and pursue an uninterrupted course of differentiation. On the other hand, the hypodermis, digestive system, muscles, and salivary glands are profoundly changed. Those larval organs which submit to the greatest alteration undergo dissolution and complete destruction, this breaking down of the tissues being known as histolysis. The latter process is generally preceded, and afterwards accompanied, by the generation of new tissues which is termed histogenesis. The essential feature of histogenesis is the multiplication of localized groups of cells which withstand the histolytic changes. These cells are the imaginal buds of the internal organs; unlike those of the appendages they do not develop as hypodermal folds. It is by means of their extension and differentiation that the parts concerned are rebuilt to serve the needs of the imago. Various theories have been advanced to account for the physiological processes by which histolysis is accomplished. Kowalevsky (1887), relying upon the researches of Metschnikoff, on the function of leucocytes in the destruction of the tail muscles of Amphibia, demonstrated that in the Muscidae the blood corpuscles (phagocytes) are the active agents that break down and digest the larval organs. Kowalevsky’s conclusions were largely confirmed by Van Rees (1888), and a number of subsequent workers, including Pérez, Mercier, Poyarkoff, and others, have described phagocytosis in different insects. In blood drawn from a pupal insect, such as Calliphora, there are found large numbers of “granular spheres” (Körnchenkugeln), 20–35 μ in diameter. These bodies are phagocytes distended with inclusions of the tissues which they have attacked (Fig. 202). The expression “Körnchenkugeln” is used because the granular spheres appear to be formed from the fusion of many leucocytes that have taken up the tissue inclusions. The exact nature of the process is still the subject of considerable debate, and further research is needed to clarify the mechanism by which the leucocytes are activated and the nature of the tissue inclusions that they engulf. The process of phagocytosis is thought to be an essential part of the process of histolysis and histogenesis, and its study has important implications for our understanding of the physiological processes that occur during metamorphosis.
chenkugeln is prevalent in most works dealing with the internal metamorphoses of insects, but was originally applied only to leucocytes distended with muscle debris. Their presence affords the strongest evidence that phagocytosis is taking place. Other authorities, including Anglas (1900) and Berlese (1900–01), see in the phagocytes a different rôle. According to Anglas their function is the secretion of enzymes which bring about tissue-dissolution by a kind of extra-cellular digestion which he terms lyocytosis. Berlese has studied histolysis of the muscles in a number of insects and finds that the phagocytes are very active in engulfing fragments of tissue, but, on the other hand, they manifest no digestive capacity, but merely act as transporters of such material to parts of the body where it is required. Bataillon (1893) maintains that histolysis is the result of asphyxiation which is brought about by the lowering of the respiratory activity and the accumulation of CO₂; according to him organs which are no longer functional degenerate as the result.

A number of histologists, including Karawai, Terre, Kellogg, Vaney, and Henneguy, in addition to those already mentioned, uphold the theory of degeneration. They claim that too exclusive a rôle has been ascribed to the phagocytes, and that larval organs undergo preliminary chemical dissolution before becoming the prey of those cells. In some cases this process is the only one concerned, in others the phagocytes subsequently intervene. In the Nematoceran Holoturia, for example, Kellogg (1901) was unable to detect any evidence of phagocytosis, and believed that tissue dissolution takes place without its agency. In the specialized larva of Blepharocera, also one of the Nematocera, where the changes involved are more profound, phagocytosis was predominant. Vaney (1902) similarly found no phagocytosis in Simulium and Chironomus. Other observers have been unable to find evidence of it in Lepidoptera and Coleoptera. In such cases lyocytosis, or some analogous process, is believed to intervene.

The extensive researches of Pérez on ants (1902) and Calliphora (1910) leave little doubt as to the importance of phagocytosis in those insects, and that it attains its maximum activity in the Muscidae. He finds no evidence of preliminary tissue degeneration and holds that phagocytosis is an all-important process where extensive histolysis is concerned. In

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![Diagram of phagocytosis of muscle in Calliphora](image-url)
cases where it is wanting the changes are mainly of an histogenic nature. Pérez's conclusions find support in the work of Poyarkoff (1910) on metamorphosis in the beetle *Galerucella*. Unlike most other workers, he was able to show that phagocytosis in Coleoptera plays an extremely active part in the destruction of organs which undergo marked transformation.

In brief, it may be said that phagocytosis is well established where the changes are great and histolysis intense. It does not, however, appear to be an invariable attribute of metamorphosis and, in certain cases, tissue-dissolution by lyocytosis or other process presumably obtains. Unfortunately knowledge of the inner metamorphoses is less complete in more generalized holometabolous orders, where apparently phagocytosis is less frequent, than in the Diptera.

The changes undergone by various organs and tissues during histolysis and histogenesis may now be alluded to. Generalizations are often particularly difficult to arrive at for the reason that different investigators are frequently in complete disagreement in their interpretations of the same phenomena. The principal facts, with special reference to Diptera, may be summarized as follows.

**DIGESTIVE SYSTEM.** (Figs. 203 and 204.) In most insects phagocytosis plays an unimportant part in the metamorphosis of the alimentary canal. Since the old lining epithelium is sloughed off into the lumen of the gut, and does not undergo dissolution in the haemocoele, phagocytic intervention is evidently less necessary. The fore-intestine is regenerated by the proliferation of a group of cells forming an annular imaginal bud in the cardiac valve, at the junction of the original ectoderm and endoderm. The transformation of the hind intestine is undergone in a very similar manner from an annular regenerative centre near the insertions of the Malpighian tubes: there are also other imaginal buds associated with the rectum. The mid-intestine is rebuilt by the proliferation of islets of cells situated between the bases of existing epithelial cells. In each part of the gut the original
larval epithelium is sloughed off during the process of its replacement.

The Malpighian tubes in the Muscidae pass without actual atrophy into those of the imago, but their cells lose differentiation, becoming subsequently reformed. In Hymenoptera the original tubes are destroyed and replaced by new formations. In Galerucella there are small replacement cells, very much as in the midgut, which give rise to the lining epithelium of the imaginal organs, while the remains of the larval cells are removed by phagocytosis.

SOMATIC MUSCLES. The fate of the muscles varies, not only in different insects, but also with regard to different muscles in the same insect. In Calliphora all the more specialized of the larval muscles are destroyed by phagocytes. On the other hand, the more specialized of the imaginal muscles, including those of the legs and genitalia and the transverse

FIG. 205.—Metamorphosis of A Muscle of Calliphora (semi-diagrammatic).
A, larval stage; m, myoblast. B, commencement of metamorphosis; e, mitosis of myoblasts; dm, multiple division of larval nuclei; N4, degenerating nucleus. After C. Pérez.

sub-hypodermal muscles of the abdomen, are new formations derived from the mesenchyme of imaginal buds. Between these two extremes are numerous transitions: certain of the abdominal muscles pass into those of the imago with but little alteration: other muscles are rebuilt by the agency of myoblasts to a variable degree. The wing-muscles, for example, are formed by myoblasts to such an extent, around three pairs of larval mesothoracic muscles, as almost to amount to new growths. The importance of the rôle of myoblasts in muscle-building varies proportionately as the imaginal muscle departs functionally from the larval muscle from which it is derived. During these changes, the portion of a larval muscle which persists becomes a homogeneous mass and the myoblasts, which are derived from the imaginal buds of the hypodermis, congregate around and penetrate it, thereby building up the composite imaginal muscle (Figs. 205, 206).

FIG. 206.—Metamorphosis of A Muscle of Calliphora (later stages).
C, direct division, in chains, of imaginal nuclei; f, fusion of myoblasts with differentiated nuclei. D, cleavage into separate fibres. E, final stage of imaginal muscle fibre. After C. Pérez.
According to Berlese the leucocytes engulf fragments of muscle fibres or sarcolytes forming the "granular spheres." This material is transported to parts of the body which it serves to nourish. There are also other muscle-fragments containing nuclei which he terms caryolytes. The latter are not engulfed by leucocytes, and Berlese traces from them the origin of the imaginal muscles and fat-body. The whole process of the phagocytosis has been re-investigated with great thoroughness by Pérez, who has shown that Berlese's sarcolytes and caryolytes are simply muscle fragments (in the one case without nuclei and the other with) which are undergoing phagocytosis.

**FAT-BODY.** (Fig. 207.) According to Berlese the larval fat-cells function as trophocytes, which play an important part in the accumulation and transformation of albuminoid reserve material, which is utilized in tissue-building during histogenesis. New fat cells, according to him, are derived from caryolytes as already mentioned. In Calliphora Pérez finds that certain of the trophocytes are destroyed by phagocytes during the pupal stadium while others persist until after eclosion of the imago, when they are ultimately eliminated in a similar manner. In ants the destruction of the fat-body is much more extensive in the male than in the female. Among most insects the larval fat-body becomes transformed into that of the imago, its albuminoid reserves being then converted into fat. In Calliphora, Pérez finds that the imaginal fat-body is a new formation derived from embryonic or mesenchymatous cells situated just beneath the hypodermis.

**SALIVARY GLANDS AND SILK GLANDS.** These glands degenerate and are usually destroyed by phagocytosis (Fig. 208).
imaginal glands are built up by a pair of annular buds situated at the junction of each gland with its duct (Fig. 204). In *Galerucella* Poyarkoff states that the new glands are formed as invaginations at the bases of the maxillae.

**TRACHEAL SYSTEM.** The tracheae undergo a varying amount of reformation in different insects. In *Calliphora* many of the larval tracheae disappear, their matrix layer being destroyed by phagocytoses. The formation of the imaginal tracheae is due in great part to the proliferation of regenerative centres distributed along the course of the main trunks.

**HYPODERMIS.** The formation of the hypodermis has already been alluded to, and the final destruction of the larval layer is accomplished by phagocytosis.

**Literature on Post-embryonic Development**

Part III

THE ORDERS OF INSECTS

THE CLASSIFICATION OF INSECTS

THE classification of insects has passed through many changes and most of the systems proposed have been founded upon characters afforded by the mouth-parts, wings and metamorphoses. With the growth of detailed knowledge an increasing number of orders has come to be recognized, some of the most recent writers admitting more than five times as many orders as were known to Linneus. It will serve no useful purpose to detail the various systems of classification that have been advanced, since almost every authority has adopted a scheme different from those of his predecessors. Handlirsch (1908) has provided an admirable historical résumé of the subject and consequently only those classifications, which are the direct forerunners of the systems current to-day, need be enumerated.

The foundation of the modern classification of insects dates from Brauer (1885) who based his system upon: (1) The presence or absence of wings. (2) The mouth-parts and their changes in ontogeny. (3) Metamorphosis. (4) The number of Malpighian tubes. (5) The nature of the wings, the thoracic segments and certain other features. He recognised the fundamental division of the Insecta into the two sub-classes Apterygogenea and Pterygogenea—members of the former being primitively apterous and those of the latter winged or, in some cases, secondarily apterous. Brauer also did much towards dividing the old assemblage Neuroptera into separate sections each of ordinal value. His classification is as follows:

I. Apterygogenea
   1. Synaptera (= Collembola + Thysanura).

II. Pterygogenea.
   2. Dermaptera
   3. Ephemeroidea (= Ephemeroptera)
   4. Odonata
   5. Plecoptera
   6. Orthoptera genuina (= Orthoptera + Embioptera)
   7. Corrodentia (= Isoperta + Psocoptera + Mallophaga)
   8. Thysanoptera
   9. Rhynchota (= Hemiptera)
  10. Neuroptera
  11. Panorpata (= Mecoptera)
  12. Trichoptera
  13. Lepidoptera
  14. Diptera
  15. Siphonaptera (= Aphaniptera)
  16. Coleoptera
  17. Hymenoptera

HOMOMORPHA

HETEROMORPHA
In 1899 Sharp established a system, partly modelled upon that of Brauer, and introduced the terms Exopterygota and Endopterygota in order to discriminate between those orders in which the wings develop outside the body, and those in which they remain internal until pupation. He further introduced the term Anapterygota to include those apterous orders which have presumably become secondarily wingless. This step, however, has the disadvantage of bringing together distantly related groups. In 1904 Shipley adopted Sharp’s classification almost in its entirety, but proposed certain new ordinal names with the double object of doing away with the use of family designations for ordinal purposes, and for the purpose of introducing a system in which the suffix “ptera” is extended to all orders. The classifications of Sharp and Shipley may, therefore, be tabulated together.

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In 1904 Börner proposed a system which recognized the same orders as Shipley (although not necessarily under the same names) with the exception that he adopted a threefold division of the Aptyrygota and revived the ordinal name Corrodentia for the Psocoptera and Mallophaga. Börner’s classification may be summarized as follows.

I. APTERYGOTA.

II. PTERYGOTA.
A. HEMIMETABOLA.

B. HOLOMETABOLA.
In 1908 Handlirsch published a revolutionary system which no longer retained the Insecta as a primary division of the Arthropoda, and involved their dissolution into four classes comprising no less than 34 separate orders. The main features of his system, which is based upon recent and fossil forms, are as given below.

Class I. Pterygogenea (= Insecta — Apterygota).
   Sub-class I. Orthopteroidea.
   Sub-class II. Blattæformia.
   Sub-class III. Hymenopteroidea.
   Sub-class IV. Coleopteroidea.
   Sub-class V. Embidaria.
   15. Embioidea (= Embioptera).
   Sub-class VI. Libelluloidea.
   Sub-class VII. Ephemeroidea.
   17. Plectoptera (= Ephemeroptera).
   Sub-class VIII. Perlidea.
   18. Perlaria (= Plectoptera).
   Sub-class IX. Neuropteroidea.
   Sub-class X. Panorpoidea.
   Sub-class XI. Hemipteroidea.

Class II. Collembola.

Class III. Campodeoidea.

Class IV. Thysanura.
   33. Machilloidea (= Machilidae). 34. Lepismatoidea (= Lepismidae).

The classification of Handlirsch has not found wide acceptance. It is, however, adopted by Brues and Melander (1915) who add to it the more recently discovered orders Zoraptera and Protura and, at the same time, elevate the family Grylloblattidae to ordinal rank, thus recognizing altogether 37 orders.

CLASSIFICATION ADOPTED IN THE PRESENT TEXT-BOOK.

Sub-class I. APTERYGOTA

Apterous insects, the wingless condition being primitive, with slight or no metamorphosis. One or more pairs of abdominal appendages present other than genitalia and cerci.

Order 1. THYSANURA.
   2. PROTURA.
   3. COLLEMBOLA.
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Sub-class II. PTERYGOTA

Winged insects which are sometimes secondarily apterus. Metamorphosis very varied, rarely slight or wanting. No abdominal appendages present other than genitalia and cerci.

Division I. EXOPTERYGOTA (=Heterometabola)

Insects passing through a simple and sometimes slight metamorphosis, very rarely accompanied by a pupal instar. The wings develop externally and the larvae are generalized nymphs.

Order 4. ORTHOPTERA.
,, 5. DERMAPTERA.
,, 6. PLECOPTERA.
,, 7. ISOPTERA.
,, 8. EMERINOPTERA.
,, 9. PSOCOPTERA.
,, 10. ANOPLEURA.
,, 11. EPHEMEROPTERA.
,, 12. ODONATA.
,, 13. THYSANOPTERA.
,, 14. HEMIPTERA.

Division II. ENDOPTERYGOTA (=Holometabola)

Insects passing through a complex metamorphosis always accompanied by a pupal instar. The wings develop internally and the larvae are usually specialized.

Order 15. NEUROPTERA.
,, 16. MECOPTERA.
,, 17. TRICHOPTERA.
,, 18. LEPIDOPTERA.
,, 19. COLEOPTERA.
,, 20. STREPSIPTERA.
,, 21. HYMENOPTERA.
,, 22. DIPTERA.
,, 23. APHANIPTERA.

The ordinal name Anopleura is here given to include the Mallophaga and Siphunculata which are now generally admitted to be closely related. The inclusion of the Anopleura and Aphaniptera among the Pterygota is based upon the probability that their apterous condition is secondary, and has been acquired for so extended a period that all traces of alary rudiments have been eliminated from their ontogeny. It is noteworthy, moreover, that the absence of wings is by no means an unknown phenomenon in those orders to which the Anopleura and Aphaniptera are most nearly related.

The Exopterygota are connected with the Endopterygota by the hemipterous families Aleyrodidae and Coccidae, both of which exhibit clear indications of a pupal stage: an incipient pupa can also be recognized among the Thysanoptera.

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SUB-CLASS APTERYGOTA

The Apterygota are universally distributed but, owing to their small size and concealed habits, probably the majority of the world's species have so far escaped discovery. About 1,200 species are known: without exception they are wingless insects and there is every reason to believe that this apterous condition is of a primitive and not a secondary origin. As a rule they retain the superlingue in a more generalized condition than other insects, and the presence of abdominal appendages is a very characteristic feature. Metamorphosis is always of a very slight and gradual nature or is more often absent. It is principally by a comparative study of the members of this sub-class that it is possible to trace the origin, evolution, and affinities of the Insecta as a whole. For a bibliography and general discussion of the Apterygota, reference should be made to a paper by Crampton (1916).

Order I. THYSANURA (Bristle-tails)

MOUTH-PARTS ECTOGNATHOUS OR ENTOGNATHOUS, ADAPTED FOR BITING.
ANTENNAE MANY-JOINTED. COMPOUND EYES PRESENT OR ABSENT.
ABDOMEN IX-SEGMENTED, WITH A VARIABLE NUMBER OF STYLIFORM LATERAL APPENDAGES, AND BEARING AT ITS APEX EITHER (1) A PAIR OF MANY-JOINTED CERCI WITH OR WITHOUT A MEDIAN CERCIFORM PROCESS; OR (2), MORE RARELY, A PAIR OF UNJOINTED FORCEPS. TRACHEAL SYSTEM PRESENT: MALPIGHIAN TUBES PRESENT OR ABSENT. METAMORPHOSIS SLIGHT OR WANTING.

This order includes the most primitive of all insects and is very widely distributed; about a dozen species have been found in the British Isles. Its members are ancient survivals of a formerly more extensive group and persist to-day largely owing to a concealed life in the soil, in rotting wood, under stones, or in the leaf-deposits of forest floors; a considerable number also live in the nests of ants and termites. Unlike many Collembola they are not usually found among living herbage. The "silver fish," Leptisma saccharina (Fig. 209), occurs in buildings in Europe and North America, where it is destructive to paper, book-bindings, etc., and Thermobia domestica Pack. frequents the warmth afforded by bakehouses and kitchens. Petrobius maritimus (Fig. 210) inhabits rocky places on the British coasts, close to the edge of the sea. Although the order includes a number of minute forms, the majority of species attain a larger size than is found in the Collembola, and Heterojapyx soulei, for example, measures about 50 mm. long. Most species are brownish, grey, or white in colour, and the scaled forms exhibit a metallic sheen.

External Anatomy.—In the Machiliidae and many Lepismidae the body is clothed with scales, but in the remaining families these structures are usually wanting. The antennae are long and filiform, often consisting of 30 or more joints. Compound eyes are well developed in the Machiliidae,
where they are approximated or contiguous dorsally: in the Lepismidæ they are considerably reduced, and among the Entotrophi they are wanting. Ocelli are generally absent, but in the Machilidæ median and paired organs of this nature are evident: they are curiously variable in form, and are regarded by Grassi as being intermediate in structure between simple and compound eyes. The head often exhibits the epicranial suture and in Campodea (Fig. 211) there is also a transverse occipital suture; both the labrum and clypeus are well developed. The mouth-parts are normal and exserted in the Ectognatha: in the Entognatha they are sunk within the head as in the Protura and Collembola. In Petrobius, which is selected as an example of the Ectognatha, the mouth-parts are of the most primitive type found among insects (Fig. 9). The mandibles are elongated, 2-jointed, pointed organs, and are each provided with a well-defined projecting molar area. In their general features they closely resemble those of certain of the higher Crustacea. The superlinguae are exceptionally
well developed: each organ is attached by membrane to the base of the hypopharynx, and exhibits differentiation into two lobes together with a vestigial palp-like appendage. The maxillae are composed of the typical sclerites and their palpi are 7-jointed. In the labium the mentum and submentum are broad plates, the prementum is paired, and the palpi are 3-jointed. Paired glosae and paraglosae are present and both of these structures are longitudinally subdivided into two lobes. In Lepisma the mandibles are each composed of a single sclerite, and in the labium the glosae and paraglosae are single organs on either side. In the Entognatha the mouth-parts are less primitive to the extent that they resemble those of the Collembola more closely than the same organs in the Ectognatha. The mandibles are unjointed and toothed at their apices: in Campodea, and Anajapyx each bears, near its extremity, a small plate-like appendage or "lacinia mobilis." The superlinguae in all cases are simple undivided plates. The maxillary lobes are paired, but the maxillary palpi are very short in Japyx, and vestigial in Campodea. The labium is much reduced: the ligula usually consists of a pair of small glosae and broader bristle-bearing lobes, or paraglosae. In some cases, as in Japyx sylvestris Carp., the ligula consists of a single pair of lobes. In the latter genus the labial palpi are small, 1-jointed structures; in Campodea and Anajapyx they are vestigial and in Parajapyx they are totally atrophied.

The legs exhibit variation in the number of tarsal joints; they are usually 3-jointed in the Machilidae, 3 or 4-jointed in the Lepismidae and single-jointed in the Entognatha. In all cases the tarsal claws are paired. In the Machilidae (Fig. 212) the coxae of the 2nd and 3rd pairs of legs bear a small pair of movable unjointed styli (exopodites).

The abdomen is composed of II segments: in the Ectognatha the IIth tergum is prolonged into a median cerciform appendage, and in the Entognatha its counterpart is seen in the small suranal plate. The abdominal sterna (Fig. 212) carry a variable number of
pairs of styli similar to those found on the two hind pairs of coxae in the Machilidae. In the latter family a pair is present in relation with each sternum from 2–9 inclusive: in the Projapygidae and Japygidae on 1–7, in Campodea on 2–7 and in the Lepismidae on 7–9 or 8–9. In Campodea there is also a pair of larger appendages in relation with the 1st sternum. In addition to styli most Thysanura carry segmentally arranged protrusable vesicles (Fig. 212): the latter are placed in close association with the styli but are situated rather nearer the mid-ventral line of the body. These vesicles are capable of being extended by means of blood-pressure, and can be withdrawn into their segment by the aid of special muscles. Their function is obscure but they may, as Oudemans and Haase have suggested, serve a respiratory purpose. In Machilis and Petrobius there are two pairs of vesicles in relation with each sternum from the 2nd to the 5th and a single pair on the 1st, 6th, and 7th sterna. In Prama machilis there is a single pair in relation with sterna 1 to 7; in Campodea and Anajapyx in relation with 2 to 7; in Japyx they are confined to the 2nd sternum and in Projapyx and Lepisma they are wanting.

The genitalia attain their fullest development in the Ectognatha and consist of one or two pairs of gonapophyses. In the male there is a definite ædeagus of simple form and the gonapophyses are usually imperfectly jointed. In Petrobius there is a single pair of these appendages which is borne on the 9th sternum: in Machilis and Prama machilis paired gonapophyses are present in relation with the 8th and 9th sterna respectively. In the female the ovipositor is usually well developed, often long, and consists of two pairs of many-jointed appendages carried on the same sterna as the corresponding organs of the male. Among the Entognatha the genitalia are rudimentary or wanting in both sexes.

The abdomen is usually terminated by a pair of slender cerci which may consist of 50 or more joints: on the other hand, in the Projapygidae (Fig. 216) they are short and stout with less than a dozen joints. In the Japygidae, cerci are replaced by unjointed forceps (Fig. 213). In the Ectognatha there is, in addition, a median jointed, cerciform process which often exceeds the whole body in length: morphologically this structure is to be regarded as a prolongation of the 11th tergum and is, therefore, not a true appendage.

Internal Anatomy.—The alimentary canal (Fig. 214) is a simple straight tube, except in Lepisma where the hind intestine presents a single convolution. The proportions of the three divisions of the gut vary greatly in different genera. Thus in Anajapyx the cesophagus is of great length, and extends into the 4th segment of the abdomen, while the stomach is greatly reduced. There is a large gizzard in Lepisma and in this genus, and in Machilis, enteric coeca are present. Salivary glands appear to be universally present, but the Malpighian tubes are inconstant. In the Ectognatha the latter organs are well developed and number 12 to 20
in the Machilidae, and 4 to 8 in the Lepismidae. In Campodea and Anajapyx the Malpighian tubes are represented by papillae—about 16 in the former case and 6 in the latter: in Japyx these organs are totally wanting. The nervous system (vide Hilton, Ann. Ent. Soc. Am. 1917) is exhibited in its most generalized condition in the Machilidae where there are 3 thoracic and 8 abdominal ganglia, and the longitudinal connectives retain their double nature throughout the length of the ventral nerve cord (Fig. 57A). There are similarly 8 abdominal ganglia in the Lepismidae and Japyx, while in Campodea and Anajapyx the 7th and 8th ganglia are united into a common centre. The tracheal system exhibits important differences in the several families. In the Machilidae there are 9 pairs of spiracles: the 1st pair is located between the pro- and mesothorax, the 2nd pair is placed near the hinder border of the mesothorax, and the remaining pairs are placed on the 2nd to 8th abdominal segments. The tracheae associated with each spiracle remain unconnected with those of adjacent segments. In the Lepismidae there are 10 pairs of spiracles which belong to the 2nd and 3rd thoracic and the first 8 abdominal segments. In this family the tracheal system is relatively highly developed; there is a common longitudinal tracheal trunk passing down either side of the body, and there is a transverse trunk in each segment uniting the tracheae of opposite sides. Campodea (Fig. 114) exhibits a very inferior development of the tracheal system: there are 3 pairs of spiracles which are thoracic in position, and the tracheae associated with each spiracle remain isolated and distinct. In Japyx solifugus (Fig. 102) there are 11 pairs of spiracles of which 4 are thoracic, and 7 are abdominal. The 1st, 2nd and 4th pairs correspond with the 3 pairs of thoracic spiracles in Campodea: the 3rd pair is situated on the metathorax in advance of the 4th pair. A longitudinal trachea unites the tracheae on either side of the body into a single system, but there is only a single delicate transverse commissure which is situated near the junction of the 9th and 10th abdominal segments. In J. isabella there are 9 pairs of spiracles; those homologous with the 2nd and 4th pairs in J. solifugus being unrepresented. In Projapyx there are 10 pairs—3 thoracic and 7 abdominal: in Anajapyx there are 9 pairs of which the 1st and 2nd correspond with the 1st and 3rd in Japyx solifugus.

The dorsal vessel is notable on account of the forward extension of the heart into the mesothorax: in Japyx the heart is composed of ten chambers. According to Grassi, alary muscles are wanting but delicate structures of this nature are described by Oudemans in Petrobius. A pair of posterior glands, possibly of a repugnatorial nature, opens at the apices of the cerci in the Projapygidæ and are homologous with similar glands in the Symphyla and Diplopoda.

**Fig. 214.**—Alimentary Canal of Petrobius.

α, oesophagus; ε, large ceca; ε₁, smaller mid-intestine; μ, Malpighian tubes; r, rectum. After Oudemans.
The reproductive organs (Fig. 215) exhibit important morphological differences in the five families. As regards the female organs, there is a single pair of polytrophic ovarioles in Campodea while in other members of the order they are panoistic. In Japyx there are seven metamerically arranged ovarioles on either side; in Petrobius there is a similar number of ovarioles but their segmental disposition is no longer evident; in Lepisma there are five ovarioles to a side and there is likewise no segmental arrangement; in Anajapyx the segmental arrangement is maintained but the number of ovarioles to a side is reduced to two. In all cases the vagina is practically non-existent, and the two oviducts only combine just before opening by means of a common genital aperture on the 8th sternum. The male organs in Campodea consist of a single large testis, and a very short vas deferens on either side. In Anajapyx each testis consists of two lobes which closely resemble the two ovarioles of the ovary: in Lepisma there are three double lobes, segmentally arranged, to each testis, and in Petrobius there are three single lobes which discharge close together near the apex of the vas deferens. In the latter genus each vas deferens is double throughout the greater part of its course, the two canals thus formed being united by a series of five transverse connecting tubes. In both Japyx and Lepisma the vasa deferentia are convoluted and of considerable length. A ductus ejaculatorius, when present, is always short and opens on the aedeagus.

Fig. 215.—Reproductive Organs of Petrobius. Ventral Side.

A, male; B, female. 1, 1st thoracic segment; 13, 13th abdominal do.; t, testis; ve, vas efferens; vd, vas deferens; e, ejaculatory duct; s, blind sac; ae, aedeagus; ov, ovariole; od, oviduct; g, genitalia. Adapted from Oudemans.

Post-Embryonic Growth. —Post-embryonic development has been principally observed in the Machiliidae and has been studied by Heymons (Sitz. Ges. naturf. Freunde, Berlin 1906, p. 253) and by Verhoeff (Zool. Anz. 38, p. 524). There appear to be at least six instars, including the adult, and in the first two the young insects are devoid of scales, the genitalia are as yet undeveloped, and there are no styli on the thoracic coxae. In the third instar scales are evident and small coxal styli are present. In the fourth instar the gonapophyses are apparent, though short, and in the female their jointed character does not develop until later. Other changes are evident in the mouth-parts, and the completed details of their structure are not assumed until after the final ecdysis. The changes undergone are...
less profound than those of the Orthoptera, but their simplicity is largely correlated with the absence of wings.

**Literature.**—Most of what is known concerning the structure of the Thysanura is to be found in the writings of a few authors. The most comprehensive work is that of Grassi (1887). For the Machilidae vide Oudemans (1888); for the Lepismidæ, Escherich (1905); and for the Projapygidæ, Silvestri (1905) and the Japygidae, Verhoeff (1904).

**Classification.**—The order is divisible into two sub-orders and five families as follows:

**Sub-order I. Ectognatha**

Mouth-parts exerted, normal. Abdomen terminated by a median caudal filament and paired cerci. Malpighian tubes well developed.


**FAM. 2. Lepismidæ.**—Compound eyes small, ocelli absent. Abdomen usually with exsertile vesicles: styli absent from thoracic coxae and usually present on abdominal segments 7–9, or 8–9. *Lepisma, Aerotelsa, Nicoletia*, etc.

**Sub-order II. Entognatha**

Mouth-parts sunk within the head. Abdomen terminated by paired cerci or forceps, median filament wanting. Malpighian tubes greatly reduced or absent.

**FAM. 3. Campodeidæ.**—First abdominal segment without styli: abdomen terminated by cerci which are imperforate apically. *Campodea, Lepidocampa*, etc.

**FAM. 4. Projapygidæ.**—Styli present on first abdominal segment: abdomen terminated by cerci which are perforate apically. *Projapyx, Anajapyx*.


*(For references to Literature on Thysanura vide p. 219.)*
Order 2. PROTURA (Myrientomata)

MINUTE INSECTS WITH ENTOGNATHOUS PIERCING MOUTH-PARTS: ANTENNAE AND COMPOUND EYES WANTING. ABDOMEN 12-SEGMENTED; FIRST THREE SEGMENTS EACH WITH A PAIR OF SMALL APPENDAGES. TRACHEAL SYSTEM PRESENT OR ABSENT. MALPIGHIAN TUBES REPRESENTED BY PAPILLÆ. METAMORPHOSIS SLIGHT, CHIEFLY EVIDENT AS AN INCREASE IN NUMBER OF THE ABDOMINAL SEGMENTS.

The Protura are minute whitish organisms—the largest species scarcely attain 2 mm. in length, and the majority are usually much smaller. They are widely distributed and occur in England and other European countries, in India and in the United States. Owing to their very small size Protura are easily overlooked, but they are not rare in certain types of moist soil, in peat and in turf: they have also been met with under stones and beneath bark. The order was first recognized by Silvestri in 1907, from Italy, and has since been very fully studied by Berlese (1909) whose monograph is accompanied by a wealth of anatomical detail. Owing to the absence of antennæ, the Protura have the habit of walking with the fore-legs held upwards in front of the head, these appendages probably functioning as tactile organs.

External Anatomy (vide Prell 1913).—The head is pyriform, narrowing anteriorly. There are no visual organs but on either side there are a pair of minute structures termed by Berlese pseudocelli which are perhaps homologous with the post-antennal organs of Collembola (vide p. 214). The labrum is in the form of a pointed projection, while the mandibles and maxillae are withdrawn into the head (Fig. 218). The former appendages are stylet-like and adapted for piercing. The maxillæ are divided into an outer and an inner lobe, and the
Palpi are 3- or 4-jointed: either the inner or both lobes are modified into piercing organs. The labium is composed of a basal sclerite and a pair of pointed glossae, but there appear to be no structures clearly homologous with paraglossae: the labial palpi are short and 2- or 3-jointed (Fig. 219). No organs comparable with superlinguae are described by Berlese. The thorax is clearly defined with the first segment considerably reduced: the legs are long with 1-jointed tarsi, each of which is terminated by a single claw. The abdomen is very long and slender: in the newly hatched insect it is 9-segmented and, during post-embryonic development, three more segments are added by intercalary growth between the last two segments. This anamorphosis, or increase in the number of segments after emergence from the egg, is a Diplopod and Chilopod character. The first three abdo-

minal segments each carry a pair of small appendages (Fig. 217): in the Eosentomidae they are 2-jointed, the second joint being reduced and provided with a protrusible vesicle. In the Acerentomidae only the first pair is 2-jointed: the others consist of a single minute joint. Cerci are absent in the order, and the name Protura is derived from the simple telson-like 12th segment.

Internal Anatomy (Fig. 220).—The alimentary canal is a simple straight tube and its most extensive region is the large cylindrical stomach. Two pairs of maxillary glands and a pair of labial (salivary) glands are present. The Malpighian tubes are represented by six uni- or bi-cellular papillae disposed in two groups of three. The nervous system consists of the brain; with fused infra-oesophageal and prothoracic ganglia, while
there are separate ganglia in the remaining thoracic and the first six abdominal segments. The connectives throughout are double. The terminal ganglion is larger than those preceding and there is a supplementary ganglion on each pedal nerve at the bases of the legs. In those forms possessing a tracheal system (Fig. 221) the latter communicates with the exterior by means of two pairs of spiracles—one pair on the mesothorax and the other pair on the metathorax. There is no communication between the tracheae associated with the spiracles of one side or of opposite sides of the body.

The reproductive system in the female consists of a pair of panoistic ovaries and oviducts; the latter combine to form a short vagina which opens by a median pore between the 11th and 12th abdominal segments. Each ovary extends, when mature, from the metathorax into the 9th abdominal segment and is homologous with a single panoistic ovariole in other insects. The germarium is situated in the reflected apex of the ovary and from it is derived a single chain of egg-cells. In the male the testes are a pair of elongate sacs which are united anteriorly about the level of the mesothorax. The vasa deferentia are closely coiled tubes which enter the aedagus separately: the latter organ is protruded between the 11th and 12th segments. The germarium is apical and the remainder of the testes contains spermatozoa in various stages of development. The circulatory system is of a peculiar nature: there is no pulsatory dorsal vessel but its position is occupied by a longitudinal trough-like filament termed by Berlese the pericardial cord.

Affinities.—The systematic position of the Protura cannot be regarded as being settled and is, at present, largely a matter of opinion. Berlese and Comstock maintain that they form a class of their own—the Myriento mata. On the other hand, Silvestri and Börner place them among the Insecta. The mouth-parts are insectan in character and are not unlike those of suctorial forms among Collembola. The differentiated thorax and three pairs of legs are also insectan features, together with the reduction
of the abdominal appendages. Those who maintain the view that the Protura represent a class of their own, base their conclusions mainly upon anamorphosis, the absence of antennæ, and the position of the genital aperture. It is noteworthy that the absence of antennæ is probably a secondary feature, and these organs are reduced to the condition of minute papillæ in many insect larvae. The number of abdominal segments, furthermore, agrees with the primitive number found in embryo insects, and the most important non-insectan character is the occurrence of anamorphosis.

Classification.—The order is divided by Berlese into two families as follows:—

FAM. I. ACERENTOMIDÆ.—SECOND AND THIRD ABDOMINAL APPENDAGES 1-JOINTED. TRACHEAL SYSTEM ABSENT. Acerentomon and Acerentulus.

FAM. II. EOSENTOMIDÆ.—SECOND AND THIRD ABDOMINAL APPENDAGES 2-JOINTED. TRACHEÆ PRESENT. Eosentomon (including Protapteron).

(For references to Literature on Protura vide p. 219.)
Order 3. **COLLEMBOLA** (Spring-tails)

**Mouth-parts Entognathous, Principally Adapted for Biting:**
Antennæ usually 4-jointed, Compound eyes absent. Abdo­men 6-segmented, usually with 3 pairs of appendages, i.e. an adhesive ventral tube on segment I, a minute hamula on III, and a forked springing organ on IV. They rarely possess a tracheal system and there are no Malpighian tubes. Metamorphosis absent.

Collembola are small insects rarely exceeding 5 mm. in length, and occur in almost all situations. They are found in the soil, in decaying vegetable matter, among herbage, under bark of trees, etc. A few species frequent the nests of ants and termites, others occur on the surface of fresh water and several are littoral or marine: *Anurida maritima*, for example, is daily submerged by each tide. The only condition which seems essential for their welfare is a certain amount of moisture, for they are rare in very dry situations. The order is world-wide and is remarkable for the extensive distribution of many of its genera and species. *Isotoma*, for example, is known from both polar regions, and is distributed throughout Europe and many parts of N. America. It has been recorded from Argentina, Sumatra, the Sandwich Isles, Azores, etc. Among individual species, *Sminthurus hortensis* occurs in Europe, N. America, Tierra de Fuego and Japan, while *Achorutes armatus* has an even wider range.

Collembola vary very much in coloration. Many are of a uniform dull blue-black, as in *Anurida*: others are green or yellowish with irregular patches of a darker colour: a few species are banded, some are all white, one or two are bright red, while metallic forms are not infrequent. In habits they are saprophagous or phytophagous.

**External Anatomy** (Figs. 222-226).—In the greater number of species the body is clothed with hairs but some genera, notably *Tomocerus* and *Lepidocyrtus*, are scaled. The hairs vary in shape, often on different regions of the body: they may be simple and tapering, clavate, flattened and partially resembling scales, or plumose. The antennæ vary greatly in length and the distal joints may be secondarily annulated. They are typically 4-jointed: the maximum number of six joints is found in *Orchesella*. In the Neelidæ the antennæ may be shorter than the head, while in some of the Entomobryidæ they are much longer than the whole body. Sensory organs of varied types are usually present on the last two joints and take the form of cones, rods, pits or papillae. A variable number of ocelli are generally present on either side of the head behind the antennæ: there are never more than eight to a side and often much fewer. In some Collembola they are absent as in *Onychiurus* (*Lipura*) and *Cyphoderus*. Immediately behind the antennæ there is a very characteristic structure known as the *post-antennal organ*. The latter assumes a great variety of forms among different genera, being simple and ring-like in *Isotoma*, in the form of a rosette in *Anurida*, while in *Onychiurus* it attains considerable complexity of structure. It is evidently...
a sensory organ from the fact that it has a special nerve-supply, and the
thinness of its cuticular investment suggests its capability for receiving
external stimuli, possibly of an olfactory nature. The mouth-parts (vide
Folsom, 1899) are deeply withdrawn into the head and are greatly elongated,
which allows of their freedom of movement when they are protruded.
Their deeply-seated position is a secondary acquisition and has been
brought about in the following manner. In the embryo, the sides of the
head develop from a pair of lateral evaginations of the germ band.
These evaginations eventually fuse with the developing fundaments of the
labrum and labium and, in this way, form a kind of enclosing box which, by
further growth, comes to surround the remaining mouth-parts. The mouth-
cavity is roofed over by the labrum and clypeus, both these sclerites being
exhibited, for example, in Anurida. The mandibles (Fig. 223) are
slender organs usually with toothed extremities. The maxillae each
consist of a complex apical portion or "head" which possibly represents a laci-
nia. In some species a digit-like palpifer is present: it carries a vestigial palp and the
galea. The cardo and stipes are variable in form and sometimes
rod-like. The super-
lingue are well de-
veloped lamellate struc-
tures overlying the
hypopharynx: as a
rule they are un-
divided but in Isotoma
palustris they are bilobed. The hypopharynx is provided with a pair of
elargate pedicles which articulate proximally with the cardines of the
maxillae. The labium is very much reduced and, although it exhibits
evidences of a paired structure, neither glossa nor paraglossae are separately
developed. Labial palpi have been detected in the early embryo but as a
rule they subsequently atrophy. In Neanura and its allies the mouth-parts are specialized for sucking and piercing: the labrum and labium together form a conical tube enclosing the rest of the mouth-parts, the latter being modified into stylets. The thorax, in the more generalized forms, consists of three very similar segments but in the Entomobryidae the prothorax is greatly reduced, and its tergum is undeveloped. In the Symphypleona the thorax becomes intimately fused with the abdomen and its segmentation is, to a large extent, obsolete. The legs have no true tarsal joints and the tibiae generally terminate in a pair of claws, an upper and a lower, but the latter may be vestigial or wanting. The abdomen is composed of six segments only: in this respect Collembola differ from all other insects and, at no stage in development, are there known to be more than that number present. In some of the Arthropleona the 4th and 5th, or 4th to 6th segments undergo fusion, while in the Symphypleona the first four segments are almost entirely undifferentiated. On the ventral aspect of the first segment, in all Collembola, there is a bilobed structure known as the ventral tube (vide Hoffmann, *Zool. Anz.* 1904). It is formed by the union of the first pair of embryonic abdominal appendages, and consists of a basal column containing a pair of protrusible vesicles. The latter are commonly in the form of shallow sacs but in some genera they are long and tubular. The cavity of the ventral tube freely communicates with that of the body and contains blood: the vesicles are everted by means of blood pressure, while they are withdrawn by the contraction of special muscles. Many divergent opinions have been expressed with respect to the function of the ventral tube, and the view which has received the widest support is the one which regards it as an adhesive organ, enabling the insect to walk over smooth or steep surfaces. In this connection it is noteworthy that the surface of the vesicles is moistened by the secretion of cephalic glands which is discharged into the commencement of the ventral groove (Fig. 224). The latter is a cuticular channel passing down the middle ventral line of the body: it arises from a point just behind the labium and terminates on the anterior aspect of the ventral tube. Many Collembola retain a minute pair of appendages on the 3rd abdominal segment. They are fused proximally to form a basal piece or *corpus*, while their distal portions remain free and are termed the *rami*. The organ thus formed is variously known as the *retinaculum* or *hamula*, and it serves to retain the furcula in position, when the latter is stowed away under the abdomen while not in use. The majority of Collembola carry a pair of partially fused appendages in relation with the 4th abdominal segment. They constitute the *furcula*, or springing organ, which enables the insect to take sudden leaps into the air—hence the name of "spring-tails" which is commonly applied to the members of this order. When released from the hamula, the extensor muscles of the furcula contract, and the latter organ is forcibly
pulled downwards and backwards so as to strike the ground and propel the insect a relatively long distance into the air. The common basal piece of the furcula is termed the manubrium which carries a pair of distal arms or dentes: each dens carries a very variably shaped claw-like process or mucro. The furcula varies greatly in development; in Entomobrya, for example, it extends, when at rest, to beyond the ventral tube; in Achorites it is often very short, while in Neanura and Anurida it is wanting. The sexes are similar in Collembola, there being no genitalia: the genital aperture is placed near the hind margin of the 5th sternum, while the anus is located on the 6th sternum.

**Internal Anatomy** (Fig. 227).—The alimentary canal is a simple straight tube, passing from the mouth to the anus without presenting any convolutions. The greater portion is formed by the extensive mid-intestine and the latter, in Neelus, is subdivided into four subequal chambers. With the exception of salivary glands, there are no appendages of the alimentary canal. The central nervous system is considerably specialized and consists of the cerebral ganglia and a ventral nerve-cord composed of four ganglionic centres—the sub-oesophageal and three thoracic ganglia, which are united by double connectives. There are no separate abdominal ganglia, the nerve centres of that region having fused with the metathoracic ganglion. In the Sminthuridae the ventral ganglia are closely merged together, there being no intervening connectives. The heart, in the more generalized forms, consists of a series of six chambers with paired lateral ostia and alary muscles at each of the constrictions. Anteriorly, the heart is prolonged into the aorta and in Anurida the latter vessel surrounds the fore-intestine in the form of a cylinder which opens in the head
beneath the cerebral ganglia. There are no Malpighian tubes and excretion is chiefly performed by the fat-body. The latter contains numerous concretions which, according to Willem (1900), are composed of urate of soda. These concretions increase in size with the age of the individual and are not eliminated from the insect. It is noteworthy that an analogous method of excretion is met with in the renal vesicles of Ascidians.

In addition to the fat-body, the epithelium of the stomach performs an excretory function. Folsom and Welles (Stud. Univ. Illinois 2, 1906) have shown that the mid-gut cells contain concretions of a similar nature to those found in the fat-body. These congregate in the inner halves of the cells, which divide off from the remainder, and are periodically discharged into the stomach cavity. They are removed from the body during each ecdysis, and a regeneration of the epithelium takes place.

Respiration in the majority of Collembola is cutaneous but in Sminthurus, Sminthurides and Actalotes tracheae are present (Fig. 228). They are best developed in the first mentioned genus where there is a single pair of simple spiracular openings between the head and prothorax. Tracheal branches are distributed to the head, legs and abdomen, but no anastomosis takes place between the tracheae of opposite sides of the body.

The reproductive system is of an extremely simple nature: the gonads consist of a pair of large sacs, their ducts are extremely short and they unite to form the vagina or ejaculatory canal as the case may be. The ovaries contain groups of vitellogogenous cells and developing eggs but there is no arrangement into ovarioles, and the testes are filled with dense masses of developing spermatozoa. Unlike other insects, the germarium in both the ovaries and testes is lateral and not apical in position. Accessory organs are usually wanting in both sexes.

Post-Embryonic Growth.—The eggs of Collembola are smooth and spherical, usually cream-coloured, and are deposited in small groups. The newly-hatched insects are white excepting for an area of dark pigment surrounding the ocelli. Several ecdyses are passed through before full growth is attained, but the changes involve no important differences between the young and the adult insects. They chiefly consist of an increase in size and in pigmentation, and a further differentiation of the joints of the antennae and furcula.
CLASSIFICATION AND LITERATURE

Literature on Collembola.—Faunistic and taxonomic writings on the order are numerous: these, along with the morphological literature have been listed up to 1906 (vide Imms). A general monograph on these insects needs to be written as the treatise of Lubbock (1873) is now out of date. Among the more important taxonomic works, useful to students of the British species, those of Schott (1893) and Linnaniemi (1907) may be mentioned, together with the papers by Carpenter and Evans (Proc. Roy. Phys. Soc. Edinburgh, 1900) and Collinge and Shoebotham (Journ. Econ. Biol. 1909). The chief work on the structure of Collembola is that of Willem (1900) while the detailed anatomy of Anurida has been investigated by Fernald (1890) and Imms (1906) and that of Tomocerus (Macrotoma) by Sommer (1885). The classification of the order is due to Börner (1913) and a useful synopsis of the system elaborated by this author is given by Shoebotham (Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist. (8), 19, 1917).

Classification.—The following classification is based upon that of Börner except that the older, and well defined, subdivision of the Arthropleona into two families is adopted.

Sub-order I. ARTHROPLEONA

Body more or less cylindrical and elongate: segmentation of abdomen well defined or, rarely, with 5th and 6th or 4th to 6th segments partially fused.

FAM. 1. PODURIDE.—PROTHORAX WELL DEVELOPED WITH A DEFINITE TEGUM. CUTICLE USUALLY GRANULATED. Podura, Achorutes, Anurida, Onychiurus, etc.

FAM. 2. ENTOMOBRYIDÆ.—PROTHORAX GREATLY REDUCED AND WITHOUT A TEGUM. CUTICLE NOT GRANULATED. Entomobrya, Tomocerus, Isotoma, Actaletes, Cyphoderus, etc.

Sub-order II. SYMPHYPLEONA

Abdomen subglobular, segmentation obliterated or vestigial.

FAM. 3. NEELIDÆ.—ANTENNÆ STOUT, NOT LONGER THAN HEAD: THORAX VERY LARGE. Neelus, Megalothorax, Neelides.

FAM. 4. SMINTHURIDÆ.—ANTENNÆ MORE SLENDER, LONGER THAN HEAD: THORAX NOT EXCEPTIONALLY LARGE. Sminthurus, Sminthurides, etc.

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SUB-CLASS PTERYGOTA

Order 4. ORTHOPTERA (Cockroaches, Stick Insects, Grasshoppers, etc.)

Insects with typical biting mouth-parts: Superlingue vestigeal or absent: Ligula 4-lobed. Venation of a generalized type, often with Archedicton and supernumerary veins. Fore-wings elongate and narrow, modified into somewhat hardened tegmina: Hind-wings membranous, and more delicate, with an extensive anal area: Apterous and brachypterous forms common. Abdomen usually with jointed cerci of short or moderate length: An ovipositor generally present. Metamorphosis slight or wanting.

The Orthoptera form an order of more especially terrestrial insects and many possess greatly developed powers of running or leaping. Except in certain Acridiidae, flight is not one of their striking characteristics, and alary organs are often abortive or totally wanting. It is noteworthy that the numerous flightless species are not restricted to any particular division of the order, but occur in all the families. Among the exceptional Orthoptera, perhaps the most interesting are the few which have adopted aquatic habits. They include several species of Blattidae and Acrididae and one of the Gryllidae, but these insects do not exhibit any very striking modifications in accordance with their mode of life. In the case of the Blattidae (vide Shelford, Zoologist, 1907) they are able to undergo voluntary submergence, and rest with the apex of the abdomen in communication with the air, but are not in any way structurally different from terrestrial species. The aquatic Acridiidae belong to the Tetrigneae (Scelimina) and these insects have the hind tibiae and tarsi dilated for swimming. They readily take to the water and are good divers (Green, Ent. Month. Mag. 1902). The aquatic Gryllid Hydropedeticus (Miall and Gilson, Trans. Ent. Soc. 1902) is extremely active and skates on the surface of streams in Fiji. Orthoptera are insects of comparatively large size—very small species are infrequent, while some members of the order are among the largest of existing insects. The number of recorded species is approximately 12,000 and about 500 inhabit Europe. In Britain there are only thirty-one indigenous forms, while eight others are immigrants, which have become naturalized and regularly breed here. In addition to these, there are a number of casual species which have not secured a permanent footing in our islands.

External Anatomy.—The general structure of Blatta is described in the work by Miall and Denny (1886) and either this genus or Periplaneta is extensively used in zoological laboratories as the introductory type exemplifying insect morphology. Since the Blattidae are the most generalized of the Orthoptera, a study of a typical member of that family forms an adequate basis for a more extended acquaintance with the order.

The head, excepting for variations in size and form, exhibits a remarkable uniformity of general organization. The Y-shaped epicranial suture is well seen, for example, in Blatta (Fig. 4) and Gryllus: in Mantis and Tetrix, on the other hand, the anterior arms are reduced and evanescent. The compound
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Eyes attain their greatest size in the Mantidae, while in the Blattidae they are markedly reniform: they are usually surrounded by narrow band-like ocular sclerites which are well exhibited in Blatta, Mantis and Melanoplus. The typical number of ocelli is three, but these organs are frequently wanting in the Locustidae and Phasmatidae, while they are very variable in the Blattidae and Gryllidae. Among the Blattidae, they are best developed in the winged forms, and exhibit a tendency to disappear in species in which the wings are abbreviated or absent. In Blatta there is no median ocellus, and the lateral ocelli are represented by a pair of pale-coloured areas, often referred to as fenestrae. In Mantis the ocelli are distinctly larger in the males than in the females. The frons is always well developed, and the fronto-clypeal suture rarely wanting: both clypeus and labrum are large. The antennae are typically long, setaceous appendages composed of many joints: in the Acrididae, however, they are shorter than the body, and may be more or less clubbed or ensiform, while in the males of some Mantidae they are pectinated. Band-like antennal sclerites are to be seen in many members of the order. The mouth-parts (Figs. 8 and 229) have been studied in detail by Bugnion (1920), Mangan (1908) and Yuasa (1920). The mandibles do not call for any detailed mention, they frequently articulate with the head through the intervention of a small basal sclerite on either side—the trochantin of the mandible; a prostheta is present in Blatta and Periplaneta but is not of common occurrence. The maxillae are of the generalized type already described (p. 17). The galea is 2-jointed, a subgalea is generally present, and the cardo is divided into two sclerites: the maxillary palpi are uniformly 5-jointed. The labium is characteristically primitive, and the palpi are 3-jointed: the prementum generally exhibits clear evidences of its paired origin, and each division carries a glossa and paraglossa. In certain Acridiidae (Melanoplus) the glossae are exceptional on account of their extreme reduction (Fig. 229). The hypopharynx is large and well developed, and small lateral chitinizations are present which have been regarded as vestigial superlinguae. The cervix is characterized by three pairs of cervical sclerites (Fig. 17). The most striking feature in the thorax is the large shield-like pronotum which also extensively overlaps the pleura on either side. In certain of the Acridiidae the pronotum is divided by means of transverse sulci into four areas: the latter, however, are evidently not homologous with the tergites of the remaining thoracic segments which are developed in conformity with the requirements of flight. The meso- and meta-thorax are very much alike, and often structurally identical: according to Snodgrass, the postnotum is wanting from both those segments. The legs (Figs. 19 and 20) differ very much in character among the different families, and their modifications are referred to under the latter. In a broad sense Orthoptera are divisible into those which run or walk (Cursoria) and those which leap (Saltatoria). In the first mentioned division the three pairs of legs are very similar and the tarsi are 5-jointed. In the Saltatoria the hind-legs often attain a great length with the femora swollen proximally: the tarsal joints vary in number and are
always fewer than five. Among other features, the broad flattened coxae of the Blattidae, and the presence of a meron in relation with the middle and hind pairs, may be mentioned: the prehensile fore-legs of the Mantidae, and the highly specialized fossorial anterior limbs of the Gryllotalpidae are also noteworthy.

The anterior pair of wings are usually referred to as tegmina: they are somewhat hardened and parchment-like in consistency, a feature which enables them to serve as shields for the more delicate membranous hind-wings. The latter are characterized by the great development of the anal area which may occupy the major portion of the wing. When at rest, the left tegmen usually slightly overlaps the right one, and the wings are folded in a longitudinal manner beneath them. The degree of development of the alary organs presents many variations throughout the order. As a rule, the tegmina are elongate and relatively narrow, but they may be reduced to mere scales as in many Phasmatidae. In other cases, both pairs of wings may be so reduced as to be useless for flight, as, for example, in the female of Blatta orientalis (Fig. 230). In some genera the bases of the tegmina only persist as stridulatory areas and there are, furthermore, a large number of species entirely devoid of alary organs. The development of the wing veins merits much fuller investigation than has hitherto been accorded to it. In some Blattidae the wing tracheae clearly approach very closely to the primitive hypothetical type since the basal transverse trachea is not developed. According to Comstock and Needham the costal trachea is wanting or vestigial: Sc is well developed and both it and R often give off many supernumerary branches towards the anterior margin of the wing. This development of accessory veins is characteristic of the order, and a large number are present to give support to the extensive anal area of the hind-wing. The venation (Figs. 231, 232) as a whole is of a generalized type and, with the exception of C, all the primary veins are repre-
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sented: a common feature is the frequent reduction of Rs and M. Although well developed cross-veins are present, the spaces between the veins are frequently occupied by an irregular network, which is a survival of the primordial archedictyon.

The abdomen consists of ten evident segments which are represented by their terga, while vestiges of an eleventh segment are to be found in the suranal and podical plates. On the ventral aspect, the first sternum is wanting or much reduced; sterna 2 to 9 are to be observed in the males, and the 10th sternum is vestigial or absent in the adults of both sexes. In the females of Blatta the last visible sternum is the 7th, and the 8th and 9th sterna are telescoped into it to form the genital pouch. A more primitive condition is exhibited in Gryllotalpa where the genital pouch is not developed: in this insect the 8th and 9th sterna are externally visible, the last mentioned plate being represented by a pair of small shields. In the males, the 9th sternum bears a pair of anal styli: the latter organs are present in the nymphs of both sexes but in Blatta, for example, they disappear in the female after the fifth ecdysis.

Cerci are generally present and vary greatly among different families. These organs are long and 8-jointed in Grylloblatta; short and 16-jointed in Blatta; very long and unjointed in the Gryllidae and reduced to small processes in the Acrididae. An exserted ovipositor is well developed in Grylloblatta (Fig. 234) which in this respect is unique among the Cursoria: it is also present in almost all Saltatoria. In the Blattidae, Mantidae, and Phasmatidae it has undergone great reduction and is not evident without dissection. When completely developed the ovipositor consists of three pairs of gonapophyses of which the outer pair forms the long blades in Grylloblatta and the Locustidae; the middle, or inner, pair is composed of slender processes, which fit in grooves situated on the first or lower pair of gonapophyses (Fig. 38). In Acridium all the parts are very short and the inner gonapophyses minute: in Blatta there are similarly three pairs of reduced genitalia, which are concealed in the genital pouch.

One of the most characteristic features of the Saltatoria are the stridulatory organs and, with very few exceptions, it is the males alone which are capable of sound production. These organs are of two principal types: (a) the alary and (b) the femoro-alary. The first type is seen in the Gryllidae and Locustidae. In Gryllus each tegmen bears a rasping organ or file and a hardened area or scraper, the file of the one tegmen working against the scraper of the other. In the Locustidae on the other hand this two-fold or ambidextrous arrangement is no longer maintained. The file is only
functional on the left tegmen and the scraper on the right one. In the Acridiid subfamily CEdopodinae stridulation is produced by the friction of the upper surface of the costal margin of the wings against the lower surface of the thickened veins on the tegmina. Femoro-alary stridulatory organs are characteristic of the remainder of the Acrididae. Sound is produced by rubbing the inner aspect of the hind femora, upon each of which there is a row of projecting pegs, against the thickened basal area of the radius of each tegmen. **Auditory organs** (vide p. 84) are present in all sound-producing species. Whatever the type may be, each organ consists of a thin cuticular membrane, or tympanum, whose vibrations are transmitted to the sensory centres by means of scolopale, which are connected with the nerve endings. In the Acrididae the auditory organs are highly specialized, and their tympanal portions are seen one on either side of the first abdominal segment. In the Locustidae and Gryllidae these organs are different in type and consist of a pair of tympana situated near the proximal end of each fore-tibia. In many genera these tympana are freely exposed but, in some cases, they are largely concealed. In the latter event each is covered by an integumental fold, so that it comes to lie in a cavity, which only communicates with the exterior by means of an elongate slit-like opening.

**Internal Anatomy.**—The principal features of the digestive system (Figs. 97, 100) are the presence or absence of convolutions and of enteric ceca, the number and disposition of the Malpighian tubes, and the form and internal structure of the gizzard. As a general rule the oesophagus expands into a capacious crop, which is succeeded by an elaborately developed gizzard. The mid-intestine is variable in length and frequently convoluted; except in the Phasmidae, there are two to eight enteric ceca. The Malpighian tubes are numerous (circa 30–120) and filiform, and in the hind intestine there are six rectal papillae. Salivary glands are, in general, well developed and lobulated (Fig. 142), each lobe consisting of groups of glandular acini (vide Hofer, 1887); salivary reservoirs are also present in the majority of species. The detailed structure of the digestive system has been very fully investigated by Bordas (1898) in a number of species and its characteristics in different families are as follows.

**Phasmidae.**—Alimentary canal without any convolutions, the gizzard atrophied and no enteric ceca. The anterior portion of the mid-intestine with thick circular muscle bands: the posterior region with numerous superficial glandular papillae and drawn out terminally into filaments. Malpighian tubes grouped in bundles opening at the summits of tubercles.

**Blattidae.**—Alimentary canal long and sinuous, the crop voluminous and the gizzard provided with a powerful masticatory armature. Eight tubular enteric ceca; Malpighian tubes arranged in six groups (Fig. 97).

**Mantidae.**—Alimentary canal either straight or sinuous, the crop well developed, and the gizzard rudimentary. Eight tubular enteric ceca and voluminous salivary glands.

**Acrididae.**—Alimentary canal straight, the crop large and the gizzard wanting or vestigial. The mid-intestine longitudinally plaited; six enteric ceca each provided with a short posterior diverticulum. Malpighian tubes disposed in bundles and salivary glands rudimentary.

**Locustidae.**—The alimentary canal long and convoluted, the crop well developed, the gizzard voluminous and provided with a very powerful internal armature of teeth disposed in six ridges. Two sac-like enteric ceca embracing the gizzard laterally. Malpighian tubes capillary, opening in groups at the summits of small papillae.

**Gryllidae.**—The alimentary canal long and convoluted: the crop and gizzard large, the latter with a strong chitinous armature. The enteric ceca as in Locustidae: Malpighian tubes arranged in a single bundle discharging into the extremity of a common duct or ureter (Fig. 97).
The nervous system is of a generalized character and in addition to the cephalic centres there are three thoracic and five or six abdominal ganglia. *Gryllotalpa* in exceptional, and according to Newport, in addition to those of the thorax, there are only four ganglia in the abdomen. The longitudinal connectives are double throughout the length of the ventral cord: they are usually widely separated in the thorax and closely approximated, although distinct, in the abdomen. The brain has been studied by Packard in *Melanoplus* and its histology has been investigated by Newton (Q. J.M.S. 1879) in *Blatella* and by Viallanes (1888) in the Acridiidae. This organ exhibits a greater structural simplicity in the last mentioned family than in either the Blattidae or Grylliidae. In the two latter families the mushroom bodies are better developed and, in the Blattidae, the calyces are double and relatively complex. The sympathetic system is well developed in Orthoptera and has been investigated by Hofer (1887). The tracheal system (Fig. 116) communicates with the exterior by means of ten pairs of spiracles, the first two being thoracic and the remainder abdominal in position. In certain of the Acridiidae there is a highly-developed system of air-sacs which exhibit a segmental disposition: one very large pair is situated in the prothorax and there are five pairs of abdominal sacs. In addition to these principal vesicles, which are superficial in position, a large number of smaller sacs are distributed among the muscles (Packard). The circulatory system has been described by Miall and Denny in *Blatta*. The heart (Fig. 121) consists of thirteen chambers, which correspond with each of the thoracic and ten abdominal segments: there are twelve pairs of alary muscles and these are inserted into the pericardial diaphragm. The female reproductive system of *Periplaneta* (vide Bordas, 1909) consists of a pair of ovaries each composed of eight panoistic ovarioles (Fig. 150). The two oviducts combine to form a common vagina which opens into the genital pouch (vide p. 223) by a median pore on the 8th sternum. A pair of branched colleterial glands open into the vagina on its ventral aspect. The left gland is larger than the right one and secretes a quantity of carbonate of lime: the right gland secretes a viscid substance and the products of the two glands are utilized in the formation of the ootheca. The spermatheca consists of two vesicles of unequal size opening on the 9th sternum, which forms the dorsal wall of the genital pouch. Among other Orthoptera there is a considerable variation in the number of ovarioles: thus in *Acrida turrita* there are 16 to each ovary and in the Locustidae they are very numerous. The colleterial glands attain their greatest development in the Blattidae and Mantidae, which produce highly developed oothecae. In the last mentioned family there are two pairs of these glands and in the Grylliidae they are represented by mucous glands. Among the Locustidae and Acridiidae colleterial glands are wanting: in the former group there is a tubular diverticulum ("boyau" of Fenard) of the vagina, and in the Acridiidae a somewhat similar outgrowth arises from the apex of each oviduct. In these cases the diverticula provide a mucilaginous secretion which is applied to the eggs and in the Acridiidae it unites them into a common mass. A spermatheca is of general occurrence among Orthoptera but is exceedingly variable in character. In *Blatella germanica* it consists of two pairs of sacs while among the Locustidae it is a single organ. The seminal duct, moreover, may be exceedingly short as in *Blatta*, long as in *Gryllotalpa*, or complexly coiled as in many Acridiidae.

The male reproductive organs of *Periplaneta* (Fig. 146) are described by Miall and Denny. The testes lie in the 5th and 6th abdominal segments and each consists of 30-40 rounded vesicles which are arranged in longitudinal
series along the apical portion of the vas deferens. The vasa deferentia discharge into the vesiculae seminales which are sac-like enlargements at the anterior extremity of the ejaculatory duct. They are concealed by the greatly developed accessory glands; the latter consist of two series of tubules arising from the walls of the vesiculae and from the anterior portion of the ejaculatory duct. Collectively, the accessory glands form a large compact mass which was termed by Huxley "the mushroom-shaped gland." Situated beneath the ejaculatory duct there is an unpaired gland (conglobate gland of Miall and Denny) which opens separately upon a forked sclerite forming part of the genitalia. According to Bordas it is an odoriferous gland of defensive function, which secretes a volatile alkaline fluid and is comparable with the pygidial glands of Coleoptera. Among other Orthoptera there is great variation in the form and structure of the testes; accessory glands are generally present, and vesiculae seminales are of two types. In *Gryllus campestris* and *Ecanthus* the latter organs are formed as convoluted enlargements of the vasa deferentia, while in the Mantidae and in *Gryllotalpa* they are coecal outgrowths which open directly into the ejaculatory duct. For more detailed information with regard to the reproductive organs in both sexes of Orthoptera reference should be made to the paper of Fenard (1896).

In addition to the glands associated with the alimentary canal and reproductive system there are, in many Blattidae, *repugnatorial glands* which are situated beneath the abdominal terga. In *Blatta orientalis* these glands take the form of two pouch-like invaginations of the body-wall between the 5th and 6th terga in both sexes. In *Blattella germanica* these glands are extensive in the male and reach far into the body-space, while they are wanting in the female (Minchin, *Q.J.M.S.* 1888; *Zool. Anz.* 1890). A sternal gland opening between the 6th and 7th sterna is also present in *B. orientalis* (Harrison, *Q.J.M.S.* 1906). Mandibular glands have been found by Bordas in the Mantidae and dorsal *prothoracic glands* occur in the latter family and in the Phasmidae. In the males of *Ecanthus* there is a large *metanotal gland* which is indicated externally by a deep depression on the metanotum. According to Fulton (1915) the gland opens to the exterior by means of two pairs of pores. The latter are connected with much branched tubuli which extend back into the abdominal cavity. The function of this evidently important organ is not fully understood, but it is believed to be an alluring gland whose secretion is attractive to the female during copulation.

**Post-embryonic Growth.**—The eggs of Orthoptera are more or less cylindrical and in the Blattidae and Mantidae they are deposited in oothecae: in the Phasmidae each egg is enclosed in a separate seed-like capsule (Fig. 233). Among the Acrididae, although there is no true ootheca, a secretion of the colleterial glands is poured out which hardens around the eggs, uniting the latter into a single compact mass. Among many Orthoptera, notably in the Mantidae, Acrididae and in *Ecanthus* the young insect sheds a membranous covering shortly after emergence from the egg. The insect frees itself from this investment by convulsive movements of the body aided by pressure exerted by the cervical ampulla described below. This covering has frequently been regarded as the amnion but, in so far as the Mantidae are concerned, Williams and Buxton (1916) have shown that it is a true nympha cuticle, separately enveloping the antennae and limbs; and that the shedding of it constitutes the first ecdysis. An amnion, on the other hand, encloses the insect as a whole in the form of a sac and does not envelop the appendages separately. In *Blatta* an ecdysis is also stated to
occur shortly after emergence but this feature is difficult to observe owing to the readiness with which the nymphs devour their exuviae. The number of ecdyses which occur during the life of an Orthopteron is subject to great variation, not only in different families but also among the individuals of a single species. Five ecdyses are recorded for example in *Ecanthus* and *Melanoplus*, six in *Blatta* and from three to twelve in the Mantidae. In many Orthoptera the soft cervical membrane plays an important part during ecdysis: it is capable of being distended, by the influx of blood, into a swollen dorsal ampulla which protrudes immediately behind the head. According to Herculais (Bull. Soc. Ent. Fr. 1890) in *Staltronotus* a turgid condition is maintained by the accumulation of air in the crop which lies beneath the ampulla and, by means of the pressure thus exerted, the insect is able to rupture the old cuticle. This observer also mentions that the cervical ampulla plays an important part in the escape of the insects from the capsule which encloses the eggs. Six or seven young insects combine their efforts and force open the lid of the capsule by means of their ampullae, and thereby effect their exit.

In the apterous members of the order post-embryonic growth consists merely of an increase in size, and in the further differentiation of the appendages and genital segments: in other words metamorphosis is absent and the young closely resemble their parents. In the winged forms a slight but gradual metamorphosis is evident, and the rudiments of alary organs are usually evident in the third instar. In *Melanoplus* and *Ecanthus*, which pass through six nymphal instars, the wing rudiments appear as slight extensions of the meso- and meta-nota in the second instar, becoming clearly evident after the subsequent ecdysis. The position assumed by the wings in the saltatorial Orthoptera during their nymphal instars is different from that found in the adults. In the immature forms the wings have undergone torsion with the result that their surfaces and margins are inverted and in positions which are the opposite to those assumed in the perfect insects.

**Literature on Orthoptera.**—The most important monographs on the European members of the order are those of Brunner von Wattenwyl (1882) and Tumpel (1907-08). The first mentioned authority (1893) has also published a comprehensive work on most of the families and genera, and Kirby (1904-10) has catalogued the species of the world. Burr (1910) has written a short synopsis of the species of western Europe, Chopard has monographed the French species, and the British forms have recently been
the subject of a volume by Lucas (1920). The best general summary of our knowledge of the Orthoptera is given by Sharp (Ins. pt. 1): a good deal of information will also be found in the work of Blatchley (1920). Among other contributions those of Miall and Denny (1886) on the cockroach and Packard (1875) on the Rocky Mountain locust may be mentioned. Among writings devoted to special families those of Brunner and Redtenbacher (1906-08) on the Phasmidae; Westwood (1889) on the Mantidae; the contributions to "Genera Insectorum" by Shelford on the Blattidae, and by Caudell, Bolivar and others on the Acridiidae and Locustidae, are important.

Classification.—The original name applied to the order by De Geer was Dermaptera and this was subsequently replaced by the term Orthoptera which is due to Oliver. There is a tendency among modern students to divide the Orthoptera into several distinct orders restricting the original name to the saltatorial forms only. This course appears scarcely to be warranted and is largely due to differences of opinion with reference to characters which are to be regarded as of ordinal value. In the present work eight families are recognized which may be identified with the aid of the following synopsis:

1 (8).—Legs usually of approximately equal size, the hind-femora not adapted for leaping; tarsi 5-jointed. Sound-producing organs absent. Ovipositor almost always concealed. 

2 (3).—Apterous; ovipositor exserted, cerci long. 

3 (2).—Winged or apterous; ovipositor concealed and often rudimentary, cerci short. 

4 (5).—Pronotum large and shield-like; coxae very broad, protecting lower surface of body. 

5 (4).—Not as in 4. 

6 (7).—Fore-legs highly modified for raptorial purposes; prothorax generally very long. Eyes large, ocelli 3. Cerci jointed. 

7 (6).—Fore-legs normal; mesothorax very long. Eyes small, ocelli usually absent. Cerci unjointed. 

8 (1).—Legs of unequal size, the hind-femora enlarged for leaping; tarsi with fewer than five joints. Sound producing organs present. Ovipositor generally exserted. 

9 (10).—Antennae shorter than body; tarsi usually 3-jointed. Stridulatory organs on tegmina and hind-femora; auditory organs at base of abdomen. Ovipositor short. 

10 (9).—Antennae filiform, often longer than body; tarsi usually 3- or 4-jointed. Stridulatory organs on tegmina only; auditory organs on fore-tibiae. Ovipositor long. 

11 (12).—Tarsi 4-jointed, ovipositor ensiform. 

12 (11).—Tarsi 3-jointed (rarely 1- or 2-jointed or wanting), ovipositor usually cylindrical and acicular. 

13 (14).—Ovipositor acicular, hind-femora enlarged. 

14 (13).—Ovipositor concealed, hind-femora scarcely enlarged, fore-legs strongly fossorial.

FAM. GRYLLOBLATTIDÆ.—This family is represented by a single species (Grylloblatta campodeiformis Walk.), of apterous thysanuriform insect from Alberta, Canada, and from California. In Canada it is a mountain form living among...
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stones of a talus-slope at an altitude of about 6,500 ft. Structurally it is a very generalized type combining certain Gryllid and Blattid features with those found in the Dermaptera, Isoptera and Plecoptera. The eyes are small and there are no ocelli; the antennae are long and filiform and the tarsi are 5-jointed. The females possess an exerted sword-like ovipositor similar to that found in the Locustidae and differ thereby from all other cursorial Orthoptera: combined with this feature is the presence of long 8-jointed cerci (Fig. 234). For further information on this family reference should be made to papers by Walker (1914, 1919).

FAM. BLATTIDÆ. (Cockroaches).—The Blattidæ are eminently tropical insects and, although abundantly represented in individuals, the number of species inhabiting temperate zones is relatively small. Most of what is known concerning these insects has been derived from a study of certain forms which have become naturalized in various parts of the world. They are readily transported in the holds of ships from one country to another, and afterwards become disseminated through merchandise. Blattidæ are very swift runners, and the legs are all very much alike: their large broad coxae cover the ventral surface of the thorax and the base of the abdomen. The head, when in repose, is reflexed beneath the thorax; the antennæ are very long, filiform, and often consist of nearly one hundred joints. The eyes are large and reniform, a pair of ocelli are usually present in the winged forms; when the alary organs are abbreviated or wanting, ocelli are often represented by pale spots (fenestrae). The pronotum is large and broad, often concealing the head; the meso- and meta-thorax are smaller and sub-equal in size. The tegmina and wings exhibit many variations in length compared with that of the abdomen: in some genera (Blattella and Periplaneta) they completely cover the latter region while in others (males of Blatta) they leave the distal portion of the abdomen exposed (Fig. 230). Very frequently the alary organs are abbreviated in the female, as in Blatta, or absent as in Polyphaga and its allies. When fully developed, the wings are characterized by the great development of the anal area which in repose is folded longitudinally like a fan, and often comprises more than half of the wing. The abdomen carries a pair of jointed cerci and there are generally also anal styli in the males. Although cockroaches are usually of a testaceous or dark mahogany hue there are tropical species which exhibit both elegance of form and beauty of coloration.

The domesticated species are omnivorous and, although they exhibit a partiality for sweetened or starchy matter of various kinds, they are known to feed upon a great variety of substances including provisions, paper, clothing, books, shoes, etc., and also dead insects. As a rule they injure and soil far more of different substances than they consume. Comparatively little is known with regard to the natural food of the indigenous species of different countries: Brunner considered that it consists largely of dead animal matter. About 1,200 species of cockroaches are known and they occur naturally under dead leaves, moss, refuse, and on flowers and bushes. In Great Britain there are two indigenous species belonging to the genus Ectobius, which live out of doors among the undergrowth of woods or on the seashore. There are also five naturalized aliens of cosmopolitan range: these regularly breed in Britain although not under natural conditions. In addition to the foregoing, about twenty species have occurred casually (vide Lucas, 1920). Of the naturalized or domesticated species there are two which frequent buildings, viz. the common or oriental cockroach Blatta orientalis and the rarer German cockroach Blattella germanica. Occasionally three other species are found in warehouses or hothouses, viz. Periplaneta americana, P. australasia and Lepidoptera surinamensis.

The eggs of Blattidæ are commonly laid in horny purse-like oothecæ (Fig. 233): these
capsules are very similar in structure but vary in size and shape, and in the number of eggs they contain, in different species: in *Blatta orientalis* there are sixteen eggs to a capsule and in *Blattella germanica* they average about forty. The ootheca is divided longitudinally by a membranous partition into two chambers. Within each of the latter there is a row of cylindrical pockets and a single egg is lodged in each pocket. The ootheca is formed in the genital pouch of the female and the eggs descend singly from alternate ovaries: the pouch is increased by additions to its substance and its first formed portion soon begins to protrude from the body. When the full number of eggs have entered it, the ootheca is closed and, after being carried about for a variable time projecting from the body of the female, it is deposited in some suitable crevice. In some species the ootheca is reduced to a thin transparent investment, and it may be retained within the brood pouch of the female, the latter being viviparous: in other instances an ootheca is not constructed at all. In normal conditions, when the nymphs are ready to emerge, the ootheca splits along its dorsal edge, the young struggle out. In *Blatta orientalis* there are said to be six, or possibly seven, ecdyses and the whole period occupied in development from the egg to the adult is reputed to be lengthy, but little is definitely known. *Blattella germanica*, on the other hand, completes its development in considerably less than a year.

**FAM. MANTIDAE** (Praying Insects).—This extensive family is composed of exclusively carnivorous species and occurs in all parts of the world, excepting the cooler regions. Its members are easily recognized by the peculiar form of the front legs, which are adapted for seizing and retaining the animals which form their prey.

![Mantis religiosa](image)

Each fore-coxa is much elongated, and the femur bears, on the ventral aspect, a groove which is armed along its two edges with a series of spines. The tibia is adapted to close in this groove after the manner of the blade of a pocket-knife, its sharp toothed edge serving to firmly retain the prey, the teeth fitting in between those of the femur (Fig. 235). Armed in this way, the mantis often sits motionless for long periods at a time, with the head upraised upon the elongate and sub-erect prothorax. The powerful raptorial fore-legs are raised together in front, their pincers being partially opened to seize any suitable prey that ventures within range. This curious attitude, which suggests one of supplication, has earned for its possessors the name of “praying insects.” Many legends and superstitions are associated with the species *Mantis religiosa*: the ancient Greeks endowed it with supernatural powers: some of the Moslem peoples maintain that it prays with its face turned towards Mecca: in other countries it is regarded as a saint, mendicant or soothsayer and in Andalusia it is known as “Santa Teresa.” Notwithstanding these attributes, mantids are veritable tigers of the insect world, and feed voraciously upon flies, grasshoppers, caterpillars, etc. They are very pugnacious, the larger forms often devouring the smaller, and females the males. Some of the large S. American species have been recorded as even attacking small birds, lizards and frogs. Mantids are extremely variable in form, and are assimilated in a remarkable manner to their surroundings more especially, it would appear, in order to deceive their prey rather than to protect themselves. The green colour of the typical mantis serves this purpose admirably: those that simulate flowers have the advantage of attracting flower-haunting insects within their reach. Certain tropical species possess foliaceous expansions on the prothorax and limbs, while *Pygomantis* is so attenuated as to resemble a Phasmid. The head in the Mantidae is extremely mobile and is connected with the prothorax by means of a slender neck. The eyes are very large: in some forms they assume curious shapes, and may be elongate and horn-like. There are three ocelli and these
organs are rarely wanting. The prothorax is almost always longer than any other trunk segment, and may even exceed in length the whole of the after-body. Both the middle and hind pairs of legs are slender and weakly developed, the insects moving in a slow and ungainly manner. The tegmina frequently have very much the appearance of foliage, particularly in the females, but the alary organs in the latter sex are but little adapted for flight. The abdomen is terminated by short jointed cerci, an exerted ovipositor is wanting, and there is a pair of anal styli in the male.

The eggs of Mantidae are laid in oothecae (Fig. 233) which are attached to twigs, bark, walls and other objects. Each female makes four or five of these cases and their type of construction varies in different species. In the Indian Gongylus, for example, Williams [Trans. Ent. Soc. 1904] states that the ootheca consists of an outer covering formed of a more or less frothy secretion which hardens into a firm spongy substance. Within this envelope is a layer of about forty egg-chambers arranged four abreast: they are constructed of a viscid material which very rapidly hardens to the consistency of horn. In the Chinese Hierodula saussurii Kershaw (Psyche, 1910) mentions that the oothecae are about an inch long, and the egg-chambers number about twenty-four, arranged in two longitudinal rows. An air space is left between the layer of eggs and the outer covering, and the latter is composed of overlapping strips of extremely hard, tough material. Other types of oothecae are described by Shelford [Trans. Ent. Soc. 1909] and by Williams and Buxton (Ibid. 1916). It would appear that the eggs of Mantidae are admirably protected by these cases, but the latter are ineffective in warding off the attacks of insect enemies, judging from the frequency with which parasitic Hymenoptera are bred out from them. It is possible, however, that they serve to protect the eggs from birds and lizards.

After emergence, the young mantids have been observed to hang suspended from their oothecae by means of silken threads. The latter are secreted by a pair of papillae on the 10th sternum but after the first ecdysis silk is no longer produced (Williams and Buxton). The number of ecdyses passed through is not constant and from accounts given by different observers it varies between three and twelve. The whole life-cycle occupies about a year. More than a dozen species occur in western Europe, of which the most familiar is Mantis religiosa. This insect ranges as far north as central France and has been introduced by means of nursery stock into N. America where it has become locally established.

FAM. PHASMIDAE (Stick Insects, Leaf Insects).—These insects are among the most curiously modified of all Orthoptera. Some of the linear forms attain a length of nine and even thirteen inches (33 cm.) and are the longest, although by no means the bulkiest, of living insects. Many closely simulate sticks or grass stems and when at rest, or feigning death, they are among the most difficult of all insects to detect in the field (Fig. 236). Others (Phyllinae) have broad lamina-like bodies with membranous expansions to the legs and closely resemble leaves both in form and coloration. A certain number of species are invested with spiny outgrowths and some resemble pieces of lichen-covered bark. As a rule the plant-like appearance is most developed in the female. Phasmsids have a characteristically elongate meso-thorax, the pro-thorax is small, and the three pairs of legs differ little from one another. The cerci are short and single-jointed, styli are wanting and the short ovipositor is concealed by the subgenital plate. The tegmina are generally small, often scalelike, or wanting even in cases where the wings are well developed. In many species there are no alary organs at all. The sexes are frequently very dissimilar, the male being small, rather active and winged, and the female large, sluggish, and apterous. All the species are vegetable feeders and extremely voracious, although they are rarely sufficiently abundant to cause appreciable injury to economic plants. They are essentially
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denizens of tropical and subtropical countries and over 700 species are known. Two
genera are European while Bacillus gallicus is the only species which ranges as far north
as central France. The number of eggs laid by these insects is commonly stated to
be very small, but it is noteworthy that Ling Roth found the average number laid
by Carausius morosus was 480 with a maximum of 712, the period of oviposition
extending over about 225 days. The eggs are dropped from the plants upon which
the insects are resting and the incubation period is a lengthy one: in some species
they may remain on the ground for nearly two years before hatching. Each egg is
enclosed in a separate hard capsule, and the latter is provided with an operculum
which allows of the exit of the young insect. These capsules are variously and often
very remarkably sculptured, and bear an extremely close resemblance to seeds (Fig.
233). The biology of the family has been studied by Sinety (1901) and the growth
and habits of Carausius morosus have been investigated in great detail by Ling Roth
(Trans. Ent. Soc. 1917) and Talbot (Ibid. 1920). Post-embryonic growth is slow,
and the life-cycle in the above-mentioned species occupies more than a year and a
half from the time the eggs are laid. In the apterous forms the morphological
changes during growth are slight and metamorphosis is almost non-existent. The
number of ecdises passed through is extremely variable, often among individuals of
a single species; thus in C. morosus Ling Roth records six ecdises, Sinety five or six,
and Talbot three, or rarely four. Parthenogenesis is of frequent occurrence among
Phasminds and in some species males are exceedingly rare.
The Phyllinae include the leaf-insects which are
almost entirely confined to the moister parts of the
Oriental region and more especially to the islands of
the Indian ocean. Their biology has been less thor­
oughly studied than in other Phasmids and has been
principally observed in Phyllium curculiolum by Joly
(1871) and others. The sexes differ very remarkably:
the males have small tegmina, well developed wings,
and relatively narrow bodies. In the female the teg­
mina are extensive leaf-like expansions, the wings are
vestigial, and the body very much expanded (Fig. 237).
FAM. ACRIIDIDÆ (Locusts and Short-horned
Grasshoppers).—The Acrididæ are composed of the
common grasshoppers of the country-side, together with
the various species of migratory locusts and a number
of other more highly specialized forms. The antennæ,
with few exceptions, are much shorter than the body
and are either filiform, clubbed or ensiform. The
stridulatory apparatus is usually formed by a ridge of
about eighty to ninety peg-like points along the inner
aspect of the hind femora, which are rubbed against
the hardened veins (radius) of the closed tegmina,
thus causing the latter to vibrate and produce a low buzzing sound (Fig. 91). The
males stridulate by day and when at rest, but the females are noiseless; rudimentary
organs of a similar kind are found, however, in the females of Stenobothrus. Members
of the Cæcupodinae are exceptional in that the males stridulate while on the wing,
producing their notes by the friction of the upper surface of the costa of the wings,
and the under surface of the thickened veins of the tegmina. A crackling sound
results which has been compared to that of burning stubble. The auditory organs
are located one on each side of the basal segment of the abdomen. The ovipositor
is not conspicuous and its valves are short and curved (Fig. 238). By means of the
latter organs the female excavates a hole in the ground or more rarely in decaying
wood. The eggs are then deposited until they form a mass of 30–100 or more and,
during the process, a glutinous fluid is discharged around them which hardens to
form a water-proof protection, corresponding to the more perfect ootheca of the
Cursoria (Fig. 240). Several of these masses are usually deposited by each female
and the oviposition period in Caloptenus extends, according to Riley, over a period
of two months. There appear to be five to eight ecdises in the life of a species and
commonly one or two generations in the year. These insects are voracious devourers
of vegetation during both their young and adult stages.
The Acrididæ are divided into nine sub-families of which the Tetrignæ and Truxa­
linæ are alone represented in the British Isles, their members forming a large part of
our meagre fauna of Orthoptera. The Tetrignæ or "grouse locusts" are of a uniform

![FIG. 237.—PHYLLIUM CURR-]
POLIUM, HALF NATURAL SIZE.
Oriental region.
small size and brownish colour, with a remarkably developed pronotum which is produced far back over the body (Fig. 238). They are represented in the British Isles by two species of Tetrix, of which *T. bipunctatus* is one of the commonest grasshoppers. In many exotic species of the group the pronotal extension assumes varied and extraordinary forms recalling similar developments in the Membracidae. The Truxalinae include the common field grasshoppers and are distributed throughout the globe: the British fauna contains nine species. The Oedipodinae or band-winged locusts are more or less brightly coloured insects, often with blue, yellow or red wings crossed by a characteristic black fascia. The tegmina, however, are sombrely coloured and when closed the insect harmonizes very closely with its environment. The genus *Locusta* L. (Pachytylus Fieb.) includes one of the chief migratory locusts of the Old World. According to Uvarov (Bull. Ent. Res. 1921) it comprises only two species, *L. migratoria* and *L. pardalina*. Both species exist in two phases—a destructive migratory one and a solitary harmless one. In the case of the first mentioned species its migratory phase under tropical conditions is the form *migratorioides* but in the palearctic region it is represented by the form *migratoria* which is intermediate in characters between the former and the solitary form *danica*. This fact is explained by the absence of tropical heat and moisture in its palearctic breeding grounds. The latter are located in the vast reed-beds in the deltas of the rivers flowing into the Caspian and Aral Seas and Lake Balkhash. The effect of the conditions in this region is such that the swarming phase does not reach the extreme differentiation represented by *migratorioides* but stops, half-way as it were, at *migratoria*. When the increase of this locust is at its highest large swarms are formed owing partly to the gregarious instincts exhibited in this phase. Migration from the breeding ground follows, but the causes are not fully understood. The locusts are not driven by hunger, since they do not feed much at that period but exist at the expense of their fat-bodies. The cessation of flight is stated to be due to internal physiological causes, including the maturation of the gonads, and is not connected with the discovery of suitable breeding grounds. The resulting progeny develops into the *danica* phase which, although non-gregarious, aids in the distribution of the species. Given favourable localities this phase gives rise, in its turn, to the migratory one. *L. migratoria* in its migratory phase is rare in western Europe but extends eastwards.
to the Philippines. In its solitary phase it ranges from Belgium to Japan and New Zealand; occasional stragglers have occurred in England while it is common in S. Europe. *Locusta (Locustina) pardalina* is peculiar to S. Africa, but its biology has been less fully studied and its permanent breeding-grounds have not been located.

The Acrididae are easily recognizable on account of the presence of a distinct spine on the prosternum between the anterior legs. Besides including most of the larger short-horned grasshoppers, almost all the destructive migratory grasshoppers or locusts are comprised in this sub-family, but they only constitute a small proportion of its species. Locusts are well known to migrate in vast swarms; one which passed over the Red Sea in 1889 was estimated to be 2,000 square miles in extent. During infestations in Cyprus official reports state that in 1881 1,300 tons of the eggs of locusts were collected and destroyed in that island. When an extensive swarm alights over a territory its members frequently convert, in a few hours, what were green and prosperous areas into desolate tracts of bare stems. One of the best known species is *Schistocerca peregrina* (Fig. 239) which causes great damage in northern Africa and extends into Persia, Afghanistan and northern India. It is probably to be identified with the locust of the plagues of Egypt quoted in the Book of Exodus. In 1869 it reached England in considerable numbers but has not occurred since. The Bombay locust (*Cyrtacanthacris succincta*) is apparently confined to India where it is occasionally a major pest (vide Lefroy, *Mem. Agric. Dept. India, Ent.* 1). A number of species of locusts occur in N. America, the widest spread being *Melanoplus femur-rubrum*; among others the Rocky Mountain locust *M. spretus* and the large *Schistocerca americana* may be mentioned. In the Prairie Provinces of Western Canada there have been locust infestations at intervals of about fifteen years which usually last two or more seasons. Of late years the two most destructive species have been *Melanoplus atlantis* and *Camnula pellucida*, the latter insect being a member of the Ódipodine.

**FAM. LOCUSTIDÆ (Tettigonidae: Long-horned Grasshoppers).—** The name of this family is unfortunate, and is only retained in virtue of its long usage, since the genus *Locusta* L. belongs to the Acrididae. The Locustidae, therefore, are held to include, not locusts, but those insects commonly termed Katydids, green or long-horned grasshoppers, cave and camel crickets, etc. The antennæ are filiform, 30- or more jointed, and often extend, when reflexed, far beyond the apex of the abdomen. The tegmina slope obliquely downwards, and are usually membranous and of delicate structure. When closed, the left one usually overlaps the right, and they are generally slightly shorter than the wings (Fig. 241). Apterous forms, however, are common and include some of the largest of the species. The stridulating organ in the male is found at the base of the overlapping anal area of the left tegmen. It generally consists of a more or less rounded zone, bounded by a strongly curved vein, and crossed by a second vein which is thickened and bears a row of denticles. On the right tegmen there is a smooth transparent area of tense membrane, which is rasped by the denticles just referred to, and acts as a resonator when the tegmina
are in motion. The bright green Katydids (Phaneropterinae) are the most notorious stridulators, their loud nocturnal notes sometimes resembling the syllables "Katy did, she did." In some groups wings are absent and the tegmina are reduced to the sound producing portions only: this is seen for example in the Ephippigerinae and Callimeninae where, it may be added, the females also stridulate. A pair of auditory organs are situated on each fore-tibia near the proximal extremity of the latter (Fig. 86). The winged Locustidae are predominantly green and live amidst herbage, particularly bushes and trees. The wingless forms occur in caves or hollow trees, or beneath stones and logs, and are chiefly grey or brown in colour. Some of the apterous forms, however, are agile climbers and reach the tree-tops. The eggs of Locustidae are not enclosed in ootheca, and the ovipositor frequently attains a great length, even exceeding that of the body (Fig. 38). In some cases it is used for depositing the eggs in the earth, but usually they are laid in plant-tissues of various kinds, often in neat longitudinal rows. Five or six ecdyses are prevalent and the members of this family are less predominantly herbivorous than the Acrididae: some forms (Sagine) are notably carnivorous while others appear to be omnivorous.

The Locustidae are divided into fifteen sub-families and five, including nine species, extend into the British Isles. The largest of the latter species is Phasgonura (Locusta) viridissima which occurs in the southern half of England where it attracts attention from its strident notes. Pholidoptera griseoaptera has vestigial wings, and its range in England is very similar to that of the former insect.

FAM. GRYLLIDÆ (Crickets).—This family is directly related to the preceding one, and its members similarly possess long filiform antennae, and usually an exserted ovipositor: they likewise stridulate by means of the friction of the tegmina and possess tibial auditory organs (Fig. 86). On the other hand, they resemble the Acrididae in having 3-jointed tarsi. The tegmina are folded flat over the abdomen but are bent abruptly downwards along the sides and, contrary to the usual rule among Orthoptera, the right tegmen usually overlies the left. The stridulating apparatus, as seen in Gryllus, occupies a larger area of the tegmina than in the Locustidae: each tegmen bears a file and a hardened area, or scraper, against which the file of the other tegmen works. There is also a vibratory area or tympanum on both tegmina. During stridulation the tegmina are elevated to an angle of about forty-five degrees with the abdomen and are moved backwards and forwards laterally, so as to produce friction between the files and scrapers. This movement throws the tympana in vibration so as to cause an audible sound. The sound-producing powers of the Gryllidae are well exemplified in the house cricket: Brachytrypes megacephalus is stated to make a noise so penetrating that it can be heard at the distance of a mile. The auditory organs differ from those of the Locustidae in that those of the pair on each fore-leg differ from one another, the outer organ being larger than the inner one. Many crickets are entirely devoid of tegmina and wings: in Trigonidiutn the tegmina are arched and horny, and impart to these insects the appearance of Coleoptera. The ovipositor is slender and cylindrical, being more or less acicular, there is a pair of exceptionally long unjointed cerci and generally short anal stylt.
The eggs of most species are laid singly in the ground: a few of the subterranean forms deposit them in masses in underground chambers, while some Cicadellinae place them in a single uniform row in the pith of twigs (Fig. 242). There are five ecdyses in the latter sub-family but among other Gryllidae the number is stated to be higher. Crickets are, for the most part, omnivorous and frequent hot dry places, or live in holes or burrows, under logs among dead leaves, etc., while the Cicadellinae occur on trees and bushes. Out of the seven sub-families into which Gryllidae are divided only two occur in Britain. The Gryllinae include the typical crickets of which there are three British species, viz. the ground cricket *Nemobius sylvestris*, the field cricket *Gryllus campestris* and the house cricket *G. domesticus* (Fig. 243). The Gryllotalpinae

![Fig. 244.—Gryllotalpa Gryllotalpa, with Eggs and Nymphs.](image1)

![Fig. 245.—Myrmecophila acervorum, Female, x 5.](image2)

comprise the mole crickets which are atypical in many respects: they are subterranean in habit and seldom seen. The fore-legs are greatly inflated and highly modified for fossorial purposes, the compound eyes are much reduced and there is no visible ovipositor. *Gryllotalpa gryllotalpa* L. (*vulgaris* Latr.) is the only European species and is rarely met with in Britain (Fig. 244). The Myrmecophilinae (*vide* Schimmer, 1909) are very small subspherical apterous crickets that live in association with ants and occur in Europe, Asia and America (Fig. 245). *Mogoplistus* and its allies are covered with minute scales and are often regarded as a separate sub-family. The Cicadellinae (*vide* Fulton, 1915) are a large group of pale-coloured tree crickets and the Tridactylinae include the sand or pygmy mole crickets. In the latter insects the tegmina bear no stridulatory organs, auditory organs are likewise wanting and the fore and middle tarsi are 2-jointed and the hind pair 1-jointed or wanting. The only European species, *Tridactylus variegatus*, is widely distributed and extends into Asia. The Eneopterinae include the larger brown bush crickets mostly found in the Old World.

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Order 5. **DERMAPTERA** (Earwigs)

Elongate insects with typical biting mouth-parts: superlingua distinct; ligula 2-lobed. Fore-wings modified into very short leathery tegmina devoid of veins: hind-wings semi-circular, membranous, with the veins highly modified and disposed radially. Apterous forms common. Tarsi 3-jointed. Cerci un-jointed and almost always modified into horny forceps; an ovipositor usually absent. Metamorphosis slight or wanting.

The general form and appearance of these insects are well exemplified in the common "earwig," *Forficula auricularia* (Fig. 246) which is abundant throughout Europe; it also occurs in other parts of the Palearctic region and has been introduced into N. America. About 500 species of the order are known and, for the most part, they exhibit no very marked variations in form or structure. In habits they are mostly nocturnal and many tropical species are attracted to a light. During the day they hide away in the soil, under bark and stones, or among herbage, etc. Excepting *Labia minor*, the European species rarely take to the wing and, notwithstanding the well-developed wings of the common earwig, the latter insect has only on very rare occasions been noted to use them. The majority of species are probably omnivorous but more especially incline to animal food. In captivity *Labidura riparia* will readily devour flies and other insects in preference to vegetable food. *Forficula auricularia* is frequently destructive to flower petals and tender foliage; it is, however, an unsettled point whether it is normally carnivorous, but the species is known to devour both living and dead insects (Brindley, *Proc. Camb. Phil. Soc.* 1918). The term "earwig" possibly took its origin from the fact that these insects have been known to use the human ear for purposes of concealment: on the other hand it has been suggested that the word is a corruption of "ear-wing" in allusion to the form of the hind-wings. The function of their most characteristic organs—the forceps—is wrapped in a certain amount of obscurity. They have been reputed to use these appendages for opening and folding up the wings; on several occasions they have been known to impale their prey with them, but in all probability they are principally brought into use as organs of offence and defence. When alarmed, or molested, the extremity of the abdomen is often upraised and the forceps
widely opened in a threatening manner. The most interesting feature in
the biology of earwigs is the parental care that is exercised for the eggs
and young. This trait was first observed by De Geer in 1758 and others
after him have recorded the same facts. The eggs are deposited in the soil
in a group, and the female rests over them very much like a hen and her
chickens. The newly hatched young also remain around and beneath
their parent, who exhibits evident care for them until they are able to look
after themselves. If the eggs be removed, and distributed among soil
contained in a box, De Geer states that in a few days they are all collected
together again and the female seated over them.

External Anatomy.—Among the more noteworthy structural features
is the broad horizontal head, frequently with a distinct Y-shaped epicranial
suture. The antennae consist of from 10 to about 50 joints, the eyes are
circular and there are no ocelli. In Arixenia the eyes are vestigial, and
they are atrophied in Hemimerus. The mandibles are broad and strong
and almost always carry two apical teeth. The maxillae closely resemble
those of the Orthoptera while the labium differs in the ligula, which consists
of a single pair of lobes (Fig. 12). The homologies of the latter are uncer­
tain but, in view of the tendency to atrophy exhibited by the glossae in
the Acridiidae, it is possible that these parts have totally disappeared in
the Dermaptera, and the lobes that remain would therefore be interpreted
as the paraglossae. The hypopharynx is well developed, and the super­
inguae are represented by a pair of relatively large lobes recalling those of
the Thysanura Entognatha. The cervicum is supported by tergal, pleural,
and sternal sclerites. According to Snodgrass the thorax presents features
which approximate more closely to those found in Coleoptera than in
Orthoptera. The pronotum is a large and more or less quadrangular shield :
a postnotum is wanting from the mesonotum, but is present in the meta­
notum although fused with the first abdominal tergum. Tegmina and
wings are absent in Anisolabis, the Brachylabini and in Arixenia and
Hemimerus, while the wings vary greatly in development in other mem­
bers of the order. The tegmina are short, truncated structures devoid
of veins, and meet along the median line, thus resembling the elytra of the
Staphylinidae. The large semicircular wings are almost entirely composed
of the greatly extended anal area: the pre-anal portion of the wing is
chitinized and contains two reduced longitudinal veins (R and Cu). The
greater part of the wing is supported by a series of secondarily developed
radially disposed branches. The wings are folded longitudinally in a
fan-like manner, accompanied by two folds in a transverse direction and,
in this way, they are stowed beneath the small tegmina. The legs do not
call for special mention, and the tarsi are 3-jointed in all cases.

The abdomen is II-segmented; the 1st tergum is fused with the meta­
thorax and the IIth is represented by the small pygidium. In the females
of the Forficulidae and Hemimeridae the 8th and 9th terga are greatly
reduced and invisible without dissection. In the Arixenidae, on the other
hand, the nymphal or ancestral condition is maintained in that both sexes
have the full complement of terga, with only very slight reduction of the
8th and 9th shields in the female. The 1st sternum is always wanting,
while sterna 2 to 9 in the male and 2 to 7 in the female are clearly visible.
The 9th sternum in the male largely overlies the 10th, the latter being
represented in both sexes by a pair of plates at the base of the cerci. In
the female the 7th sternum completely conceals the 8th and 9th (Fig. 247).
According to Berlese a vestigial 11th sternum is present in both sexes and
takes the form of a minute divided plate close to the anus. In all the Forficulidæ the cerci are modified into unjointed forceps. The latter present great diversity of form among different species, and are often variable within the limits of a single species as in Forficula auricularia (Bateson & Brindley, Proc. Zool. Soc. 1892). In the females of almost all earwigs they are shorter than in the males, being as a rule straight and unarmed. In Hemimerus the cerci are represented by hairy unjointed styloform appendages. The cerci of Arixenia resemble those of Hemimerus, except that they are bowed inwards in the male, and bear a closer resemblance to the forceps of true earwigs.

**Internal Anatomy.**—The alimentary canal (Fig. 248) is of a very uniform structure throughout the order. The oesophagus leads into the crop which is followed by a small globular gizzard. The mid-intestine has no enteric coeca and is slightly coiled posteriorly, but in Arixenia it forms nearly two complete coils. The Malpighian tubes vary from eight or ten to about twenty, and are grouped in bundles. In Forficula Bordas states there are eight or ten tubes grouped in two bundles, while Jordan mentions four bundles containing 5, 3, 4, 4 tubes respectively. The hind-intestine presents a partial or, in Arixenia, a complete convolution, and there are six rectal papillae. The nervous system (Fig. 50) appears to be very constant and, in addition to the two cephalic centres, there are three thoracic and six abdominal ganglia. The tracheal system communicates with the exterior by means of ten pairs of spiracles as in Orthoptera. The female reproductive organs (Fig. 151) are divisible into two types. In Forficula there are three rows of numerous, very short, polytrophic ovarioles, distributed at regular intervals along the greater part of the length of each oviduct. In Labidura riparia, Arixenia and Hemimerus the ovarioles are much fewer, and are disposed in a single series. In Labidura there are five elongate ovarioles: in Hemimerus there are eight (Jordan) or 10–12 (Heymons) while in Arixenia there are fewer (Jordan). In the two last mentioned genera the ovarioles are very short, each containing a single egg, and viviparous reproduction occurs. According to Heymons (1912) a maternal placenta is present in Hemimerus and envelops the embryo. At the anterior extremity of the latter the placenta forms a large cell-mass and, lying beneath it, is a foetal
placenta which is developed as a proliferation of the amnion and serosa in that region. The whole placental organ, thus formed, is in direct connection with the body of the embryo by means of a diverticulum of the head-cavity, known as the cephalic vesicle. The embryos, to the number of about six at a time, are nourished in situ within their respective ovarioles, until they develop into young insects and ready for birth. The male reproductive organs (Fig. 147) exhibit considerable differences among various genera. In Forficula and Anisolabis the testes each consist of a pair of elongate closely apposed follicles: in Hemimerus the follicles are likewise paired, but are filiform and tightly coiled: in Arixenia the testes are compact and globular, each consisting of sixteen short follicles. The vasa deferentia are very slender, and in Anisolabis and Hemimerus they dilate posteriorly to form vesicula seminales: the latter open, in Hemimerus, into a small vesicle which communicates with the base of the penis. The ejaculatory duct is stated to be wholly mesodermal in origin and, in Labidura, Meinert has shown that this canal is paired. It opens externally by double apertures and aedeagi, whereas in other members of the order one ejaculatory duct atrophies, although a rudiment of it may apparently persist in a few cases.

**Life-History and Post-embryonic Growth.**—The eggs of Dermaptera are pale coloured, being whitish in Forficula, and elliptical with smooth surfaces. *F. auricularia* in Europe lays, according to Brindley, an average of 23 eggs; in America Jones (Bull. 566 U.S. Dept. Agric.) places the number as high as 50–90. The eggs have been found during winter or early spring, and in England Chapman mentions that six ecdyses are passed through, while in America Jones records four. The adult condition is assumed during the summer, and there appears to be a single generation in the year. The young nymphs resemble their parents in general form, except that the forceps are simple and more or less styliform (Fig. 249). In Diplatys, the forceps are preceded by jointed cerci in the nymphal stages. According to Green, in *D. gerstaeckeri* nymphs 2.5 mm. long bear 14-jointed cerci which are equal in length to the body. During subsequent instars the number of joints increases up to 45, and the cerci attain a length nearly double that of the body. In the pre-imaginal instar they become abruptly curtailed to a single joint, within which the future forceps can be made out. In almost all other earwigs, the forceps are not preceded by cerci, and no trace of jointing in these organs has been detected in the few embryos that have been examined.

**Classification.**—The Dermaptera have been monographed by Burr (1911) and general information on the order is given in the earlier work (1910) of that authority. There are three families as follows.

**FAM. FORFICULIDÆ.**—With the exception of two genera, the whole of the species of the order are included in this family which comprises those insects commonly known as “earwigs.” They are winged or apterous with well-developed eyes, and the
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cerci assume the condition of horny forceps recalling those of the Thysanuran *Japyx*. Reproduction is oviparous and the family is represented in the British Isles by seven species (Lucas, 1920).

**FAM. ARIXENIIDÆ.**—This small group is constituted by the genus *Arixenia* with two species, viz. *A. esau* Jord. from Sarawak and *A. jacobsoni* Burr from Java. (Fig. 250). The first mentioned species was found in the breast-pouch of the bat *Cheiropterus torquatus*; the second species has been met with in large numbers on guano in a cave much frequented by bats. *Arixenia* is apterous and viviparous, the eyes are greatly reduced, and the mandibles are strongly flattened with their inner edges rounded and clothed with bristles. The cerci are feebly chitinized and hairy; they are unjointed and somewhat bowed, which gives them the appearance of incipient forceps. For further information on the genus vide Jordan (1909a), Burr and Jordan (1913).

**FAM. HEMIMERIDÆ.**—This family is composed of the single genus *Hemimerus*, of which *H. talpoides* Walk. (Fig. 251) lives as an ectoparasite of the rat *Cricetonyx gambianus* in Sierra Leone, and is believed to feed upon the epidermal products of its host. *H. hanseni* Shp. from Cameroons and Uganda is often regarded as constituting a second species. *Hemimerus* is apterous and viviparous, devoid of eyes, and the cerci are feebly chitinized, unjointed, hairy appendages which resemble those of the Gryllidae. The structure of this remarkable insect has been investigated by Hansen (1894), Jordan (1909) and Heymons (1912): it is an annectant form connecting the Dermaptera with the Orthoptera.

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Order 6. PLECOPTERA (Perlaria: Stone Flies)

Soft-bodied insects of moderate to rather large size with elongate, setaceous antennæ. Mouth-parts weak, of the biting type: mandibles normal- or vestigial, ligula 4-lobed. Wings membranous, held flat over the back in repose, hind pair usually the larger, with well-developed anal lobes. Venation variable, often considerably specialized: vein M 2-branched. Tarsi 3-jointed. Abdomen usually terminated by long multi-articulate cerci: ovipositor wanting. Metamorphosis hemimetabolous: nymphs aquatic, campodeiform, with the antennæ and usually the cerci elongate: tufted tracheal gills, which are variable in position, commonly present.

The Plecoptera are a small order, whose members are of considerable interest on account of the many archaic features in their structure, and the aquatic habits of their nymphs. The imagines have the same general characters as those of the Orthoptera, but the mouth-parts are weaker, there is never more than a slight difference in texture between the fore- and hind-wings, and the coxae are small. They are poor fliers, and do not wander far from water. Their habitation is the margins of streams and lakes, particularly in hilly districts: they are commonly found resting upon stones, tree-trunks or palings near the water’s edge, while the green forms frequent herbage. The larger species are well known to anglers as a bait for trout. The nymphs are exclusively aquatic, living beneath stones in clear water, particularly in streams with stony beds, and places where there are waterfalls, or where the water is otherwise well aerated. They do not live in stagnant pools or polluted streams. Very little is known concerning the feeding habits of the imagines and, in certain cases, they apparently do not feed at all.

About thirty species of the order have been recognized in the British Isles, but no general work dealing with these forms is available. Among various scattered notes and descriptions, relating to British species, the most important are those of Morton (Trans. Ent. Soc. 1894, 1896: Ent. Month. Mag. 38, 43): the work of Klapálek (1909) is also useful.

External Anatomy.—The antennæ are long and setaceous, with a large number of small joints. Compound eyes are well developed, and there are three (more rarely two) ocelli. The mouth-parts (Fig. 252), although completely formed, are usually weak structures: the mandibles are normally developed in the greater number of species, but in the Pteronarcidae and Perlidae they are in the form of vestigial flexible lamellae. The maxillæ consist of the typical sclerites and their palpi are 5-jointed. In the labium, the mentum is large, the prementum is sometimes divided, and both glossæ and paraglossæ are evident: the labial palpi are 3-jointed. The whole of the after-body is somewhat flattened, none of the parts are strongly chitinized, and much shrivelling takes place in dried specimens. The thorax has been studied more particularly in Capnia and Leuctra,
and exhibits a very primitive condition of its sclerites. The pro-thorax is large and mobile, while the meso- and meta-thorax are subequal segments, exhibiting the primary four-fold division into tergites. The thoracic sterna have the full complement of sternites, excepting that the post-sternellum is absent from the metathorax. An additional sclerite of uncertain homology is present between the sternellum and post-sternellum in *Capnia*: by some authorities it is regarded as indicating a five-fold primary division of the thoracic sternum. Newcort (1851) described in *Pteronarcy* a pair of openings between the legs on each of the thoracic sterna, these apertures being the mouths of the invaginations forming the furcae of those segments. The wings are membranous: the hind-wings are almost always considerably larger than the anterior pair, and a coupling-apparatus is not developed. The anal lobe is folded fanwise against the body when in repose. The tracheation in the nymphs has been studied in several genera:—it closely resembles the hypothetical type in the absence of the transverse basal trachea (Fig. 254). The fully developed wings exhibit great instability of the subordinate veins, and individuals are frequently unlike with respect to the wing venation of the two sides of the body. In some species, *Perla maxima* for example, both macropterous and micropterous males occur, the latter forms being prevalent in the more northern latitudes. *Nemoura glacialis*, *Isogenus nubecula*, and other species similarly exhibit this phenomenon, the wings in the males often being so short as to be useless for flight. The most archaic type of venation is found in the Eustheniidae (Fig. 255): in this family the archedictyon is present over all parts of the wings, Rs exhibits three or more branches, and there is a large fan-like anal lobe to the hind-wings carrying a number of anal veins. Various transitional genera (Fig. 256) lead to more specialized types such as *Capnopsis*. In the latter genus the archedictyon has disappeared, Rs is 2-branched in the fore-wing, and unbranched in the hind-wing, while the latter has lost the anal lobe and vein r A.

The abdomen is composed of ten evident segments, together with
vestiges of an 11th segment. An ovipositor is absent in the female, and anal styli are likewise wanting in the male. Cerci are characteristic of the order, and are usually long multi-articulate appendages of a primitive type: in the Nemouridae, however, they are small single-jointed structures.

**Internal Anatomy.**—The internal anatomy has been investigated by Pictet (1841–42), Newport (1851), Imhof (1881) Schœnemund (1912) and others. The oesophagus is exceedingly long and, in *Pteronarcs*, extends into the 4th abdominal segment: the gizzard is wanting or rudimentary, and the mid-gut is small. In *Perla* there are ten anterior enteric cœca, the lateral pair being the largest. The hind intestine is short and the Malpighian tubes vary, between about twenty and sixty. A pair of salivary glands is present. Both the supra- and infra-oesophageal ganglia are small: in *Pteronarcs* there are three thoracic and eight abdominal ganglia, but in *Perla* certain of the latter have undergone coalescence, with the result that there are only six evident ganglia in the abdomen. The reproductive organs are peculiar in that the gonad

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**Fig. 254.—Nemoura, Wings of a Nymph.**
*After Comstock and Needham.*

**Fig. 255.—Stenoperla prasina, New Zealand, Wings.**
*After Tillyard, 1923.*
of either side is joined transversely with its fellow, the two forming an arch-like organ, consisting of a number of ovarioles, or ovoid testicular follicles, as the case may be. At the point of union of the sexual ducts there may be a pair of tubular vesiculæ seminales in the male, and a large sac-like spermatheca in the female. The tracheal system opens to the exterior by two pairs of thoracic and eight pairs of abdominal spiracles.

**Oviposition and Post-Embryonic Growth.**—Plecoptera are notable on account of the very large number of eggs laid by a single individual, which, in some cases, attains 1,500 to 2,000. Few direct observations of the act of oviposition are available, but it appears in several species that the eggs are dropped on the surface of the water, and distributed by the current before they reach the bottom. Miall states that the eggs of *Perla* are black: they project from the abdomen, being loosely held together by a transparent skin, and are deposited in the water. According to McLachlan (*Ent. Month. Mag.* 1865) the females of *Leuctra* carry their eggs on their backs, extruding them from the upturned apex of the body and, at the same time, pushing them forwards towards the thorax.

The nymphs (vide Pictet, 1841–42; Klápalek, 1909; Schönenmund, 1912) resemble the adults very closely in their general form but, unlike the Orthoptera, metamorphosis is of the hemimetabolous type. Apart from the absence of fully developed wings, the characters which differentiate the nymphs from the adults are adaptive in nature, fitting them for an exclusively aquatic existence. Plecopterous nymphs are characterized by their long multi-articulate antennæ, and their similarly elongate cerci (Fig. 257): in some cases (e.g. Nemouridæ), however, the latter appendages
are in the form of minute single-jointed structures. The head may carry both ocelli and compound eyes: the legs are long, laterally fringed with natatory hairs, and terminated by paired claws. The tracheal system is apneustic, and respiration is either cutaneous or branchial. The nymphs are active swimmers, preying upon various small forms of aquatic life including Ephemerid nymphs, larval Chironomids, etc. The most primitive type of nymph is found in the Eustheniidæ: here there are five or six pairs of lateral abdominal appendages which function as gills (Tillyard). In other families the nymphs breathe by means of secondary tufts of tracheal gills. In *Perla bipunctata*, for example, six pairs of the latter are carried near the bases of the legs and at the junction of adjacent segments on the ventral aspect of the thorax; there is also a gill-tuft near the base of each cercus. The branchiae, however, are very variable in position: in the Leptoperlidæ they are only developed around the anus and in species of Nemoura, for example, they assume the form of lamellate outgrowths on the prosternum. Plecoptera are also remarkable from the fact that the branchiae may persist in a somewhat shrivelled, non-functional condition in the imagines. Thus, Newport showed many years ago that in the adult *Pteronarcyς* branchiae are present on each of the thoracic segments, and at the base of the abdomen: they are also evident in other genera although often very inconspicuous.

**Classification.**—The most primitive families occur in the southern hemisphere, the Eustheniidæ, for example, being confined to the Australian region and Chili, while only the more specialized families are found northwards into the holarctic region. Those marked * in the table below are represented in the British Isles.

**Key to the families of Plecoptera based upon the classification of Tillyard (1921, 1923).**

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<td>Anal lobe of hind-wing, without archedictyon, margin incised at apex of Cu₂.</td>
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<td>Anterior coxae closely approximated: mandibles vestigial: archedictyon present except on anal lobe.</td>
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Order 7.  **ISOPTERA** (Termites or white ants)

Social and polymorphic species living in large communities composed of winged and apterous reproductive forms together with numerous apterous, sterile, soldiers and workers. Mouth-parts of the typical biting type: ligula 4-lobed. Wings very similar, elongate and membranous, superposed flat over the back when at rest and capable of being shed by means of basal fractures: anterior veins strongly chitinized, regular cross-veins wanting and an archedictyon often present. Tarsi almost always 4-jointed. Cerci short or very short: genitalia wanting or rudimentary in both sexes. Metamorphosis slight or absent.

The Isoptera are usually known as termites or "white ants"; the latter expression, however, is unfortunate since these insects are very distant related to the true ants or Formicoidea. Their invariable habit of living in densely populated societies, along with their pale coloration, has given rise to the popular expression of "white ants," but the use of the word termites is preferable to the latter, being convenient and not open to objection. Different as the termites are from the true ants, the two groups offer certain striking analogies of habits and structure. Their remarkable social life and the presence of specialized wingless individuals, known as soldiers and workers, are cases in point.

Termites abound throughout the tropics of the world and also occur in most warm temperate countries. Fully 900 species have been described and, of these, the vast majority occur south of the holarctic region. Only two species, *Calotermes flavicollis* and *Leucotermes lucifugus*, are common in Europe, but these do not extend their range into the British Isles.

A termite community includes several castes or types of individuals which live in habitations, or termitaria, of extremely varied kinds. The castes are five in number, and are divisible into reproductive and sterile forms consisting of individuals of both sexes. The reproductive castes comprise (a) completely chitinized macropterous or fully-winged forms whose mission in life is the formation of new colonies (Fig. 258): (b) slightly chitinized brachypterous forms: and (c) slightly chitinized apterous forms (Fig. 271). In addition to the foregoing, a termite colony usually contains a royal pair—the queen and king: these are commonly dealated individuals of the fully-winged caste and are the original founders of the colony (Fig. 270). The sterile castes consist of (a) soldiers and (b) workers which are apterous males and females adapted for special non-reproductive functions. Every colony also contains numerous immature individuals of different ages pertaining to most of, or in some cases all, the above five castes. Besides the legitimate occupants of a termite habitation, there are to be found symbionts and inquilines belonging not only to other orders of insects but also to different classes of arthropods. It is evident, therefore, that the study of termite associations involves problems of the widest biological significance and, it may be added, an extensive field
for research awaits those investigators who may be located in favoured countries.

**External Anatomy.**—The cuticle in termites is thin and flexible and, in the apterous castes, only that of the head is at all hard while the covering of the abdomen is frequently of the nature of a delicate translucent membrane. The aerial winged forms are more completely chitinized than any other caste; as a rule, the cuticle is more darkly coloured in species which either forage in daylight, or inhabit wood above ground than in subterranean forms. The head in the reproductive castes and workers is ovoid or rounded, while in the soldiers it is much larger and more often oblong or pyriform (Figs. 259, 260); in the latter caste it may exceed in size the whole of the rest of the body. The median and V-shaped epicranial sutures are frequently evident although extremely variable in their degree of development. *Compound eyes* are universally present in the macropterous forms, but suffer reduction to a greater or lesser extent in the other reproductive castes. They may be present in all castes of species which live or forage above ground, and are hence more exposed to daylight, but when present in the soldiers and workers they almost invariably exhibit degeneration. *Ocelli* are frequently present but do not occur unless accompanied by compound eyes; the median unpaired ocellus is wanting. The *antennae* are moniliform and arise from shallow fossae situated immediately above the base of each mandible. The number of joints varies from about 9 or 10 to over 30, being greatest in some of the more primitive genera; it also varies according to the caste and age of the individual and is highest in the macropterous forms. After emergence from
the egg, the antenna increases in length by means of the intercalation of new joints, through the growth and subdivision of the third joint, and those joints directly derived from it. The labrum is well developed and largely overlies the bases of the mandibles. It is extremely variable in form (Fig. 260) and is hinged to the clypeus. The latter sclerite is divisible into a chitinized post-clypeus, which is firmly fused with the frons, and a more membranous distal portion or ante-clypeus.

The mouth-parts (Figs. 260, 261) closely resemble those of the Orthoptera in their general features. The mandibles in the reproductive forms and workers are very similar and present few striking deviations in form. In the soldiers, on the other hand, they are exceedingly variable in different genera, often attaining a great size (Fig. 260), accompanied by curious anomalies of shape: among the nasute soldiers, however, they are vestigial and minute. The maxilla only differ in points of detail throughout the order. The galea is hood-like and commonly 2-jointed: the lacinia is strongly chitinized, and powerfully toothed distally, becoming more or less laminate basally, and is armed with stout setae along its inner margin: the palpi in all cases are 5-jointed. The labium possesses a large basal plate which may be termed the gulamentum, the latter representing the combined submentum and gula. The mentum is membranous, and only slightly differentiated, while the prementum is well developed. The latter region exhibits more or less evident traces of a paired origin and carries both glossa and paraglossa. The hypopharynx is always large and is very similar to that of the Orthoptera; superlinguae are wanting, unless a pair of minute chitinized sclerites are to be regarded as their counterparts.

In the cervicum there are two pairs of large and conspicuous lateral cervical sclerites, those of a pair being placed at right angles to one another: vestigial dorsal and ventral sclerites are also sometimes present.

In the thorax the terga are well developed: the pronotum is the most distinct, its many variations in form affording generic characters. It may be flattened and shield-like, heart-shaped, laterally lobed or very often
saddle-shaped. The meso- and meta-notum are of very nearly equal size and much less variable or pronounced in character. On the ventral surface, the sterna are membranous with their boundaries often difficult to distinguish. The prosternum is greatly reduced and definite shields are often wanting; in Archotermopsis it consists of two small triangular plates which are separated from one another in the median line. The mesosternum is the largest of the three sterna and is a variably shaped shield; articulating with it posteriorly is a small rod-like mesosternellum. The metasternum is very wide and partially hidden from view by the bases of the middle pair of legs; a metasternellum is likewise present. In each segment the sides of the sternum are separately chitinized to form laterosternites which also articulate with the episterna. The latter elements in the prothorax are strongly chitinized bands which pass upwards to articulate with the under surface of the pronotum on either side. In the meso- and meta-thorax the episterna are large, and in the macropterous form reach the bases of the wings. The three pairs of legs are very similar: at their bases the epimera are well developed and the coxae very large and broad. In the middle and hind pairs a meron is marked off from the rest of the coxa by means of a deep suture. The tibiae are long and slender: among the most primitive genera they are armed with both terminal and lateral spines, but in the majority lateral spines are wanting. The tarsi are typically 4-jointed: the only exceptions are Mastotermes which has 5 complete joints. In Archotermopsis and its related genera, Termopsis and Hodotermopsis, the tarsi are imperfectly 5-jointed, the 2nd joint being reduced. In the winged imagines of Mastotermes, and also of Archotermopsis, and other Protermitidae, an empodium is present between the claws of the feet; in other families this structure is wanting.

The wings (Figs. 262, 263) of termites are characterized by the essential similarity in size, form, and venation of the two pairs of those organs. The veins of the anterior portion of each wing are strongly chitinized, while those distributed over the remaining area are much less pronounced and exhibit indications of degeneration. This feature has probably resulted from the slight use to which the wings are subjected, more durable organs being unnecessary. There is a striking absence of regular cross-veins, and the wing-membrane is stiffened in many cases by the presence of an irregular slightly chitinized network between the veins. The veins distributed over the intermediate region of the wing are reduced to faint lines while, on the other hand, there is a large posterior group of accessory veins borne by the cubitus. The venation (vide Comstock; also Fuller 1919) is primitive in
a few genera (Mastotermes, Archotermopsis, Termopsis), but in the remainder of the order specialization by reduction is evident, affecting more particularly the radial and median veins. In the fore-wing of Mastotermes, according to Comstock, there is no true costal vein: Sc is 2-branched, and R1-5 are recognizable as separate branches. Both M and Cu are well developed, but there are no anal veins, their place being taken by several accessory branches of Cu. In the hind-wing Sc is unbranched, R1 is absent, and M arises from the stem of R4+5.

Three anal veins are present and support a well-developed anal lobe (Fig. 282). The presence of the latter feature recalls the Blattid hind-wing and is a primitive character found in no other termites. Archotermopsis and Termopsis exhibit the first stage in reduction, R2+3 being undivided in the fore-wing, and the anal lobe in the hind-wing being vestigial. In Leucotermes, and the higher Isoptera, the costal margin is greatly thickened through the fusion of certain of the anterior veins, R is represented by a single stem, possibly R4+5. M usually retains one or more branches, and the remainder of the wing is occupied by the accessory branches of Cu. One of the most striking features of the termite wing is the presence of the basal or humeral suture which is a line of weakness along which the fracture and shedding of the wings takes place. The stump of the wing, or that portion which lies between the humeral suture and the thorax, persists throughout life and is commonly termed the scale. This property of casting the wings is not entirely confined to the Isoptera. In the Blattid Panesthia the wings are torn off in a somewhat irregular manner in a certain proportion of individuals; in the Zoraptera (vide p. 284) they are likewise shed but the fracture is more regular although no basal suture is developed.

The abdomen is 10-segmented, the full number of terga being present. The first sternum is atrophied and the sternal plates differ markedly in the two sexes of the reproductive forms. In the males of many termites all the sterna are entire; in certain of the higher forms (Eutermes), however, the 9th sternum is divided. In the females the 7th sternum is greatly enlarged forming the subgenital plate which overlies the succeeding sternum. The terminal segment of the abdomen carries a pair of short cerci which
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are present in all castes. In Archotermopsis they are composed of 6–8 joints, in Mastoterme and Termopsis of 5 joints, Hodotermopsis 3–6 joints, while among the Metatermitidae they are, for the most part, reduced to the condition of 1- or 2-jointed tubercles. On the hind border of the 9th sternum a pair of small, unjointed anal styles are frequently present. They occur in both sexes of the soldiers and workers and in the nymphs of all castes: in the reproductive forms, with rare exceptions, they are present in the males only. External sexual differentiation is clearly evident in the soldiers and workers of Mastoterme, Archotermopsis, and a few other primitive forms. In the two first mentioned genera there is a similar differentiation of the terminal ventral plates as in the sexes of the reproductive forms. A reduced ovipositor of the Blattid type is present in Mastoterme.

Internal Anatomy.—The digestive canal (Figs. 264, 265) is a coiled tube of moderate length and exhibits comparatively few important variations in structure. The mouth leads into an elongate esophagus of narrow calibre which expands distally to form the crop. The latter organ is seldom capacious and frequently is only slightly emphasized. It is followed by the gizzard, provided with an armature of chitinous denticles: this organ is simple and ring-like in certain of the more primitive forms, becoming more pronounced among other termites. Beyond the gizzard the fore-intestine protrudes into the cavity of the stomach forming a large esophageal valve. The stomach is tubular, of uniform calibre throughout and often completely encircles the hind-intestine. At the junction of the stomach with the latter region are the Malpighian tubes; these are variable in number, 8 being usually present in the Protermitidae and Mesotermitidae, and from 2 to 4 in the Metatermitidae. In Archotermopsis five enteric ceca arise as outgrowths from the anterior end of the stomach; in Capritermes Holmgren (1909) mentions a pair of large berry-like glands arising near the origin of the Malpighian tubes. At its commencement, the hind-intestine is a short narrow tube (or ileum), often separated by means of a valve from the colon. The latter region is usually an extensive chamber which, in the wood-feeding termites, is frequently distended owing to the presence of large numbers of Protozoa. The rectum is a narrow tube of very variable length and terminates in an ovoid or spherical chamber opening to the exterior by means of the anus.
Salivary glands are well developed and racemose in character; each gland is provided with a salivary reservoir. The ducts, both from the glands and their reservoirs, eventually unite to form a common salivary canal opening at the base of the hypopharynx. Bugnion (1911) states that in the soldiers of *Termes ceylonicus* Wasm. the salivary glands are very large and secrete a viscous milky fluid probably defensive in function.

The circulatory system has been very little investigated; the heart consists as a rule of 8–10 chambers and is prolonged anteriorly as the aorta which communicates with the cephalic blood space just behind the brain.

The fat-body is more extensively developed in the reproductive forms than in the soldiers or workers. Feytaud (1912) states that in the kings and queens this tissue undergoes a complete change several years after swarming. Migratory cells ("leucocytes") enter it in large numbers and undergo division, gradually building up a new fat-body at the expense of the old. In the course of its development the new tissue often assumes a regular columnar form which is lost when it becomes actively functional.

The nervous system presents no notable variations, excepting differences in the degree of development of the brain and eyes in the reproductive and sterile castes. In the ventral nerve cord there are three thoracic and six abdominal ganglia. The sympathetic system is well developed and closely resembles that of the Orthoptera.

The frontal gland (Fig. 266) is a very characteristic termite organ and is formed by a differentiation of a group of hypodermal cells in the median line of the frons. It may be present in all castes but usually attains its greatest development in the soldiers (vide Holmgren, 1909; Feytaud, 1912; Thompson, 1916 and 1917). In its completely developed condition it is a sac-like gland which communicates with the exterior by means of the frontal pore. The latter opens in a shallow depression of the surface of the head where the chitin is pale-coloured and known as the fontanelle. The gland is, furthermore, connected with the brain by a median fontanelle nerve. In *Leucotermes* (Reticulotermes) the gland is well exhibited in an average degree of development. According to Feytaud in the macropterous caste of *L. lucifugus* it is a spherical sac, which opens to the exterior, and is lined by a chitinous membrane; beneath the latter is a layer of elongate epithelial cells. In the soldiers its configuration is very similar, but the gland is somewhat larger, while in the workers it is rudimentary, being merely represented by a group of hypodermal cells and devoid of a frontal pore. Thompson has made a more detailed study of the organ in *L. flavipes* and states that in this species it is largest in the macropterous caste. It is present in the newly hatched nymphs, although barely recognizable, and undergoes differentiation as development proceeds. The gland attains its greatest development in the soldiers of *Arrhinotermes* and *Coptotermes*; in these genera it is in the form of an extensive sac, reaching backwards to
the extremity of the abdomen (Fig. 275), and discharges a milky latex-like secretion through an enlarged frontal pore. In the soldiers of Mirotermes the gland opens at the apex of a prominent frontal tubercle, and in the nasute soldiers of Eutermes the tubercle is prolonged into an elongate rostrum, through which the duct of the gland passes.

The nature and function of the secretion of the frontal gland is problematical: in some cases it appears to have defensive significance while in others the gland is so little developed as to appear to be non-functional. Thompson suggests that the frontal gland arose phylogenetically from the original median ocellus which is now wanting in termites. This view is based upon the position and the structural resemblances of the frontal gland and lateral ocelli, upon the presence of the fontanelle nerve in the same frontal section in which the lateral ocellar nerves enter the brain, and upon the resemblance of the cells of the gland in developing nymphs to visual cells. Facts enumerated by Holmgren bearing upon the morphology of the frontal gland and the phylogeny of termites, are also regarded by Thompson as lending support to this view.

The sexual organs attain their complete functional development in the reproductive castes. In the soldiers and workers they are almost always aborted to a greater or less degree. Exceptions are met with, however, in Archotermopsis whose soldiers have fully developed sexual organs, which are evidently capable of functional activity, and Heath records members of this caste in Termopsis producing fertile eggs. Almost every grade in degeneration of the sexual organs can be traced among the soldiers of various genera, until the culminating point is reached in Eutermes monoceros Koen. where, according to Bugnion (1909), no traces of these organs are to be found. In the reproductive castes (Fig. 269), the testes are simple and consist of a variable number of short digitate lobes (usually about 8–10) situated in or near the 8th abdominal segment. The vasa deferentia are a pair of short tubes which converge and unite to form a muscular ejaculatory duct. At the point of union there is a pair of
vesicula seminales, each consisting of a group of small tubuli. Accounts are conflicting with regard to the nature of the spermatozoa and further investigation is needed. According to Grassi and Sandias (1897) the spermatozoa in *Calotermes flavicollis* are non-motile and devoid of the usual tail. In *Archotermopsis*, however, they do not offer any exceptional features and the latter appendage is present. In the female (Fig. 267), each ovary consists of an extremely variable number of panoistic ovarioles (30-45 in *Archotermopsis*) which open separately into the oviduct. The two oviducts communicate by means of a common aperture with the genital pouch whose floor is formed by the enlarged 7th sternum (Fig. 268). The dorsal wall of the pouch receives the apertures of the spermatheca and the common duct of the colletorial glands. The latter organs consist of a large number of elongate and much convoluted tubuli, whose function has not been ascertained.

The Castes of Termites

It has been previously mentioned that termites live together in large communities composed of polymorphic individuals. The latter are divisible into three castes of reproductive forms and two of sterile forms (Vide Grassi and Sandias, 1897; Snyder, 1920).

The Reproductive Castes consist of—(1) The MACROPTEROUS FORMS (Fig. 258). The members of this caste are the winged imagines of most authors and the "adults of the first form" of Thompson (1917). They are to be regarded as the ancestral caste among termites from which the other forms, both fertile and sterile, have been derived. The two pairs of large membranous wings, nearly equal in size, afford the character upon which the name Isoptera is based. The body in these individuals is well chitinized and often darkly coloured, compound eyes are fully developed, and there are frequently paired ocelli. The caste is adapted for a brief aerial life and its members are concerned with the foundation of new colonies. The brain is large, the frontal gland when present is relatively well developed, and the sexual organs attain a greater size than in any other caste. (2) The BRACHYPTEROUS FORMS ("adults of the second form," Thompson). The members of this caste live a subterranean life, the body is much less chitinized than in the macropterous form, and is straw-coloured or greyish white.

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[Fig. 270.—*Reticulitermes flavipes*. Devalated Queen (1) and King (2) of Macropterous Form. After Banks and Snyder, U.S. Nat. Mus. Bull. 108.]
Growth of the wings is inhibited, these organs remaining in a more or less nymphal condition and in the form of short scale-like vestiges, but usually with a distinct venation (Fig. 27I). The compound eyes are smaller and less strongly pigmented than in the previously mentioned caste: the brain, frontal gland, and sexual organs are also somewhat reduced in size. The function of the brachypterous forms is not fully understood, and the question whether they are merely useful to the individual colony in maintaining its numerical strength, or are of importance to the species in founding new colonies, needs investigation. (3) The *apterous forms* ("adults of the third form," Thompson). This caste is a comparatively rare one and does not appear to have been met with in the higher termites, i.e.—the Metatermitidae. Its members are subterranean in habits, there is an almost complete absence of coloration in the cuticle, the compound eyes are vestigial and there is a complete absence of wings (Fig. 27I). The caste has been studied in detail in *Leucotermes* (*Reticulotermes*) and *Prothranotermes* by Thompson and Snyder (1920) who point out that although it bears a close resemblance to the workers of these termites it may be distinguished by certain definite characters. The conditions under which the apterous forms are present and exercise their full reproductive capacity are not understood.

According to Grassi and Sandias (1896-97) the brachypterous and apterous forms are "substitute" or "complementary" neotenic castes, which functionally replace the macropterous forms in cases of necessity, and under certain conditions. The gonads mature earlier in these castes than in the macropterous forms and this fact, together with their general nymphal appearance, has led the Italian observers to regard them as immature forms. They maintain that the latter could be induced, at the will of the colony by extrinsic means, to undergo precocious sexual develop-
ment. The pale coloration and weak chitinization, together with the reduction of the visual organs, are features correlated with subterranean or concealed habits and are not necessarily associated with immaturity. Furthermore, adult brachypterous and apterous forms are well known in certain other orders of insects, while the usual absence of anal styli, in the females of these two castes, suggests the probability that the latter are composed of adult rather than of neoteinic individuals.

The reproductive castes exhibit a remarkable postmetamorphic growth which is initiated as a response to the stimulus exercised by the developing sexual organs after coitus has been effected. The fertilized females, or queens, of the more primitive genera betray this postmetamorphic growth only to a very slight degree: on the other hand, in the Metatermidre they attain relatively enormous dimensions (Fig. 280). These gigantic queen termites often attain a length of 5 to 9 cm. or more: they have attracted the wonder of generations of naturalists, and the appetite of the savage who has prized them as a food delicacy. Although queens may be developed from all three reproductive castes, they attain the largest dimensions when derived from the macropterous form. Such queens are easily recognizable on account of the persistent bases of the cast-off wings (Fig. 270). The increase in size only directly affects the abdomen, the head and thorax remaining unchanged in appearance, forming a mere appendix to the greatly distended hind-body. The vast size of the latter is mainly due to the increased development of the ovaries and fat-body. The postmetamorphic growth does not affect the size of the external sclerites but, on the other hand, the intersegmental membranes develop to such a degree that they constitute almost the whole abdominal covering, leaving the original tergal and sternal plates as small islands of chitin.

The changes undergone during postmetamorphic growth have been studied by Feytaud (1912) and Bugnion (1912): the chief features of the process may be summarized as follows. The wing-muscles, which occupy the greater part of the thoracic cavity, degenerate and are broken down, partly by phagocytic action. The original fat-body, as mentioned earlier in the present chapter, undergoes complete transformation, being replaced by a new tissue. Certain changes supervene in the digestive system in conformity with an alteration in diet. The queen no longer partakes of ligneous or other hard matter but is nourished upon saliva or, in the fungus-growing species, upon fungal hyphae in combination with that secretion. The jaw-muscles in consequence become reduced in size and power: the stomach undergoes correlated changes, both structural and functional, the Malpighian tubes increase in length, while the hind-intestine suffers marked curtailment. The volume of the blood-tissue is greatly increased, while the nervous system and dorsal vessel undergo elongation in conformity with the general extension of the abdomen. The most striking changes are exhibited in the reproductive system which monopolizes, as it were, the greater part of the abdomen and converts the queen into one vast, inert, egg-laying mechanism. The changes involved are those of size and, in its general morphology, the reproductive system of the queen does not differ from that of the same individual when in the winged stage: in *Termes redemanni* Bugnion mentions that one ovary alone consisted of the enormous number of 2,420 ovarioles.

The Sterile Castes (Figs. 259, 272) are divisible into workers and soldiers. These are apterous individuals in which the sexual organs are arrested in their development or atrophy, and are consequently non-functional.
The workers are numerically the most important members of the termite community. They are usually pale coloured with the integument but little chitinized, and they bear a closer resemblance to the nymphs than to the adult members of other castes. Except in the primitive genus *Mastotermes*, external sexual characters are usually absent. The head of the worker is directed downwards, it is relatively wider than in the reproductive castes, but never attains the dimensions found among the soldiers. Compound eyes are usually absent, but in certain species they are present in a vestigial condition; tolerably well developed faceted eyes occur in the workers of *Hodotermes*, which are active above ground during daylight. The mandibles resemble those of the reproductive castes but they are more powerful and adapted for gnawing wood and other vegetable tissue. In the configuration of the thorax the workers resemble the soldiers rather than the imagines. On the whole, distinctive characters are but little emphasized among the workers of the various species and, for this reason, it is usually a matter of great difficulty, or an impossibility, to determine their specific identity unless members of other castes are taken with them at the same time.

Not infrequently the workers are dimorphic, being divisible into major and minor forms. In such cases the head and mandibles, and often the body, of the major workers are distinctly larger than those of the minor individuals. In some species, however, it is impossible sharply to separate the workers into these two classes owing to the occurrence of numerous intermediate forms. Dimorphism among workers occurs, for example, in *Termes* (*Macrotermes*) *estherae* Desn., *Odontotermes obesus* (Ramb.), *O. redemanni* Wasm., *O. horni* Wasm. and in many species of the genus *Eutermes*.

Although taking no part in reproduction, and seldom any part in the defence of the community to which they belong, practically all other duties devolve upon the members of this caste. They exhibit marked care for the eggs and young and, in times of danger, may remove them to situations which afford greater safety. They also feed and tend the queens, forage for food, often at a distance from the nest and, in the fungus-growing species, attend to the cultivation of these lowly forms of vegetation which they plant in special chambers. In the case of lignicolous species, the workers excavate the galleries and tunnels which serve for the nest; in the
mound-building forms they construct the termitarium, and repair any injuries sustained by the latter. Owing to their gnawing propensities the workers have earned for termites their unenviable reputation as destroyers of crops, woodwork and other materials serving the convenience of man. There is no true worker caste in Archotermopsis, its functions being performed by the nymphs of the soldiers and sexual forms. The worker caste is likewise absent in Termopsis and a few other primitive genera.

The soldiers are the most specialized members of the termite community and appear to be wanting only in the genus Anoplotermes. They may be readily recognized by the great size and strong chitinization of the head. The mandibles also attain much larger dimensions than in other castes, and frequently assume striking or almost grotesque forms (Fig. 260). Two well-defined types of soldiers can be distinguished—(a) the mandibulate type with large and powerful jaws but no frontal rostrum; (b) the nasute type (Fig. 273) in which there is a median frontal rostrum but the jaws are small or vestigial. Soldiers conforming to either of these types may frequently be separated into major and minor forms as in the workers, and often in the same species. In other instances trimorphism obtains, large, intermediate, and small soldiers occurring within the limits of a single species. In certain other cases, however, the soldiers are extremely variable and, although separable into large and small forms, the two extremes are connected by numerous individuals of intermediate sizes.

As in the workers, the soldiers consist of both males and females but, except in those of Mastoterms, Archotermopsis and certain species of Caloterms, external secondary sexual characters are slight, and the sex of the individual can be best ascertained from an examination of the gonads. Tolerably well developed faceted eyes occur in the soldiers of Hodoterms, and vestigial eyes are found in those of Archotermopsis, Caloterms and other genera, but more often than not visual organs are totally wanting: a pair of reduced ocelli may also be present. The antennae usually consist of one or several joints less than in the reproductive castes.

Although numerous modifications are exhibited in the form of the head and mandibles among soldiers of various species, comparatively few of these differences can be interpreted as being special adaptations to particular functions. The soldiers are mainly concerned with the defence of the colony which they protect by seizing or repelling any intruders. Means of defence are afforded, in many cases, by the great size and power of the mandibles: in others it resides in the capacity of the individual for ejecting a repellant fluid. When disturbed the mandibulate soldiers may often be observed to assume threatening attitudes with the jaws outstretched, and they will usually seize any object presented to them. Ants are among the bitterest enemies of termites, and the soldiers of the more courageous termites not infrequently seize them, and eject them when
attempting to enter the nest. The highly specialized soldiers of some species are apparently of little service to the community. Those of *Capritermes*, for example, with their curiously twisted mandibles, are ill adapted for performing any utilitarian function. Any defensive rôle which such termites may possess would appear to be solely expressed in their general aggressive appearance and power of assuming threatening attitudes. In several species with exceptionally large heads the soldiers are stated to block up gaps in the walls of the nests, while the workers are undertaking repairs.

In the second method of defence, referred to above, a viscid secretion is emitted through the frontal pore, situated in the anterior region of the head (Fig. 274). The possessors of this type of defensive capacity have as a rule small or vestigial mandibles, or the latter are ill-adapted for their usual function. In *Coptotermes*, a profuse white secretion is produced by an extensive gland occupying the greater part of the thoracic and abdominal cavities (Fig. 275). According to Holmgren a similar capacious gland is present in *Rhinotermes taurus*. In the nasute soldiers of *Eutermes* (Fig. 273) and other genera, the repellent secretion is the product of a retort-shaped glandular sac, situated in the head. A clear thick liquid is ejected through its duct which traverses the rostrum and opens at the apex of the latter. The soldiers of *Eutermes*, notwithstanding their small size, are usually not lacking in courage. When the nest is injured in any way, they issue through the broken parts in large numbers, and stand on guard while the workers are busily engaged in executing repairs. Globules of secretion may often be seen at the apex of the rostrum of the soldiers and this protective fluid appears to have a very
salutary effect upon any enemies. Haviland (1898) observed that the soldiers may be seen to eject a small quantity of the fluid on the antennae of their foes: ants, he remarks, are rendered hors de combat by this means. In *E. triodia* Hill mentions that the secretion is ejected as a fine jet which has the appearance of a silken thread waving from the tip of the rostrum.

### The Habitations of Termites

The simplest kind of termite habitation is found in the wood-feeding species, which usually lack the worker caste, and include the most primitive members of the order. *Archotermitopsis* and *Termopsis*, for example, live in moist decaying trunks and logs of conifers. The abodes of such termites consist of nothing more than a series of galleries, excavated in the wood, without any external manifestation of their presence (Fig. 276). Other genera such as *Mastotermes, Calotermes, Neotermes* and *Cryptotermes* include species which bore into dry wood, often selecting posts and other structures, or furniture in buildings, as the seat of their habitations. *Calotermes militaris* and *C. greeni* are destructive to tea in Ceylon where they burrow in the stems of the bushes. *Rhinotermes, Leucotermes (Reticulotermes)* and *Coptotermes* live in the ground and infest wood indirectly through the soil. They are exceedingly injurious to any woodwork of buildings in contact with the ground. They also frequently issue above ground in order to obtain access to woodwork in their vicinity. With this object in view they construct covered passage-ways of earth, or faecal matter, which enable them to work concealed from the light and from sundry enemies and, at the same time, surrounded by the requisite humidity. They are able, by means of these tubular communications, to pass from their underground chambers and reach the upper storeys of buildings or ascend lofty trees.

In other cases very extensive structures known as termitaria (Figs. 277, 278) are constructed, particularly by the African and Australian species of *Metatermitidae*. These termite mounds are built of earth
excavated in making subterranean chambers and were perhaps originally only a convenient method of disposing of this material. The outer walls and passages, and the royal cells of these habitations, are composed of earth particles cemented together to form a hard brick-like substance. The agglutinating fluid appears to consist either of saliva, or of the latter together with proctodaeal matter. The inner galleries, where the brood is contained, are of a softer consistency, and are composed of woody or other comminuted material which has passed through the alimentary canal. Some of the most remarkable of all termitaria are the lofty steeple-like structures constructed by *Eutermes triodie* in Northern Australia. They are stated to exceed in size those of any known termite, and one recorded by Hill measured 20 feet high with a basal diameter of 12 feet. The greater bulk of the earth and sand used in their formation is collected on the surface, and not mined from below. The interior of such a termitarium presents a maze of irregular chambers and passages, and its walls are so resistant that it is difficult to make any impression upon them even with a sharp pick. The “compass” or “meridional” termite (*Hamitermes meridionalis*) is widely distributed in Aus-

![Fig. 277.—Section of a Termitarium of *Termes reedmani*, Ceylon. After Bugnion.](image-url)
The habitations of this species may attain a height of 8 to 12 feet, and are flattened from side to side in such a manner that the broad sides face east and west, and the narrow ends north and south. It has been suggested that the reason for their being built according to this plan is in order to secure the maximum of desiccation, and to allow for the repairs, which are made during the wet season, being dried and hardened as speedily as possible.

Other species of termites live in the ground, without constructing termi­taria above the surface, or only forming small mound-like structures (Fig. 279). Many termites which exhibit this habit are exceedingly injurious to the roots of grass, field crops, and other vegetation. Although the type of habitation may be very constant for a particular genus or species, in other cases considerable variation obtains. Odontotermes, for example, includes both mound builders and subterranean forms, and the two habits may be exhibited in the same species as in the common Indian termite O. obesus.

Certain species of Eutermes construct gigantic termite areas of the type already referred to, while others form arboreal habitations often more or less spheri­

cal in form. The material used in constructing the latter appears to be comminuted wood, and the nest is composed of an outer envelope enclosing a comb-like mass of internal chambers. Such habitations bear a super­
ficial resemblance to the carton nests of arboreal Vespidæ. In many cases they are connected by means of covered passage-ways with subterranean abodes.

The rôle of subterranean termites has been compared by Drummond ("Tropical Africa") with that of earthworms. By means of their underground activities they keep the soil in constant circulation, rendering it permeable to air and moisture. Also the faecal matter of these insects serves to enrich the soil very much after the manner of the "casts" of earthworms. In many parts of the tropics there is scarcely a cubic yard of soil that is free from the burrows of these insects, and the number of individuals of the latter present defies all calculation.

The Termite Community and its Biology

The various castes which make up a termite community have already been described. In a typical colony of any of the higher termites the life of the community is dominated by the royal pair which consist of a deålated male and female. They are confined to a special royal cell which is usually deeply hidden in the recesses of the termitarium. The royal couple remain monogamous; the queen attains relatively enormous dimensions (Fig. 28o) and she is fertilized at intervals by the king. Among the most primitive termites there may be a number of these royal forms present: they are not necessarily located in permanent cells, and the queens do not exhibit the same great increase in bulk. It was formerly believed that if the original queen were destroyed the community would ultimately die out. This conclusion has been dispelled by the discovery of the brachypterous and apterous reproductive castes. Either one or both of the latter may be represented among the offspring of the original royal couple, and they eventually develop into new royalties which continue the population of
the colony in cases of necessity. They are, moreover, polygamous, several kings being associated with a number of queens. Since it is evident that individuals representing two or three reproductive castes may coexist in the same community, the question arises as to the conditions under which these several castes may become functional. The macropterous forms, as will be referred to later, take to the wing and leave the habitation. There is no conclusive evidence, however, that the brachypterous or apterous reproductive castes regularly leave the colony to found new societies of their own and, in the presence of the original queen, they appear superfluous. It has been previously mentioned that Grassi and Sandias regard them as neoteinic forms, which are held in reserve so as to be brought into reproductive activity when occasion demands: Fritz Müller (1873) compared them with the cleistogamic flowers of certain plants. It has already been pointed out that the evidence for considering these two castes as being composed of neoteinic forms is not established, and that they are to be regarded as true adults. If the latter contention be correct, there appears to be nothing to prevent them from reproducing on their own account even when the original royal couple is present. It is, therefore, reasonable to conclude that they perform the double function of extending the colony, or of founding separate branch colonies, while the original queen is still functional, and of replacing the latter when her normal period of life expires, or she is destroyed by some fortuitous occurrence. It is not clear, however, why members of brachypterous and, more rarely, the apterous reproductive castes, should be present in such numerical strength as they are frequently met with. It seems probable that, owing to their lower fecundity, as compared with the original queen, a considerable number of such forms is necessary in order to maintain the colony up to its normal population. Once the original queen has died out it is believed that the macropterous caste can no longer be produced, and consequently colonies headed by brachypterous or apterous royalties are accounted for. Grassi and Sandias, for example, mention colonies of *Leucotermes lucifugus* in Sicily which were entirely maintained by brachypterous queens.

It will be convenient at this stage to consider the habits of the macropterous caste. So long as the original queen is in functional activity individuals of the former caste are produced. At certain times, varying with geographical location and season, the fully winged forms are brought forth in large numbers as annual occurrences. These individuals become impelled to leave the parental colony by some unknown instinct and, when the critical hour arrives, they depart on their colonizing flight and are said to be “swarming.” Atmospheric conditions are an important factor influencing the actual time of issue: thus, in the more arid regions, the flight takes place during the rainy season, or after casual showers, when the moisture content of the atmosphere is favourable. Prior to the flight, the workers make exit holes when necessary in the walls of the termitarium, and numerous members of this caste, along with soldiers, congregate around and often just outside these apertures while swarming is in progress. The latter may be either diurnal or nocturnal according to the species, those that swarm by night being strongly attracted to lights. Termites are weak fliers and, unless aided by the wind, these swarms do not travel any great distance. They have for their object the perpetuation and further diffusion of the species which is enabled, in this manner, to found new colonies away from the immediate proximity of the old. As a rule a number of colonies of a species swarm about the same time: the members of a
swarm comprise individuals of both sexes which may either pair with each other or intercross with those of neighbouring swarms. Notwithstanding the vast numbers of termites composing these swarms, enormous mortality occurs during and after the flight, very few individuals surviving to fulfil their destiny: birds, lizards and small mammals devour the greater number. The survivors sooner or later alight or fall on the ground and cast their wings. The loss of these organs is clearly an advantage to the race, since they have served their function and their retention would prove a useless encumbrance. The sexes segregate into pairs and after an interval of courtship mating takes place. The latter may occur either before (Fuller, 1915) or after dealation: in Leucotermes flavipes it is not fulfilled, according to Snyder, until about one week after swarming. Both sexes participate in the early operations of forming a habituation which consist in the excavation of a small burrow or gallery, termed the nuptial chamber. The first-laid eggs are few in number, and are tended by the young parent royalties. Most of the early broods develop into workers, the latter caste being the most necessary for the building up of the incipient colony. In Leucotermes lucifugus Feytaud states that the first workers become functional about seven months after the swarming, and that no soldiers are present in the initial broods. The newly hatched nymphs are fed by their parents on prepared food and the wood-feeding species, for example, do not resort to a ligneous diet until later in their development. As the growth of the colony proceeds, and more eggs are produced, the duty of tending the brood is assumed by the workers, who also enlarge the habituation and generally make provision for the growing community. During the first season members of the reproductive castes are usually not produced. The queen gradually grows in size, and is subjected to constant care and feeding by the workers. She no longer partakes of her original ligneous or other food, but receives a prepared diet from the workers: mastication becomes no longer necessary and the jaw muscles degenerate. With her increase in size, there is a corresponding increase in the number of eggs produced. In established colonies of the higher termites the queens are capable of laying some millions of eggs apiece during their lifetime. Thus Fuller observed that a queen of Termes badius is capable of laying 4,000 eggs in 24 hours. From a dissection of a queen of T. redemanni Bugnion estimated that the two ovaries contained 48,000 eggs at the time of examination. Under more or less uniform tropical conditions a single queen is probably capable of producing, at her period of maximum fecundity, at least a million eggs in the year. Much higher estimates are given by some authorities but the figures need confirmation. The duration of life for the queen is extremely difficult to estimate, but probably six to nine years is an approximately accurate statement.

The food of termites consists primarily of wood and other vegetable tissue. These insects also consume proctodaeal matter ejected by their fellows and, by this means, the younger nymphs of the wood-feeding species first become infected with Protozoa derived from the faces of the older members of the community. Exuviae and the bodies of dead termites are also devoured. The nymphs at first only receive saliva; later on they are fed with stomodaeal or proctodaeal food until they are able to eat the staple vegetable diet.

The habit of foraging outside the nest occurs in various species of Metailermidae, and is also found in Hodotermes among the Protermitidae. The workers and soldiers of species of this genus possess well developed com-
pound eyes, and exhibit the unusual habit of foraging above ground during daylight. Sorties are made from the nest for the purpose of collecting grass, pine needles, etc., which are cut into short lengths, and carried to the mouth of the burrow. Here the material is either taken directly within, or allowed to accumulate to form a mound whose contents are subsequently removed into the nest. Among the Metatermitidae the foraging habits of *Termes latericus* and *Eutermes trinervius* in S. Africa are described by Fuller (1915). In the former species there are special cells or granaries within the nest, and lengths of green grass, together with large quantities of seeds are collected. *E. triodia*, in Australia, stores dried grass in chambers which are situated in the walls of the termitarium from the ground to the summit. Bugnion (1914) describes the habits of the "black termite" (*E. monoceros*) of Ceylon. Long dense files of workers of this species set out about sunset, with the soldiers aligned up on guard on either side of the procession. The object of these expeditions is to gather fragments of lichens which serve to nourish the young. Having found a suitable tree, they remain the whole night gathering provender, and return the following morning. Bugnion calculated, by means of photographs, that there are, on an average, 1,000 termites to each metre of the moving column and, if the army marched out for five hours, moving at the rate of a metre per minute, about 300,000 termites would be involved in the procession.

The habitations of many of the higher termites, particularly species of the genus *Termes* and its allies, contain what are commonly termed "fungus gardens." These beds are composed of a spongy dark reddish-brown coral-like "comb" which is constructed by the workers of comminuted vegetable matter forming the excreta (Figs. 279–281). The chambers containing the fungus gardens are located near the centre of the nest, often in close proximity to the royal cell, or in communication with the latter. Fungal hyphae grow upon the substratum formed by the comb and produce small white "spheres" which form the nutriment of the royal pair and young nymphs. The fungal chambers also serve as nurseries for the eggs and young brood; Bugnion (1914) states that in species observed by him in Ceylon the young nymphs may be observed grazing on the fungus beds after the manner of miniature sheep!

According to Petch the "spheres" produced by the fungi are composed of branching hyphae bearing either spherical or oval cells. The oval cells germinate readily, but it has not been possible to reproduce the original "spheres" from them. On a normal comb just removed from the nest the only fungi evident are the "spheres" and their mycelia. If the comb be placed beneath a bell-jar a *Xylaria* regularly grows from it in about two days; it also grows from deserted combs after rain. When the combs are getting old, and falling out of use, an agaracine fungus develops upon them; various names have been assigned to it and it is regarded by Petch as a species of *Volvaria*. It has not been possible to germinate the spores of the latter or prove experimentally that the "spheres" are a phase in the growth of the *Volvaria*. Other fungi also develop upon the comb when the latter is removed from the influence of the termites, and it is believed that these insects weed out such extraneous fungi when they appear in the nest. There is a considerable literature on the fungus-growing habits of termites and the reader is referred to the works of Petch (1906) and Escherich (1909) for more detailed information.
In addition to the normal occupants of a termite habitation, there is also a very extensive termitophilous fauna consisting of various insects, and other arthropods, which are represented in almost every community by one or more species. The relations between these guests and their hosts are, so far as is known, very similar to those described later on between myrmecophilous species and ants. The termitophilous forms similarly include true guests or symphiles, indifferently tolerated guests or synæketes, and synecchthrans which are scavengers or predators. The largest number of termitophilous insects belong to the Coleoptera. The Carabidae are principally represented by the larvae of Orthogonius: the Staphylinidae include such genera as Corotoca, Spirachtha, Termilominus, Doryloxenus, etc., while the Pselaphidae, Scarabeidae, Tenebrionidae and other families have sundry representatives. Among the Diptera are certain remarkable Phoridae including Termiloxenia, Termilomyia and Ptochomyia: included in this same order are the equally remarkable Psychodidae Termitomastus, and several genera of larval Anthomyidae. The Thysanura include a large number of termitophilous forms, there are also a few Collembola of similar habits, several larval Tineidae and, among the Hymenoptera, the anomalous genus Termaphis. In addition to insects the list includes Acarina, Diplopoda and Chilopoda. The literature on termitophilous arthropods is extensive and is principally comprised in numerous papers by Wasmann (1894 onwards) and Silvestri (1903, 1905, 1914–1920). Termite mounds also afford shelter to lizards, snakes and scorpions, while certain birds are even known to nest in them.

It is noteworthy that more than one species of termite may inhabit the same habitation and that a kind of social symbiosis exists in consequence. Thus Anoplotermes, which has no soldiers, is usually associated with species of other genera. In S. America five species of termites, belonging to as many different genera, are recorded by Holmgren as sharing a habitation of Termes dirus, while no less than eight different species are mentioned by Escherich as living amicably with Termes chaquimayensis. Certain members of the genus Eutermes particularly exhibit this habit of guest species. Termites and ants have often been recorded as inhabiting the same log, or other object, where they may occupy contiguous galleries or even intermingle. Under ordinary circumstances the relations between the two kinds of insects are friendly, unless the nest be disturbed, when the ants soon attack and carry off the termites.

**Origin of Polymorphism**

The origin of caste in termites has been productive of much discussion, while the problem as to how the characters of the sterile soldiers and workers secure representation in the germ cells of the species has been an outstanding difficulty to students of heredity. The theories which attempt to account for the origin of caste in these insects may be briefly summarized under two headings, viz. theories of extrinsic and intrinsic causes.

1. **The Theory of Extrinsic Causes.**—The principal upholders of this theory are Grassi and Sandias (1897). These observers believe that nutrition and method of feeding are of paramount importance. In the termites studied by them the newly hatched nymphs are externally alike but, when they attain a length of 2 mm. or over, they become separable into large and small headed forms. The large headed forms develop into
soldiers and, in *Leucomtermes*, into workers also: the small headed forms develop into the macropterous caste or, as in *Calotermes*, the head may increase in size and such individuals develop into workers. Grassi and Sandias conclude that the development into soldiers and workers, on the one hand, and into macropterous forms on the other, is due to the relative amounts of salivary food received from the nymphs which feed them during the early phase of development. Young destined to produce macropterous forms continue to be fed with saliva for a much longer period than those which will ultimately develop into soldiers and workers. Grassi and Sandias maintain that the early appearance of intestinal Protozoa, and their constant presence in great abundance in the two latter castes, are associated with the smaller amount of saliva received. It is also implied by them that the Protozoa exercise an inhibitory effect upon the development of the gonads. They further maintain that, by means of selective feeding, nymphs already far advanced towards becoming macropterous adults can be diverted, as it were, and develop into soldiers. Others may be converted into neoteinic forms and thus assume a precocious sexual maturity.

Among other biologists Silvestri (1902, 1903) maintains that food is the determining factor in caste production but acts indirectly since the germ plasm is also involved. Desneux (1904) believes that the cause of the differentiation of the young nymphs is the particular diet which they receive. Escherich (1909) believes that food is of paramount importance in caste differentiation but he assumes, with Weismann, that it does not exert a direct influence but provides the stimulus which releases, as it were, the potentialities of the different castes, these potentialities being present in the egg cells. Holmgren (1909) seeks to explain polymorphism on the basis of his exudation theory. According to him the newly hatched nymphs are alike in appearance but from the commencement some may receive a little more food and produce rather more exudation than others. These latter nymphs are consequently more frequently licked and attended by the workers and finally develop into sexual forms. Those nymphs which produce less exudation, and receive at first less food, are subjected to less care from the workers and develop into the sterile castes. Holmgren’s theory, however, has received little support and the existence of exudatory tissue has no direct influence on caste production.

*Intestinal Protozoa and their Significance.* Living within the hind-intestine of many termites is an abundant Protozoan fauna. If a small drop of the brown turbid contents of the gut be examined by the microscope, it is seen to be composed almost entirely of vast numbers of Protozoa, actively traversing the field of vision in all directions. They consist principally of Flagellates, belonging more especially to the peculiar order *Hypermastigina* (Trichonymphidea), which is almost exclusively confined to the Isoptera. These Protozoa were first observed in termites by Lespes in 1856, and since that time many genera and species have been discovered (vide Imms, 1919). The inter-relationships of these organisms with their hosts have given rise to much discussion. Several authorities regard them as being parasites; thus Grassi and Sandias, in their studies on Italian termites, maintain that the relative abundance of the Protozoa is in inverse proportion to the degree of development of the gonads of the hosts. According to these observers Protozoa abound in the hind-gut of the soldiers and workers (with aborted gonads), but are rare or totally absent in the reproductive castes. According to Brunelli (1905) in queens of *Calotermes flavicollis* and *Leucomtermes lucofugus*, infested with Protozoa, there is a correlated destruction of the oocytes—a kind of indirect “castration parasitaire”: this conclusion, however, is disputed by Feytaud (1912). The researches of Bugnion, the present writer and others do not support the views of Grassi and Sandias. It is found that the presence of Protozoa is correlated with a ligneous diet on the part of their hosts. The
former do not occur in the young nymphs, kings or queens which are fed with a special
diet provided by the workers or older nymphs. In the soldiers and worker-like
forms of Archotermopsis which possess fully developed gonads, a rich Protozoan fauna
is always present in the hind-intestine. Feytaud also mentions having found abundant
Protozoa in the macropterous caste of L. lucifugus nearing sexual maturity, and they
are also frequent in the same caste of Archotermopsis. There does not appear, there­
fore, to be any correlation between the presence of Protozoa and the condition of the
sexual organs. Buscalioni and Comes (1910) regard the Protozoa as being symbionts
rather than parasites. By their action in breaking down ligneous matter the Protozoa
provide nutritive material capable of absorption by their hosts. Certain species,
however (those of Dinernypha for example), attach themselves to the walls of the
intestine and are probably parasitic. The symbiotic theory is also held by Bugnion
and by the present writer, but is not accepted by Grassi and Foa (1911) who mention
an experiment which was conducted with Calotermes. Pieces of wood containing this
termite were enclosed in small boxes and kept at a temperature of 35°C. The Protozoa
died, sometimes all, and individual Calotermes entirely deprived of these organisms,
lived in full activity for several months. This experiment, however, does not indicate
more than the fact that the termites can exist without Protozoa for a considerable
period. Whether it is possible to rear the wood-feeding species from the egg to the
adult without the intervention of Protozoa, is a difficult experiment which has not
so far been attempted.

The Theory of Intrinsic Causes.—Bugnion (1912A and 1913) appears
to be the first modern observer to bring forward evidence suggesting that
caste differentiation occurs during embryonic life and is independent of
the effects of any dietary régime. He ascertained that the nasute soldier
of Eutermes lacustris is already clearly separable from nymphs of other
castes at the time it issues from the egg, the distinguishing features being
the presence of a frontal process and a relatively large frontal gland.
Thompson (1917) found that in Leucolernes flavipes, and (1919) in a number
of other termites the newly hatched young, although externally all alike,
are differentiated by internal characters into two types. (a) Reproduc­
tive castes with large brain, large sexual organs and usually a dense opaque
body: and (b) sterile castes with small brain, small sexual organs and
usually a clear transparent body. In L. flavipes the nymphs of the
reproductive castes, on attaining a length of 1.3-1.4 mm. become further
differentiated into two kinds which eventually give rise to the macro­
terous and brachypterous forms respectively. The ontogeny of nymphs
which develop into the apterous reproductive caste has not been followed.
The nymphs of the sterile castes become separable into future soldiers
and workers at a later stage in their ontogeny, i.e. : when the body-length
reaches 3.75 mm.

In the light of the foregoing remarks there is no conclusive evidence
that any particular kind of nutrition, or the absence thereof, is capable
of producing such fundamental changes as are involved in caste differen­
tiation. It has also been mentioned on an earlier page that an abortive
condition of the sexual organs is not an invariable attribute of the soldier
and that caste production is not in any way related to the presence of
intestinal Protozoa. It is evident also that too much stress has been laid
on the apparent similarity of the young of almost all termites when newly
emerged from the egg. This fact has given rise to the belief that caste
differentiation takes place during post-embryonic growth when its presence
first becomes obvious. It is necessary, therefore, to look to some intrinsic
cause or causes to account for the phenomenon. In seeking to explain
polymorphism by means of intrinsic factors the question arises as to whether
the cytology and development of the germ cells would yield important
evidence but, up to the present, this field remains unexplored. The
phylogenetic origin of termite castes appears to be explainable on the basis of the mutation theory, i.e.: that the castes are secondary and have arisen as inheritable variations of some stage in the ontogeny of the macropterous form, or original winged imago (vide Imms, 1919, Thompson and Snyder, 1919, Snyder, 1920). In the case of the brachypterous and apterous reproductive forms the mutations have been solely regressive—there has been a loss of characters. In the worker and soldier such characters as fertility and the presence of wings have become lost but, on the other hand, progressive mutations have also occurred which are evidenced in the soldier caste in the greatly increased size of the head, mandibles and often of the frontal gland, as well as in the development of the rostrum in the nasute forms. The various castes might be interpreted as gradations in a series of mutations comparable with those discovered in *Drosophila* by Morgan and his school. The present writer (Imms, 1919) has suggested that possibly the various factors, whose presence or absence determines each caste, may be looked upon as a large number of allelomorphs, whose inheritance may take place along Mendelian lines. In the germ cells of the macropterous forms segregation would take place in such a manner that certain of the ova and spermatozoa would be potentially different from their fellows, and their union would result in the production of different castes of individuals.

At the present time there is very little exact information available with regard to the constitution of the progeny of the three reproductive castes. So far as is known the queens of the macropterous form are the parents of all the remaining castes. According to Snyder (1920), both field observations and breeding experiments seem to indicate that the brachypterous and possibly the apterous forms produce, in addition to soldiers and workers, their own fertile types and never the macropterous form.

In extremely rare cases the so-called sterile castes may be capable of reproduction. In *Archotermopsis*, evidence based upon the morphology of the sexual organs of the soldiers suggests that, in this primitive type, fertility has not been lost. Heath (1903) records three egg-laying soldiers in the closely related *Termopsis* but, beyond referring to the progeny as "the young, and the nymphs and the workers," gives no further details. Intermediate forms are of rare occurrence but soldiers with vestigial wings, for example, are recorded in *Termopsis* and *Calotermes*: possibly these and other anomalous forms are to be regarded as reversions towards the ancestral caste.

**Metamorphosis**

It has been pointed out that the newly hatched nymphs, although apparently all alike, are already differentiated by internal characters into reproductive and worker-soldier types. At a later stage in development they become separable into their individual castes. In the case of the workers there is very little external change of any description during postembryonic growth, and they are consequently ametabolous. In both the mandibulate and nasute castes of soldiers metamorphosis is indicated by very considerable external and internal changes, which more particularly affect the head and mandibles. The macropterous reproductive caste exhibits the usual paurometabolous growth which is also present, although to a much lesser degree, in the brachypterous caste. The apterous repro-
ducive caste passes through no changes sufficiently marked to be regarded as metamorphosis.

Development is slow, particularly in the reproductive members of the community whose period of growth may occupy two years (Snyder). According to Grassi and Sandias there are four ecdyses present in the development of the sterile castes, and five in the case of the reproductive forms. This statement has been repeated in many works, but it is not possible to say to what extent it is generally applicable. Prior to the last ecdysis, anal styli are present in both sexes, irrespective of their caste, but after the final moult these organs are usually lost in the females of the reproductive forms.

In their development termites pass through resting or quiescent phases during ecdysis (Snyder, 1913). These phases are to be regarded as prolongations of the periods of inactivity which accompany each ordinary moult. Such a resting condition is most evident (1) during the ecdysis when apparently undifferentiated nymphs transform into those of the soldier type and (2) during the final ecdysis which is followed by the adult instar. The quiescent condition is more strongly pronounced in some genera than others and, where this phase is very much in evidence, the insect lies upon its side, with the head flexed upon the ventral aspect of the thorax, while the limbs and other parts remain immobile. The transition between an insect in this condition during its final ecdysis, and a pupa of the Neuroptera, for example, is a comparatively slight one, and the differences are mainly those of degree. The quiescent phase in termites evidently fulfils the same functions as a pupa, since all the more important changes, both external and internal, occur while it lasts. Its duration varies from a few hours up to several days, the shorter period being prevalent in cases where the resting phase is only slightly pronounced. The ontogeny of termites, therefore, affords to some extent a connecting link between the paurometabolous and holometabolous types of development.

Classification

Among recent systems of classification those of Desneux (1904), Silvestri (1909) and Holmgren (1911) are notable. That of the first mentioned authority comprises three sub-families—the Mastotermitinae, Calotermitinae and Termitinae which together constitute the single family Termitidae. In the classification of Silvestri the Mastotermitinae are
elevated to family rank while Desneux' second and third sub-families are united to form the family Termitidae. Holmgren divides the termites into four families as enumerated below. For a general textbook on the order vide Hég (1922).

A. Tarsi 5-jointed in all castes: hind-wings with a well developed anal lobe.

**FAM. I. MASTOTERMITIDÆ.**—Includes the single genus *Mastotermes* from northern Australia (Fig. 282).

B. Tarsi 4-jointed, or rarely imperfectly 5-jointed, in all castes: hind-wings without an anal lobe.

**FAM. II. PROTERMITIDÆ.**—Fontanelle wanting in all castes. Macrop terous form with the wing membrane reticulated and an empodium often present between the claws. Soldier with the pronotum usually flat, eyes present. Worker with the pronotum flat (saddle-shaped in Hodotermes), eyes present, anal styli almost always present. Representative genera: *Archotermopsis* (Desn.) *Termopsis* Heer, *Hodotermopsis* Holmg., *Hodotermes* Hag., *Calotermes* Hag.

**FAM. III. MESOTERMITIDÆ.**—Fontanelle present in all castes. Macrop terous form with the wing membrane often reticulated, anterior wing scales large, empodia absent: frontal gland well developed (with some exceptions). Soldier with the pronotum flat, anal styli usually present, eyes often wanting: frontal gland almost always present. Worker with the pronotum flat (saddle-shaped in Rhinotermitidæ), anal styli often present. Representative genera: *Leucotermes* Silv. (including *Reticulotermes*), *Psammotermes* Desn., *Coptotermes* Wasm., *Termitotetong* (Desn.), *Rhinotermes* Hag., *Serritermes* Wasm.


**Literature on Isoptera**

Order 8. **EMBIOPTERA**

Solitary or gregarious insects living in silken tunnels. Mouth-parts adapted for biting, Ligula 4-lobed. Tarsi 3-jointed; 1st joint of anterior pair greatly inflated. Both pairs of wings alike: veins but little pronounced, R greatly thickened, remaining veins often reduced or vestigial. Cerci 2-jointed, generally asymmetrical in the male. Females apterous and larviform. Metamorphosis gradual in the male, absent in the female.

The Embioptera are a small group of fragile insects with a soft, thin cuticle and weak powers of flight. All are sombre coloured, being either brown or yellowish brown, with smoky wings. In their habits these insects generally avoid daylight, living beneath stones, or under bark, etc. The females are much more rarely met with than males, the latter not infrequently being attracted to a light. Sexual dimorphism is a marked characteristic of the order, the males being winged and the females apterous (Figs. 283, 284). In several species, notably *Embia texana* (Melander, 1903), both winged and wingless males are present.

The most striking feature in the biology of the Embioptera is their habit of constructing silken tunnels in which they live (vide Imms, 1913).
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disturbed in these retreats they are able to run backwards or forwards with equal agility. *Embia major* is gregarious and upwards of twenty individuals may be found associated together. This species constructs a nest composed of a series of superimposed silken tunnels communicating usually with one or two subterranean chambers (Fig. 285). In addition to forming a retreat, it is probable that these tunnels subserve other functions—they appear to be adapted for protection against predaceous insects which would become entangled in the threads should they attempt to enter them. Grassi and Sandias consider that they serve to protect the body from an excessive loss of moisture and to retain about the occupants an atmosphere not too dry. During the construction of the tunnels the fore-legs are in constant activity, crossing and recrossing one another repeatedly. The faculty of weaving the tunnels is possessed equally by both sexes and also by the nymphs. Newly hatched nymphs, when removed from the proximity of the parent female, were observed to weave fine tunnels on their own account. The method of production of the silk has given rise to discussion. On the plantar surface of the 1st and 2nd tarsal joints of the fore-legs are a number of hollow bristles which communicate, each by means of a fine duct, with a small glandular chamber. The chambers are situated on the lower area of the enlarged 1st tarsal joint; each is bounded by a single layer of epithelium which encloses a central space filled with a viscid secretion (Fig. 286). In *Embia texana* Melander estimates that about 75-80 chambers are present in the whole joint. Since a fine thread is emitted from each bristle a number are available simultaneously, which accounts for the rapidity with which these insects weave their tunnels (Melander, 1903; Rimsky-Korsakow, 1905). Enderlein (1912), however, disputes this explanation of silk production and maintains that the glossae function as a spinneret which receives the ducts of spinning glands.

Very little information exists with reference to the feeding habits of these insects. Both sexes of *Embia* have been reared from the egg upon vegetable food, but it is likely that the males are normally more or less carnivorous, and their mandibles differ markedly in form from those of the opposite sex.
The eggs are elongate-cylindrical with a conspicuous operculum at one pole. They are laid in small groups along the course of the silken tunnels of the nests, and the females exhibit parental care for their offspring after the manner so well known in Dermaptera.

Embioptera are tropicopolitan but extend their range into the warmer temperate zones. They occur in all zoogeographical regions including Australia, and species are also found in Madagascar, New Zealand, Ceylon and various smaller islands. Three species, comprised in as many genera, are European and are found in countries bordering on the southern littoral of that continent. It is noteworthy that Oligotoma Micheli MacLach. has been found in a London orchid house where it had become temporarily established. O. Saundersi Westw. is stated to be so abundant on Ascension I. as to become injurious.

**External Anatomy.**—The head in the Embioptera is always rather small and projects in a line with the body: the epicranial suture is wanting and there are no ocelli. The compound eyes are reniform in the males and rather smaller in the females. The antennae are filiform, shorter than the body, and composed of 15-32 joints.

The mouth-parts (Fig. 287) are typically Orthopteran in character: both the labrum and clypeus are well developed, and the mandibles differ considerably in the two sexes. Those of the male are much more slender and have fewer teeth than in the female. The maxillary palpi are 5-jointed, the galea is membranous and the lacinia chitinized and provided with a pair of apical teeth. Both cardines and stipites are well developed. In the labium the ligula consists of a pair of rather fleshy paraglosse and, between the latter, lie the very small pointed glossæ: the labial palpi are 3-jointed. The hypopharynx is large and its dorsal surface is covered with minute pectinate scales.

The prothorax is narrower than the head, and a deep transverse sulcus cuts off the anterior portion of the pronotum from the remainder. The meso- and meta-thorax are sub-equal in size and broader than long in the male, but elongate and narrower in the female. The fore-legs are stout, the middle pair are reduced in size, and the hind pair resemble those of leaping insects owing to their swollen femora. The tarsi are always three jointed: the first joint of the anterior pair is inflated at all stages of life and in both sexes.

The two pairs of wings (Fig. 283) are almost identical in size and shape and only differ in unimportant details with regard to the venation—a similarity which finds a parallel among the Isoptera. The wing membrane is smoky in colour, with narrow hyaline areas running in a longitudinal manner.
between the principal veins, giving the wings a very characteristic appearance. After the last ecdysis the newly expanded wings are clear and subsequently assume the fuscous coloration, the hyaline areas remaining unmodified. The surface of the wings is clothed with microtrichia, together with macrotrichia distributed along and between the veins. The radial vein is always greatly thickened, thus serving to strengthen the anterior portion of the wing; the remaining veins are for the most part weakly defined, exhibiting reduction and degeneration (Fig. 288). The venation is seen in its most generalized condition in *Donaconethis*, but even in this genus reduction is evident, as *R* is only 3-branched and *M* is represented by a single fork. In the Oligotomidae the venation is greatly reduced and markedly degenerate: *R*₄₊₅ is represented by a mere spur, *M* has practically disappeared and *Cu* is unbranched. Traces of a former more complete venation are evident as slight thickenings of the wing membrane.

The abdomen is composed of 10 evident terga: in the females, and the immature forms of both sexes, the 10th tergum is entire but in the adult males it is divided into a pair of asymmetrical plates. One or both of these plates is drawn out into a horny process of variable form. In *Clothoda* (S. America) the 10th tergum of the male is entire and symmetrical as in the female. A pair of 2-jointed cerci are present at the apex of the abdomen and, as a general rule, the left cercus in the male is modified basally and the pair is asymmetrical in consequence. In *Clothoda*, however, the cerci are unmodified, and these organs exhibit also only slight asymmetry in the Oligotomidae. Each cercus is borne upon a basal plate, and these plates are universally present in the females and immature forms of both sexes. Among the males they have disappeared in certain of the more specialized forms. Morphologically they are probably to be regarded as vestiges of an 11th segment. Ten sternum are present, although this number is not always evident and, in the Oligotomidae, the 1st sternum in the female is largely aborted. In the immature forms of both sexes, and the females, the 10th sternum is divided into two symmetrical plates. In the males the 9th sternum is a composite plate apparently formed by the fusion of the 9th and 10th sterna, and is usually asymmetrical in form. The female genital aperture is placed on the hind border of the 8th sternum,
the latter functioning as the subgenital plate. In the male the composite 9th sternum is the subgenital plate.

**Internal Anatomy.**—The internal organization of the Embioptera needs fuller investigation as its general features are mainly known from fragmentary accounts by Grassi and Sandias (1897–98) and Melander (1903). It is evident, however, from the descriptions of these observers that it is a generalized type. The *alimentary canal* is an almost straight tube from the mouth to the anus. The mouth leads into a small buccal cavity which is lined with backwardly directed denticles. This is succeeded by a narrow pharynx, and the remainder of the fore-intestine consists of a large dilated oesophagus and crop. The mid-intestine is a long tubular chamber which narrows somewhat posteriorly. The hind-intestine consists of a slightly coiled ileum, a very short colon and a dilated rectum, the latter being provided with six cushion-like rectal papillae. *Malpighian tubes* are variable in number: in adult individuals there are about 20–24 of these organs. A pair of large *salivary glands* and reservoirs are present in the thorax, and their ducts unite anteriorly to form a common canal which opens on the floor of the mouth. The *nervous system* consists of a rather small supra-oesophageal ganglion, a sub-oesophageal ganglion, and a chain of three thoracic and seven abdominal ganglia, which are united throughout by double connectives: the visceral system is also well developed. The *tracheal system* communicates with the exterior by means of ten pairs of spiracles which belong to the meso- and meta-thorax, and first eight abdominal segments respectively. The tracheae anastomose by longitudinal and transverse branches. The *reproductive organs* exhibit indications of a primitive segmental arrangement recalling that found in certain of the Thysanura. Each ovary consists of five (panoistic?) ovarioles which open at intervals along the course of the oviduct: there is a short vagina which receives the aperture of a large spermatheca. There are similarly five testes on either side, which are disposed successively along the course of the vas deferens. The latter tube dilates posteriorly to form a vesicula seminalis and ultimately unites with its fellow to form a common ejaculatory duct: two pairs of accessory glands are also present.

**Post-embryonic Growth** (Fig. 289).—Metamorphosis is wanting in the females and comparatively slight in the case of the males. The newly hatched young of both sexes do not differ in any important characters from the female parent and, in individuals of the latter sex, the whole postembryonic development is one of simple growth, unaccompanied by structural change. In the males, the nymphs do not differ from the newly hatched young until the appearance of the wing-buds, when the thorax also undergoes correlated changes. The characteristic asymmetry of the terminal abdominal segments is only assumed with the final ecdysis.

**Classification.**—About 60 species of Embioptera have been described and of these about 42 have been based upon an acquaintance with one sex only, almost always the male. Among recent authorities both Krauss (1911) and Enderlein (1912) have monographed the order but these two
writers differ radically with regard to classification and synonymy. The system of Enderlein is followed below:

**FAM. I. EMBIIDÆ.**—\( R_{4+5} \) BIFURCATE, EITHER IN BOTH WINGS OR ONLY IN THE HIND PAIR. CERCI IN MALE EITHER SYMMETRICAL OR WITH THE LEFT ONE MODIFIED: 10th TERGUM ENTIRE IN BOTH SEXES OR, MORE USUALLY, DIVIDED INTO TWO ASYMMETRICAL PLATES IN THE MALE: 1ST ABDOMINAL STERNUM PRESENT IN THE FEMALE. Clothoda, Embia, Rhagadochir, etc.

**FAM. II. OLIGOTOMIDÆ.**—\( R_{4+5} \) VESTIGIAL IN BOTH WINGS. CERCI IN MALE BUT LITTLE MODIFIED, ALMOST SYMMETRICAL: 10th TERGUM IN MALE DIVIDED INTO TWO PLATES WHICH ARE PRODUCED INTO A PAIR OF ASYMMETRICAL PROCESSES: 1ST ABDOMINAL STERNUM VESTIGIAL IN FEMALE. Oligotoma.

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Order 9. **Psocoptera** (Booklice and their allies)

Winged or apterous insects of small or minute size, with rather long 9- or more jointed antennae; y-shaped epicranial suture present; mouth-parts of the biting type. Thoracic segments clearly defined; wings membranous, anterior pair the larger with extensive pterostigma. Venation specialized by reduction, cross-veins seldom present. Tarsi 2- or 3-jointed. Cerci very short or atrophied; ovipositor absent. Metamorphosis gradual or wanting.

The Psocoptera as defined above include the Zoraptera and Psocida which have been regarded as separate orders. The affinities of the Zoraptera are evidently near to the Psocida and, as regards the venation, closely approach that of the genus *Archipsocytus* (vide Crampton, 1922).

Sub-order I. **Zoraptera**.—Insects with moniliform 9-jointed antennae. Maxillae normal, labial palpi 3-jointed. Wings, when present, capable of being shed by means of basal fractures; prothorax well developed; tarsi 2-jointed. Cerci very short, 1-jointed.

The first Zoraptera were described by Silvestri in 1913, among insects obtained from W. Africa, Ceylon and Java. More recently, Caudell has brought to light additional species from Texas, Florida and Bolivia. The known species belong to the genus *Zorotypus* which constitutes the family Zorotypidæ: they are minute insects, less than 3 mm. long, and the alate forms have a wing-expanse of about 7 mm. They occur under bark in decaying wood, humus, etc.; the two N. American representatives are generally found near the galleries of termites, but not usually living with those insects. The oriental and ethiopian species are known from apterous individuals only, but those from N. America are represented by winged and apterous forms in each instance. A third form, termed the

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*Fig. 290. Zorotypus guineensis, Africa.*

apterous unchitinized adult, is recognized by Caudell, but it does not appear to differ from the ordinary apterous chitinized form in any morphological characters.

The mouth-parts of the Zoraptera are of a generalized type (Fig. 292). The mandibles are more or less quadrangular and adapted for mastication: the maxillae do not call for special mention and their palpi are 5-jointed: the labium is characterized by the completely divided prementum, and 3-jointed palpi. The winged individuals possess compound eyes and ocelli, but both types of visual organs are wanting in the apterous forms. The wings are capable of being shed as in termites, but the fractures are not very definitely located, nevertheless they are situated near the bases of the veins. The wing-stumps persist in dealated individuals as in termites. The venation (Fig. 291) is greatly specialized by reduction and according to Crampton (1922) it approaches that of the Psocida. The abdomen is 10-segmented and genitalia are wanting in the female: in the male, genitalia are described by Crampton in Z. hubbardii. There are ten pairs of spiracles, two being thoracic and the remainder abdominal in position. The internal structure of Z. ceylonicus has been partially investigated by Silvestri (1913). The digestive system is characterized by the large crop which extends backwards to about the 5th abdominal segment; the stomach is an ovoid obliquely disposed sac, and the hind-intestine is convoluted. According to Silvestri there are probably six Malpighian tubes. The nervous system is highly specialized, there being three thoracic and only two abdominal ganglia, the first of the latter being located in the thorax. The testes are ovoid paired bodies communicating by slender vasa deferentia with an ejaculatory duct: the female organs are so far undescribed.

From a general consideration of the structure of both winged and apterous forms, and from the fact that a colonial life is known to take place it appears possible, from the analogy of the Isoptera, that the differences in the imagines are those of caste. There is no evidence, however, relative to the occurrence of castes of sterile individuals, but at the present time next to nothing is known concerning the economy of these insects. In their affinities they appear to have relationships with the Isoptera, on the one hand, and, as already stated, with the Plecoptera and Psocida on the other.

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Sub-order 2. **Psocida.** *(Copeognatha: Booklice and their allies).—*

**INSECTS WITH LONG FILIFORM ANTENNAE, OF II— TO ABOUT 50 JOINTS.**

**MAXILLA SINGLE-LOBED ENSHWEATING AN ELONGATE ROD:** **LABIAL PALPI MUCH REDUCED.** **PROTHORAX GENERALLY SMALL:** **TARSI 2— OR 3— JOINTED.** **CERCI WANTING.**

The Psocida are small or minute insects with rather soft, stout bodies and, in many cases, with delicate membranous wings. Individuals or generations of the winged species sometimes occur with the alary organs rudimentary; in other cases the micropterous condition appears to be an attribute of the female, and there are further species in which the possession of rudimentary wings is a constant feature in both sexes. Among the Atropidae most of the species never possess any traces of wings. Several of the latter insects are familiar to the non-entomological observer and are common among accumulations of books and papers, in uninhabited and other apartments, being known as booklice or dustlice. They feed upon the paste of book-bindings, on paper, fragments of animal and decaying vegetable matter. Flour, meal and other cereal products are also frequently resorted to while, at times, collections of insects, and other dried natural history specimens, suffer from depredations by Psocids. These insects sometimes occur in houses in such numbers as to constitute a pest, and are usually introduced in the stuffing of mattresses etc. They are also often abundant among straw and chaff in barns. The majority of Psocids, including the alate species, occur out of doors and are to be met with on tree-trunks, under bark, on weathered palings and walls, in birds' nests, etc., and often in situations where there are growths of lichen or moss: others are found among vegetation. They live on fragments of animal or vegetable matter, particularly on fungi and lichens: some species pass their whole lives among fungi of various kinds. *Cecilius flavidus* (vide Scott, *Journ. Bd. Agric.* 14, 1907) fréquents les branches de larch and other* trees, often those affected with canker. The insects carry large numbers of fungus spores about their bodies and, according to Scott, they act as agents for disseminating disease. Many Psocids live gregariously and clusters of individuals, of various ages, are sometimes met with on bark, each colony being covered by a canopy of fine silken threads. The winged forms are curiously reluctant to take to flight. At times, however, they fly in considerable numbers and drift through the air after the manner of winged aphids. They have occasionally been recorded as occurring in buildings in large swarms, the commonest species concerned being *Pierodela pedicularia* L.

**External Anatomy.**—The head (Fig. 293) is large and very mobile, with the epicranial sutures more or less distinct. The compound eyes are markedly convex and protrude from the surface of the head: in *Troctes* they are vestigial and reduced to two small groups of ommatidia. Three ocelli are present in the winged species but these organs are wanting in the apterous forms. The *labrum* is well developed and attached to the *anteclypeus*: the *postclypeus* (prefrons of some authors) is a conspicuous sclerite often presenting an inflated appearance. The *antennae* are long and filiform:
they are frequently 13-jointed, but the number of joints may be as low as eleven or as high as fifty. The mouth-parts (Fig. 294) have been investigated by Burgess (1878) and Ribaga (1900). The mandibles are relatively large and strong, each with a broad striated molar area and a denticulated cutting edge. The maxillae and labium are considerably modified and, in the absence of developmental evidence, the homologies of certain of their parts are largely conjectural. In the maxilla, the galea is a large fleshy 2-jointed lobe borne by a reduced stipes and there is a 4-jointed palpus. The most characteristic organ is the so-called "lacinia" (styliform appendage of Ribaga) which is represented on either side by a hard elongate rod, slightly bifurcated at its free extremity, and ensheathed by the galea. It has no articulation of any kind with the body of the maxilla, and this fact, together with certain peculiarities of its muscular connections, has led some writers to regard it as an independent structure, not homologous with any portion of a typical maxilla. Functionally, it is probably used as a kind of pick for rasping off fragments of bark and other plant-tissue. In the labium, the mentum is oblong, the prementum is divided and the ligula carries a pair of membranous paraglossae. The inner lobes or glossae are represented by a pair of minute structures forming the external conduit of the spinning glands. The labial palpi are reduced to the condition of single or, rarely, 2-jointed lobes. The hypopharynx is well developed and its complex structure has received diverse explanations. On the ventral aspect it bears a pair of chitinized plates—the so-called "lingual glands," but these parts appear to have no glandular structures associated with them. On its dorso-lateral aspect, the hypopharynx bears a pair of delicate lobes or superlinguae. In the floor of the pharynx there is a peculiar esophageal sclerite homologous with a similar structure in Mallophaga.

The thorax is characterized by the great reduction of the prothorax in the winged species, where it is largely concealed between the head and mesothorax. In the apterous forms the prothorax is larger, while the tergites of the meso- and meta-thorax are united into a continuous shield.
The wings (Fig. 295) are membranous with prominent although reduced venation: the anterior pair is considerably the larger and the wings, when not in use, are steeply inclined in a roof-like manner over the body, with the hind margins uppermost. In some species the wings are conspicuously marbled and these organs together with the body and appendages may bear scales of varied form not unlike those of Lepidoptera. The venation is discussed in detail by Enderlein (1903) and Tillyard (1923): a pterostigma is present on the fore-wing, and there is a reduction in the branches of the principal veins: Sc is unbranched, R and M are each normally 3-branched and there is a fusion of the main stems of M and Cu. In the hind-wing reduction is carried still further, M being represented as a rule by a single branch. In Psocus, and other genera, the wings are effectively braced on account of the somewhat tortuous courses of the veins, and there is a striking absence of cross veins. The latter exist, however, in certain members of the order.

The abdomen is 10-segmented but the sternum of the first segment has atrophied. There are no cerci and the male genitalia are only slightly developed and not prominent.

According to Ribaga there are three pairs of large thoracic spiracles and a pair on each of the first six abdominal segments.

**Internal Anatomy.** — Much of what is known concerning the internal anatomy of the Psocida is due to Ribaga. In the digestive system the esophagus is elongate and extends into the abdomen, the stomach is sharply curved and U-shaped and leads into a very short unconvoluted hind-intestine: the Malpighian tubes are four in number. Two pairs of elongate tubular glands are described by Bertkau and by Ribaga: the former investigator also mentions a pair of spheroidal glands but their existence is not confirmed by Ribaga. Both pairs of tubular glands extend into the abdomen, and their ducts converge in the head to open along the middle line of the labium. The shorter pair of these organs are regarded by Ribaga as spinning glands and the longer pair, which have a somewhat different histological structure, are regarded by him as being salivary glands. The spinning glands provide silken threads which form the webs often associated with colonies of these insects. The nervous system is highly concentrated: in addition to the brain and subesophageal ganglion there are only three other ganglionic centres. The first of these belongs to the prothorax, the meso- and meta-thoracic ganglia are fused into a common centre, and the single abdominal ganglion has shifted forwards so as to lie partly in the thorax. The connectives are extremely short but are double throughout their course. A pair of large abdominal nerves extend to the posterior extremity of the body. The female reproductive organs are of an extremely simple type: each ovary consists of four or five polytrophic ovarioles, the oviducts are very short and a small globular spermatheca opens into the dorsal aspect of the vagina. A peculiar type of accessory gland was des-
scribed by Nitsche in *Clothilla* many years ago: it contains from one to four small sacs each opening by a narrow canal into a common duct. The male reproductive organs consist of a pair of simple ovoid testes which are connected with short vasa deferentia. In *Trichopsocus* the latter open into a complex copulatory sac divided into two chambers which are enclosed in a common muscular coat. One of these chambers receives the spermatozoa while the other apparently has a secretory function of some kind. The two chambers communicate by means of a single aperture with the base of the copulatory organ. In *Atropos* there is a pair of elongate vesiculae seminales which are coiled in a compact manner; in the first-mentioned genus small accessory glands are also present.

Post-embryonic Growth.—The development of Psocida after eclosion from the egg has not been followed in detail (Fig. 296). The changes involved are evidently slight and the young nymphs closely resemble their parents. The eggs of some species have been observed to be laid in small groups on bark or leaves and are protected by a delicate meshwork of silken threads. The number of generations in a year has not been ascertained.

Classification.—About 300 species of Psocida are described and of these less than forty have been recognized in Britain. A general work on the British forms is greatly needed and little has been added to what is known concerning them since M'Lachlan's paper (1867). The order may be divided as follows, but its taxonomy needs much fuller investigation.

Superfam. I. **Trimera**—Tarsi 3-JOINTED. This division includes both winged and apterous forms. In *Atropos* (*Clothilla*) wing-rudiments are present on the mesothorax only, while *Troctes* is entirely apterous. The most familiar species is *Troctes divinatorius*, which is common among collections of books, etc. The power of producing a ticking noise has long been attributed to this species which has earned the name of the "death watch." It is difficult, however, to understand how so small and soft-bodied an animal can produce a sound audible to man, such sound being more often due to Anobiid beetles. *Atropos pulsatoria* occurs in similar situations and is known as the "lesser death watch." Included in this division of the Psocida are the families Trocticæ, Atropidae, Lepidopsocidae, Mesopsocidae, Myopsocidae, Psocillidae and Amphientomidae.

Superfam. II. **Dinera**—Tarsi 2-JOINTED. Many of the common winged members of the sub-order are included in this division, which comprises the three families Cocilliidae, Psocidae and Thyrsophoridae.
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Order 10. **ANOPLEURA** (Biting Lice and Sucking Lice)

Small flattened apterous insects living as ectoparasites of birds and mammals. Antennæ short, 3- to 5-jointed; eyes reduced or atrophied, ocelli wanting. Mouth-parts highly modified and adapted either for biting or piercing. Thoracic segments more or less fused. Legs short, tarsi 1- or 2-jointed, feet adapted for clinging to the host. Abdomen without cerci. Metamorphosis wanting.

The Anopleura live continuously in all their stages on warm-blooded animals, cementing their eggs to the hair or feathers (or clothing in man). They are divided into two naturally demarcated sub-orders—the Mallophaga and Siphunculata, the former being more especially parasites of birds while the latter are exclusively found on mammals. These two groups are commonly regarded as separate orders but the trend of modern research clearly indicates that they are sufficiently closely related to merit their union into one order. This essential fact is recognized, for example, by Harrison and by Nuttall, who adopt the name Anopleura of Leach for the order thus constituted, and revive Meinert’s term Siphunculata for the Anopleura of most writers. Several authorities including Enderlein (1904) have placed the Siphunculata among the Hemiptera, mainly on account of their piercing mouth-parts. Too much stress, however, has been laid upon this one feature to the exclusion of other characters. The Mallophaga and Anopleura have so many morphological features in common that it is scarcely probable that such characters have arisen independently in the two groups. Mjoberg (1910) and Harrison (1916a) have presented a detailed comparison of the two suborders, organ for organ, and contributed much towards placing their intimate phylogenetic relationships on a sound basis. The Mallophaga and Siphunculata are treated separately below.

Sub-order 1. **MALLOPHAGA** (Lipoptera: Biting lice or bird lice)

Insects living as ectoparasites mainly of birds, less frequently of mammals. Eyes reduced. Mouth-parts of a modified biting type: maxillary palpi 4-jointed or wanting; ligula undivided or 2-lobed, labial palpi rudimentary, prothorax evident, free: meso- and meta-thorax often imperfectly separated: tarsi 1- or 2-jointed, terminated by single or paired claws. Thoracic spiracles ventral.

The Mallophaga are very small or small (‘5 to 6 mm. long), flat-bodied, active insects entirely adapted for an ectoparasitic life. The majority of the species infest birds and a smaller number occur on mammals. Unlike the Siphunculata, Mallophaga never directly suck blood but live on fragments of feathers, hair, and other epidermal products. Their food consequently consists of dry and nearly or quite dead cuticular substances, which they bite off by means of their strong sharp-edged mandibles. They
do not, however, neglect casual opportunities of imbibing blood as, for instance, when a bird is shot. When birds are badly infested with Mallophaga bare areas of the skin often appear where the feathers have been eaten through, or fallen out. The greatest amount of injury entailed by the hosts apparently does not come from the feeding habits of these insects, but from irritation of the skin, caused by the scratching action of the claws of the feet, during the migrations of the lice over the body. When a single bird is infested by some hundreds of these parasites, as is frequently the case, it becomes so irritated that it takes little food or rest, grows weakly and thin, and is less able to resist disease. The dust-baths taken by poultry and many wild birds are chiefly to rid themselves of Mallophaga.

Kellogg, who is the principal authority on the sub-order, states that when a bird is shot, the Mallophaga on it die from two hours to two or three days afterwards: in rare cases living lice are found on the drying bird-skin after one week. On such a likely place as an ocean rock, from which he had just scared away hundreds of perching sea-birds, no Mallophaga could be found. Migration therefore probably takes place while the bodies of the hosts are in contact. The whole existence of these insects is passed upon the body of the bird or mammal, the temperature of which is relatively constant. Their life-histories are very simple. The small elongate eggs are glued separately to the feather or hair, as the case may be, and from them the nymphs very soon hatch. The young closely resemble their parents except in size, and to some degree in markings, and they partake of the same kind of food. They moult several times and in a few weeks attain maturity. Both Kellogg and Harrison have commented on the very remarkable correspondence which exists between certain of the species-groups of these insects coming from definite host-groups. Thus, the Mallophagan parasites of hawks, ducks, pigeons or shore-birds constitute well-defined groups, the distribution of which is confined to, in most cases, a single host-order. Kellogg comes to the conclusion that the near relationship of hosts, in cases of parasitic species under circumstances eliminating the possibility of migration from one host-species to another, is due to the persistence of the parasitic species unchanged from the time of the common ancestor of the two or more, now distinct but closely allied, species or even genera of birds. Owing to their uniformity of food and habit, and the absence of apparently any marked struggle for existence, the stimulus to a rapid differentiation among Mallophaga is wanting.

It has been suggested that these insects might possibly prove of some
aid in bird-phylogeny. Thus Harrison (Parasitology, 1915) finds that *Aptericolana*, which is a normal parasite of the ratite bird *Apteryx*, is at most only a sub-genus of *Rallicolana* which is a universal parasite of rails. The Mallophaga of the remaining Rattitae have nothing in common with those of *Apteryx*. The inference which he draws from these conclusions is that *Apteryx* is more closely related to the Ralli than to any other living birds. The possibility of this relationship has been independently foreshadowed by such authorities on avian morphology as Fürbinger and Gadow.

The most notorious member of the order is the common chicken-lice *Menopon pallidurn*. Ducks are infested by several species, among which a common form is *Philopterus dentatus*. Pigeons are almost always infested by an elongate and very slender louse, *Lipeurus baculus*. The species living on domestic mammals belong to the genus *Trichodectes*; thus the dog is often infested by *T. canis* and cats by *T. subrostratus*. Horses and donkeys harbour several species while *T. bovis* troubles cattle all over the world. Comparatively few species of *Trichodectes* have been recorded from wild mammals but they have been found on such dissimilar animals as bears, porcupines, beavers and deer.

**External Anatomy.**—The body is usually very much flattened dorso-ventrally with the integument well chitinized. Over the abdomen the tergal, pleural, and sternal regions are separated by very distinct areas of membrane. The *head* is large and horizontal, and situated closely upon the prothorax. The *antennae* differ very markedly in the two sub-orders; in the Amblycera they are generally capitate, and concealed in deep fossae, while among the Ischnocera they are filiform and exserted. The *mouth-parts* (Snodgrass, 1896; 1905) are of the biting type with large dentate mandibles, which differ in their insertion in the two sub-orders (Fig. 299). Among the Amblycera they lie parallel with the ventral surface of the head, so that each condyle is ventral and the ginglymus dorsal. In the Ischnocera each mandible is inserted more or less at right angles with the head, the condyle being posterior and the ginglymus anterior. The *maxillae* are single-lobed and lack differentiation into the usual sclerites; they are, furthermore, attached to the lateral margins of the labium and, for this reason, their palpi were formerly regarded as belonging to that region. In certain genera a pair of minute forked rods have been described, but are very fragile and easily overlooked. They are evidently homologous with similar, but more prominent, organs which are characteristic of the Psocida. The maxillary palpi are 4-jointed in the Amblycera and wanting in the Ischnocera. The *labium* is composed, basally, of a submentum and mentum; the palpi are reduced to small lobes, and the ligula is either entire or represented by a pair of fleshy processes, probably homologous with paraglossae. One of the most characteristic buccal organs is the *cesophageal sclerite* (vide
Cummings, 1913) which is a greatly developed thickening of the chitinous lining of the anterior part of the esophagus. The body of it is shield-shaped or oval with a pair of antero-lateral arms. A complex type of hypopharynx is present and associated with it, in most genera, is a pair of ovoid plates with rod-like stalks. The ovoid plates have often been termed lingual glands, but direct evidence of their possessing any glandular structure is not forthcoming. They closely resemble the corresponding parts in the Psocoptera, and are regarded by Enderlein (1903) as being superlinguae. A curious trachea-like structure arises from the esophageal sclerite and divides into two branches, one branch uniting with each of the plates previously alluded to.

In the thorax, the meso- and metanota are frequently united, but among the Amblycera a sutural line separates the two segments. The legs are very similar throughout the order and the tarsi commonly bear a pair of claws, but in Trichodectes and Gyropus, which infest mammals, the claws are single.

The number of abdominal segments in the adult is usually nine, although ten may be present during post-embryonic development. The genital opening in both sexes is situated within a chamber formed by the invaginated body-wall. Genitalia are wanting in the female but, in the male, the aedeagus is often an organ of complex structure, and the genitalia are formed as chitinizations of its walls (vide Snodgrass, 1899).  

**Internal Anatomy.**—A general description of the internal organs is given by Snodgrass (1899). The alimentary canal (Fig. 300A) is either an almost straight tube, or slightly convoluted, but always comparatively short. It is characterized by the well-developed crop, the large mid-intestine, and short simple hind-intestine. A pair of large enteric ceca extend as outgrowths of the stomach on either side of the crop. There are four Malpighian tubes and a whorl of six prominent

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**Fig. 299. Mouth-parts of Mallophaga.** A, mandibles. B, maxilla (Lambholkriinn). C, labium and maxillae (Ancistrona).  

**Fig. 300.** A, digestive system of Eurymeleopus laurus.  

3. salivary glands; 4. supplementary glands.  

B, male reproductive organs of Physostomum diffusum.  

rectal papillae. Among the Amblycera, the crop is a simple expansion of the oesophagus: in the Ischnocera it is greatly developed, and is either connected with the gut by means of a narrow duct-like tube, as in Trichodectes, or assumes a more or less fusiform shape, and extends into the body-cavity to one side of the alimentary canal. Salivary glands are well developed and consist of two pairs, or of one pair of glands and a pair of reservoirs. In either case, they are situated alongside the fore intestine, and the two pairs of ducts unite to form a common canal opening into the floor of the pharynx. Among the Ischnocera there is also a pair of supplementary glands whose ducts open one on either side into the oesophagus at the mouth of the duct of the crop, or directly into the latter organ. The nervous system is highly specialized: in Eurymetopus taurus the brain is laterally expanded in such a manner as to be U-shaped, the suboesophageal ganglion is exceptionally large, and is united with the thoracic chain by means of short thick connectives. The thoracic ganglia are three in number and connectives are wanting: there are no ganglia in the abdomen, the latter region being innervated from the metathoracic ganglion. The tracheal system (vide Harrison, 1915) is disposed in two main trunks, opening to the exterior by means of seven pairs of spiracles (Fig. 298): of the latter, the first pair is prothoracic, and the remainder are abdominal and situated typically on segments 3 to 8 or, more rarely, on segments 2 to 7. In Trimenopon and Gliricola there are five pairs of abdominal spiracles located on segments 3 to 7. The heart (vide Fulmek, Zool. Anz. 29) is situated in the 7th and 8th or 8th segment of the abdomen. It is an extremely short chamber provided with 2 or 3 pairs of ostia, and is continued forwards as the aorta: the latter is swollen into a bulbus arteriosus at its junction with the heart. The female reproductive organs consist of a pair of ovaries, each organ being usually composed of five panoistic ovarioles: in the Amblycera there is a tendency to reduction, and the ovarioles may be restricted to three. The common oviduct leads into a vagina and the latter opens behind the 7th sternum. In Eurymetopus a globular accessory gland and a spermatheca communicate with the vagina, but both organs are wanting, for example, in Menopon. With regard to the male reproductive organs (Fig. 300B), the testes are composed of three (Amblycera) or two (Ischnocera) ovoid or pyriform follicles, which are quite separate from one another. Those of a side communicate with the corresponding vas deferens, and the two latter canals frequently discharge into the vesicula seminalis. This organ is compact and bilobed, often large, and is continuous distally with a tortuous ejaculatory duct.

Classification.—About 1,700 species of Mallophaga are known, and for their taxonomy reference should be made to the important works of Piaget (1880) and Kellogg (1908). Harrison (1916) has contributed a revised list of the genera and species of the world, and the British species have been monographed in the now antiquated volume of Denny (1842). Descriptions of the more important species affecting domestic animals will be found in textbooks of parasitology, notably those of Raillet, Neumann, Neveu-Lemaire and others.

The Mallophaga fall into two well-defined superfamilies and four principal families.

SIPHUNCULATA

(1)—Tarsi single-clawed; infesting mammals. *Gyropus.*
(2)—Tarsi with paired claws; infesting birds (with a few exceptions). *Menopon* (Fig. 297B), *Trinoton.*

Superfamily II. *Ischnocera.*—Antennae filiform, 3 to 5-jointed, exposed. *Gyropus.*


(3)—Antennae 5-jointed; tarsi with paired claws; infesting birds. *Docophorus, Lipeurus* (Fig. 207A), *Goniodes.*

LIOTHEIDÆ

(4)—Antennae 3-jointed; tarsi single-clawed; infesting mammals. *Trichodectes.*

PHILOPTERIDÆ

Sub-order II. SIPHUNCULATA (Anopleura of most writers: Sucking Lice.)

INSECTS LIVING AS ECTOPARASITES OF MAMMALS. EYES REDUCED OR ABSENT. MOUTH-PARTS HIGHLY MODIFIED FOR PIERCING AND SUCKING, RETRACTED WITHIN THE HEAD WHEN NOT IN USE. THORACIC SEGMENTS FUSED: TARSI 1-JOINTED, CLAWS SINGLE. THORACIC SPIRACLES DORSAL.

The insects included in this sub-order are exclusively blood-sucking ectoparasites of mammals and somewhere about 120 species have been described. Of these, two species infest man and about a dozen occur on domestic animals: the remainder have been taken from a wide range of mammals including monkeys, rabbits, mice, seals, elephants, etc. There is no doubt that the greater number of species are, as yet, undescribed and only a beginning has so far been made in the study of these insects.

Kellogg (*Science, 1913, p. 601*) has discussed the close physiological relationships between certain of these parasites and the specific blood characters of their hosts. Work by means of precipitin tests, and the study of the crystallizable proteins (hemoglobin), has emphasized the similarity of the blood in closely related mammals, and its dissimilarity in the more distantly related species. The conclusions derived from these lines of investigation are supported by the very definite host-relations of these parasites.

The best known species of Siphunculata is *Pediculus humanus* L., the common louse of man (Fig. 301). It infests people living under unhygienic conditions and who, through neglect or force of circumstances, go for a number of days without any change of clothing. This insect exists in at least two races which were formerly regarded as separate species; they are *P. humanus capitis* de G., the head louse, and *P. humanus corporis* de G. (*vestimenti Nitz.*), the body louse. Of the two races, typical examples of *capitis* are the smaller and darker, the antennae are thicker and the divisions between the abdominal segments more strongly marked. This race occurs on the head, laying its eggs on the hair. The race *corporis* is typically composed of larger individuals, which are paler than *capitis,* with the antennae more slender, and the divisions between the abdominal segments less pronounced. It occurs more especially among the folds and seams of underclothing, passing to the skin when it desires to feed: the eggs are either laid in the
clothing or attached to the body hair. The two races interbreed freely under experimental conditions and are known to be fertile through several generations. Furthermore, when the race *capitis* is reared under conditions suited to *corporis* it loses its distinctive morphological characters and, after four or more generations, acquires those of the latter race. There is reason to believe that *capitis* is the more primitive race and that *corporis* is derived from it in adaptation to the acquisition of clothing by its host.

The louse lays up to about 300 eggs, which are usually deposited at the rate of 8 to 12 daily. Each egg is fastened to a hair or fibre, by means of a cementing substance, and the young insect emerges by pushing open an operculum at the anterior pole. It appears that, with the natural body-heat of the host, when there is no change of clothing next the skin, the incubation period is about a week. Three ecdyses occur during the life of the insect, and development is one of simple growth, unaccompanied by any changes sufficiently pronounced to constitute metamorphosis. The length of the life-cycle is dependent upon temperature, facilities for feeding, etc.; probably on an average about seven weeks intervene between the time of hatching and the death of the adult insect.

*Pediculus humanus* is concerned with the transmission of more human diseases than any other insect. Typhus fever is the most virulent of these maladies and its causative organism is carried by both races of the louse. If the insect imbibes blood from a typhus patient, in 7 to 11 days afterwards, it is capable of transmitting the disease to another human being by means of punctures of the skin made by the mouth-parts. Subsequent research has demonstrated that the excreta of infected lice may also cause infection, through abrasions of the skin, and the crushed bodies of lice may transmit the disease in a similar manner. During the European War, 1914–19, the complaint known as trench fever occurred in practically all the chief areas of fighting, and it has been proved to be transmitted indirectly by this insect. The malady is chiefly spread by the excreta of the louse which contain large numbers of the causative agent. The disease appears to be usually contracted by the excreta of the insect infecting abrasions of the skin, but a healthy human being may even contract the complaint should the dried excreta come in contact with the eye membranes, while clothes, etc., are being shaken. Relapsing fever can also be conveyed to man by the louse and, should an example of the latter containing the spirochete of this disease in a particular phase of development, be crushed upon the skin, which is commonly excoriated by the self-inflicted scratches of the individual harbouring lice, that individual can in this manner become infected. This disease, similarly to trench fever, is not known to be directly transmitted by the punctures of infected lice. During the last ten years the literature on *Pediculus humanus* has assumed extensive proportions. For a general account of its biology and relation to disease, vide Lloyd (1918) and the papers of Nuttall (1917, 1917A, 1917B, 1919), also recent works on medical entomology. So far as known the genus comprises this species only, which is confined to man and certain monkeys and apes. *P. schaffi* Fahren., from the chimpanzee, and other reputed species, are probably to be regarded as races of *P. humanus*.

The only other genus of Siphunculata infesting man is *Phthirius*, whose single species *P. pubis* Leach is commonly known as the crab louse. This insect is usually confined to the pubic and peri-anal region and is not known to serve as the vector of any infective disease. The eggs resemble those of *Pediculus* in their general features and method of attachment to the body-
hairs. According to Nuttall (1918) the eggs hatch in situ in six to eight days, the insects pass through three ecdyses, and the total life-cycle from the time the eggs are laid until the adults are mature and ready for oviposition is 22 to 27 days.

Among other genera of the sub-order one of the most prevalent is Hæmatopinus which is mostly parasitic upon ungulates: H. suis (Fig. 305) is the well-known hog louse which occurs on domestic and wild pigs in many parts of the world (vide Florence, 1921): H. tuberculatus is found on the buffalo in E. Europe and the orient, and H. eurysternus occurs on domestic cattle and may, at times, prove a pest. Species of Polyplax find their hosts among the Muridce, and P. spinulosus transmits Trypanosoma lewisi from rat to rat. Echinophirius, and its allies, exclusively infest marine mammals (seals, sea-lions and walruses), and the anomalous genus Hæmatomyzus occurs only on elephants.

**External Anatomy.**—The body of a louse is dorso-ventrally flattened and only the abdomen is distinctly segmented. The head is more or less

![Diagrammatic Longitudinal Section of the Head of Pediculus](image)

**FIG. 302. DIAGRAMMATIC LONGITUDINAL SECTION OF THE HEAD OF PEDICULUS.**

b, brain; bf, buccal funnel; ds, dorsal stylet; h, rostrum; ld, left ramus of dorsal stylet; ldv, lvv, left dorsal and ventral rami of ventral stylet; oe, oesophagus; ph, pharynx; phl, pharyngeal tube; s, stylet sac; st, sac tube; vs, ventral stylet. Adapted from Peacock, *Parasitology*, 12.

conical and pointed and, in Hæmatomyzus, it is prolonged anteriorly into a kind of tube, which carries the mouth at its apex. The antennæ are short and 3- to 5-jointed in *Pediculus* and *Phthirius* they are 3-jointed in the first instar, but afterwards become 5-jointed, and in *Pedicinus* they are 3-jointed throughout life. The eyes are reduced and often aborted but are relatively well developed in *Pediculus*.

The mouth-parts (Fig. 302) are extremely difficult to investigate owing to their minute size and delicacy of structure: they are highly modified for piercing and sucking, and little is definitely known with respect to the homologies of the various parts. They have been described by Enderlein (1904), Pawlowsky (1906), Peacock (1918), and others, but the various accounts contain many discrepancies. The description of the mouth-parts of *Pediculus* given by the last-mentioned author is largely followed in the present work. In the resting condition the mouth-parts are entirely retracted within the head and it is necessary, therefore, to refer to certain features of the internal anatomy. If a transverse section be taken across the head, in front of the insertions of the antennæ, two separate canals are
seen in the middle line, one above the other. The upper canal is the fore-intestine and the lower one is the stylet-sac. The fore-intestine, in this region, is termed by Peacock the *buccal funnel*: it opens to the exterior at the apex of a very short rostrum which carries a series of denticles. When at rest the latter lie within the cavity of the rostrum, but they can be rotated outwards, so as to become external, when used to transfix the host during feeding. The buccal funnel leads into the *pharynx* which is composed of two successive chambers, the second one communicating with the oesophagus. The *stylet-sac* is a ventral diverticulum, arising anteriorly from the floor of the buccal funnel, and extending to the hinder region of the head. The mouth of the sac is prolonged forwards into the buccal funnel by means of the *sac tube*, which is a trough composed of a pair of half tubes, which are opposed to one another along their ventral edges. A pair of slender structures each likewise in the form of a half tube, arises from the floor of the first chamber of the pharynx. They fit closely together so as to form an afferent *pharyngeal tube*: anteriorly the latter is embraced by the sac-tube already referred to. The *stylets*, or stabbers, are two in number, one being situated above the other within the stylet-sac! anteriorly they rest in the sac tube, below the pharyngeal tube. The *dorsal stylet* is paired; the halves are in close contact along the greater part of their length, but diverge where they are basally attached to the blind end of the stylet-sac. The *ventral stylet* is stated by Peacock to be composed of two superposed elements, each of which is basally attached to the stylet-sac by a pair of diverging arms. The *salivary duct* runs just beneath the dorsal stylet (Fig. 303). When the insect desires to feed its method of action is probably, in brief, as follows. The rostrum is everted and the denticles maintain hold on the skin of the host. Special muscles come into play, which draw the buccal funnel and pharynx forward, with the result that the pharyngeal tube and sac tube come into contact with the skin. The action of protractor muscles, associated with the stylets, brings the latter structures into action, and they perforate the skin: at the same time saliva enters the puncture. The pharyngeal tube is inserted into the wound and, by means of the pumping action of the pharyngeal muscles, blood from the host is sucked up.

The mouth-parts of these insects are so highly modified that any attempt to determine their homologies is beset with difficulties. According to Cholodkowsky the embryonic mandibles and maxillae disappear and the piercing apparatus is formed from an invaginated labium.

The *thorax* is relatively small and only imperfectly segmented. The legs are strongly developed in accordance with a mode of life which requires appendages adapted for maintaining a firm hold on the host. The tarsi are single jointed, and each is terminated by a powerful claw.

The *abdomen* is 9-segmented: the terga and sternae are, as a rule, thinly chitinized, while the pleura are strongly developed and deeply pigmented. A copulatory organ is well developed in the male, and in the female there is a pair of short gonopods which are used during oviposition for grasping the
hair and directing the alignment of the eggs. Cerci are wanting in both sexes.

**Internal Anatomy** (Fig. 304).—Most of what is known concerning the internal anatomy is relative to *Pediculus* and *Hematopintts*. The anterior portion of the fore-intestine has already been referred to, and the oesophagus passes directly to the stomach, both crop and gizzard being undeveloped. The stomach is a large chamber which narrows posteriorly, and occupies the greater portion of the abdominal cavity: in *Pediculus* a pair of large enteric coeca is present anteriorly. The hind intestine presents no convolutions and receives four Malpighian tubes, and the rectum is provided with a whorl of six chitinized rectal papillae. There are two pairs of salivary glands which are situated in the thorax: one pair is elongate and tubular, the other being compact and reniform: their ducts apparently combine to form the salivary canal already mentioned in relation to the mouth-parts. A pair of glands, known as Pawlowsky's glands, open into the stylet sac and their secretion possibly serves to lubricate the stylets. The tracheal system exhibits a general agreement with the simpler Mallophagan type (Harrison, 1915): there are usually seven pairs of spiracles, the thoracic pair being dorsal, and the abdominal spiracles open on segments 3 to 8. The female reproductive organs consist of five polytrophic ovarioles to each ovary and there is also a pair of accessory glands but no receptaculum seminis. The male reproductive organs are composed of a pair of compact bilobed testes and the slender vasa deferentia either open into a pair of tubular vesiculae semiælastes (*Pediculus*) or discharge separately from the latter into the ejaculatory duct (*Phthirius*). In *Pediculus* copulation takes place at frequent intervals and this fact is probably related to the absence of a receptaculum in the female and presence of well developed vesiculae seminales in the male: according to Bacot one male may fertilize 10 to 18 females. The nervous system is highly concentrated, the thoracic and abdominal ganglia being fused into a common mass.

**Classification.**—The Siphunculata are divided into four families as given below. A catalogue of the species and host list up to 1916 is given by Ferris, and the British species are enumerated by Denny.
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(1842) and more recently by Grimshaw (Scot. Nat. 1917). The number of species affecting our indigenous mammals is rather more than a score.

1 (2).—Head prolonged into a long narrow tube; tibia without a process opposing the claw. Hæmatomyzidæ.

2 (1).—Head not prolonged as in 1; tibia with a process opposing the claw.

3 (6).—Body flattened; spiracles on meso-thorax and abdominal segments 3–8.

4 (5).—Pigmented eyes present; head not retracted into thorax. Pediculidæ.

5 (4).—Eyes vestigial or absent; head retracted into thorax. Hæmatopinidæ.

6 (3).—Body thick and stout; spiracles on meso- and meta-thorax and abdominal segments 2–8. Echinoptiridæ.

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Order II. **EPHEMEROPTERA** (Plectoptera: May-flies)

Soft-bodied insects with short setaceous antennae and vestigial mouth-parts derived from the biting type. Wings membranous, held vertically upwards when at rest; the hind pair considerably reduced; "intercalary" veins and numerous cross-veins present. Abdomen terminated by very long cerci either with or without a similar median caudal prolongation. The imagines undergo ecdysis before sexual maturity. Metamorphosis hemimetabolous: nymphs aquatic, campodeiform, usually with long cerci and a median caudal filament: lamellate or plumose, metamer, tracheal gills present.

Existing may-flies are the remnants of a former extensive order. They are familiar insects on the margins of lakes, streams and rivers, and the association of their name with the Ephemerides of Grecian mythology expresses their brief life above water which, in certain species, lasts but a few hours. In their nymphal stages, on the other hand, they are at least as long-lived as most insects and, in some cases, this period is believed to occupy three years.

When a may-fly is about to emerge the nymph floats to the surface of the water: a fissure then appears in the dorsal cuticle, and the winged insect issues, and flies away in the course of a few seconds. At this stage the winged form is known as the sub-imago, and it differs from the mature imago in several features. In their general form the two stages are alike, the wings are fully expanded and spiracular respiration is established. The sub-imago may be recognized by its duller appearance, and by its somewhat translucent wings which are usually margined by prominent fringes of hairs. The passage from the sub-imago to the imago is marked by an ecdysis which is unique, among insects: the sub-imago casts a delicate pellicle from its whole body, including the wings, and then issues as a fully formed imago. In the latter condition the insect presents a shiny appearance and has assumed its full coloration, the wings become transparent, while the eyes and legs attain their complete development. Among certain of the short-lived species the sub-imaginal pellicle is partially, or completely persistent in one or other sex. The males of *Oligoneuria*, for example, retain this covering on the wings, while the females of *Palingenia* and *Campsurus* do not appear to shed any part of it at all (Eaton). The sub-imaginal stage is of variable duration and there is, furthermore, some correspondence between the time spent in this stage and the duration of life of the imago. Thus, the change into the imago may occur only a few minutes after the sub-imago has emerged from the nymphal cuticle. In such cases, the life of the imago is a fugitive one, death taking place the same evening or early the following morning. In other cases the sub-imago may exist for 24 hours, or more, leading an inactive existence resting in the shade. The resulting imago in instances of this kind may live from one to several days. The short-lived species are mostly night fliers: species of *Palingenia, Oligoneuria, Ephèmera,*
Hexagenia and Gænis have been observed to issue about sundown in vast swarms. Such a phenomenon is frequent on the borders of the Swiss lakes, where the may-flies sometimes appear in hundreds of thousands, and are attracted in large numbers to the arc lamps near the waterside. Certain of the more conspicuous species, especially the males, exercise familiar "dances" in the air: when carrying out these evolutions a vertical up and down motion results, a fluttering swift ascent being followed by a passive leisurely fall many times repeated.

May-flies are eagerly devoured by fishes and most of the "duns," "spinners," and several of the "drakes," of the fly-fisher, are made up to represent various species of Ephemera (Fig. 307), and are used at times when the species of the latter are on the wing.

Probably between 400 and 500 species of Ephemeroptera are described but only the European and N. American representatives are at all adequately known. About 40 species occur in Britain and a synopsis of these forms is provided by Eaton (1888). The latter authority (Eaton, 1883-87) has written a monograph on the world's species and recognizes a single family - the Ephemeridae. This work is still the standard treatise on the order and contains much general information.

**External Anatomy.**—The head (Fig. 308) is free with the antennæ short, and composed of two basal joints, surmounted by a multi-articulate setaceous filament. The compound eyes are largest in the males and, in some genera, the upper portion of each has larger facets than the lower. In Chlaen the upper divisions are mounted upon pillar-like outgrowths of the head. Between the compound eyes there are three ocelli. The mouth-parts are degenerate: degeneration begins in the late nymph, it is externally complete in the sub-imago and complete in the imago. Individual parts do not undergo equal degrees of atrophy and the various genera differ very much in this respect. Mandibles are vestigial or wanting and the maxillæ, though greatly reduced, usually retain their palpi: in Ephemera the labium is represented by the mentum and a pair of distal lobes with small palpi. In some
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genera the mouth-parts have atrophied to the extent that they are scarcely recognizable. The often repeated statement that may-flies have no mouth-parts is not literally correct for all species, but they appear always to exist in such a weak or atrophied condition as to preclude the taking of any food.

The thorax is principally characterized by the great size and predominance of its middle segment, the pro- and meta-thorax both being small and comparatively insignificant. The wings are markedly triangular, and of fragile texture, durable organs not being required. As a rule they are largest in the female: the hind-wings are always small or minute and, in some genera (i.e. Canis, Chiaxon), they are completely atrophied. The fore-wings are longitudinally corrugated but are not folded, except in cases when the female is ovipositing below the water surface. The corrugation is correlated with the presence of so-called "intercalary" (accessory) veins and each vein, whether normal or intercalary, either follows the crest of a ridge, when it is termed a convex vein, or the bottom of a furrow when it is known as a concave vein. The intercalary veins are a very characteristic feature: they appear to be branches which have lost their basal connections with the remaining veins but are united with the latter by a greatly developed system of cross veins. Our knowledge of the venation is still very incomplete: the interpretations of Comstock and Needham and the subsequent studies of Morgan have recently been modified by the work of Tillyard (1923), to which the reader is referred. The legs are exceedingly inconstant and are not used for walking. The tarsal joints vary from one to five: in the males the fore-legs are generally very elongate and, in some cases, the middle and hind pairs are vestigial.

The abdomen is evidently 10-segmented, with a reduced tergum belonging to the 11th segment. In the male there is a pair of usually 3-jointed clasping organs and, between the latter, two separate and distinct aedeagi. In the female there is no ovipositor, and the two oviducts open by separate apertures. A pair of exceedingly elongate multi-articulate cerci are present in both sexes and very commonly the 11th tergum is prolonged into a median process of similar form.

Internal Anatomy.—The most characteristic feature with respect to the internal organs is the modification of the alimentary canal for aerostatic purposes (Fritze, 1888. Sternfeld, 1907). This region no longer functions as the digestive tract, but has assumed an entirely new rôle, and has undergone certain structural changes in consequence. In the nymph the cesophagus is wide, but in the imago it becomes an extremely narrow tube and there is a complicated apparatus of dilator muscles which appears to regulate the air-content of the gut. Air is taken in or expelled through the mouth, and the stomach is modified into a kind of storage balloon: its epithelium is no longer secretory, but is converted into one of the pavement type, and the muscular coat has disappeared. The Malpighian tubes number about 40, and the first portion of the hind-intestine is modified to form a complex valve which precludes the escape of air from the stomach. In these short-lived insects it appears therefore to be more important that their specific gravity should be lessened, in order to facilitate the mating flight, rather than that they should take food, and live for a longer period. The sexual organs of may-flies are remarkable for their primitive nature. There are no accessory glands, and the gonoducts retain their paired nature in both sexes, each duct opening to the exterior separately. In the male the testes are ovoid sacs, and the two vasa deferentia each communicate with a separate penis of its side. Each ovary is composed of a large number
of small ovarioles, disposed along a common tube which is continued posteriorly as the oviduct. Copulation is stated to be a momentary process and takes place in the air. The respiratory system is well developed and opens to the exterior by ten pairs of spiracles, two pairs being thoracic and eight pairs abdominal in position.

**Oviposition and Post-embryonic Development.**—None of the smaller orders of insects present so many variations of form and structure with regard to their eggs as are exhibited among the Ephemeroptera. These variations do not appear to be generically characteristic, since the eggs of very closely allied species may be completely dissimilar in all their features. The differences involve variations in colour, and chorionic sculpturing in the presence or absence of the micropylar apparatus; and in the form and occurrence of special anchoring filaments. A few examples in illustration of these facts may be cited from a paper by A. H. Morgan (1913). The egg of *Heptagenia interpunctata* is provided at each pole with a skein of fine yellow threads, which unravel in the water and serve to anchor it by becoming entangled with foreign objects. The egg of *Ephemera excrucians* is white and slightly dumb-bell-shaped, with a strongly sculptured chorion, but with no anchoring filaments or micropylar apparatus. That of *E. rotunda* is yellowish and oval, with a smooth chorion, and a prominent mushroom-shaped micropylar apparatus: there are four anchoring filaments each being terminated by a knob-like structure. The ovoid eggs of *Ecdyurus* are provided with numerous short coiled filaments: after they have been in the water a little while each coil unwinds with a sudden spring, when it is seen to be terminated by a minute viscid button-like cap. The number of eggs laid by different species varies from several hundred up to about 4,000. Eaton mentions that some of the short-lived species discharge their eggs *en masse* as a pair of clusters which are laid on the water: these soon disintegrate and the eggs become scattered over the river-bed. The longer lived species lay them in smaller numbers at a time, either alighting on the surface for the purpose of descending beneath the water and depositing their eggs under stones, etc.; the insects float up again and fly away to repeat the process, or die without reappearing. According to Heymons the eggs of *Ephemera vulgata* hatch in 10–11 days at 20–25°C. In many species they require a much longer period for their development which may extend to several months: in *Chloeon dipterum* reproduction is viviparous (vide Causard, *Comp. Rend. Ac. Sci.* 123).

The nymphs have been described and figured in many species, notably by Pictet (1843), Vayssière (1882), Eaton (1883–8), Lestage (1917–1920), Needham, Morgan and others, but detailed life-history studies are almost wanting. There is reason to believe that the number of ecdyses is very high, 23 being recorded by Lubbock (1863–66) in *Chloeon dipterum*, but the observations were not commenced from the earliest stage. May-fly nymphs are essentially herbivorous, feeding upon fragments of the tissues of the higher plants, algae, etc.; certain forms, however, are believed to be carnivorous but are exceptional. They frequent a great variety of aquatic situations: many live in concealment in the banks, some burrow in mud, while others hide beneath stones in lakes, streams, and rivers. Certain genera occur among water plants and are active swimmers, still others live in swift currents or near waterfalls, and there are some species which reside among decaying vegetation at the bottoms of ponds or ditches. This wide range of habitat is accompanied by an equal diversity of adaptive modifications and it is in the Ephemeroptera that the most complete types of the
The general shape of the body is very variable, but all are campodeiform with evident antennae, and usually elongate multi-articulate cerci. Both compound eyes and ocelli are well developed, and most species possess seven pairs of plate-like or filamentous abdominal tracheal gills which are capable of independent movement by special muscles. The nymphs of *Ephemera* and *Hexagenia* burrow in mud or in the banks of streams; they have elongate bodies with strong fossorial legs. The first pair of gills is vestigial, and the remainder are biramous, consisting of a pair of lamellae fringed with long filaments which are penetrated by tracheoles. When necessary the gills are carried reflexed upon the back, being protected thereby from abrasion. In *Iron*, *Epeorus*, and *Heptagenia* (Fig. 309) the body and appendages are flattened, and the nymphs of these genera are adapted for clinging to rocks in rapidly flowing water. The gills are laminate and each is provided with a basal tuft of branchial filaments. *Chloeon* and *Silphurus* have seven pairs of simple lamellae which project from the sides of the body; the three caudal filaments are fringed with setae and function as a kind of tail. They are active swimming nymphs living among water plants, etc. In *Cenis* and *Tricorythus* the nymphs live in an environment of mud and sand; there are six pairs of gills and the upper lamellae of the first pair form opercula concealing the gills behind. The branchial chamber thus formed is guarded by fringes of setae which preclude the entrance of mud or sand particles, held in suspension by the inhalent current. In *Oligoneuria* six pairs of dorsal gills are present on segments 2 to 7: each gill consists of small, thick, scale-like, non-respiratory lamina with a bunch of gill-filaments at its base. A pair of similar ventral gills occurs on the first segment and a tuft of gill filaments at the base of each maxillary
Palpus. *Prospistoma* (vide Vayssière 1890) has a most highly modified nymph which uses its body as a kind of sucker, attaching itself by this means to stones in flowing water; it can also swim rapidly by means of its fan-like caudal filaments (Fig. 311). In this genus there are five pairs of gills located in a branchial chamber. The latter is roofed over by a carapace formed by the greatly developed pro- and meso-thoracic terga, which are fused with the sheaths of the anterior wings. The side walls of the chamber are formed by the posterior wing-sheaths, and the floor by the combined terga of the metathorax and first six abdominal segments. Water enters this very perfect type of branchial chamber by a pair of lateral apertures and the exhalent stream passes through a median opening.

The morphology of may-fly nymphs has been studied in detail by Vayssière (1882) and certain of their more important anatomical features may be enumerated. Gills are commonly undeveloped in the newly-hatched nymphs: in *Ephemera* Heymons states that they arise as integumental outgrowths about the fourth day. Their usually flattened form, dorsal position and the fact that they are traversed by tracheae have led some observers to homologize them with wings. The researches of Heymons (1896), Zimmermann (Zeits. wiss. Zool. 34, 1880) and of Durken (Ibid. 87, 1907) into their development and musculature, indicate that they are serially homologous with legs and are, therefore, to be regarded as abdominal appendages which have become adapted for respiratory needs. The groups of gill-filaments associated with the lamellate gills in many genera may also be present as outgrowths of other appendages including the legs and maxillae.

The mouth-parts are very completely formed (Fig. 310). The mandibles are strikingly like those of the Machilidae and of certain Crustacea; their bases are similarly elongate, and there is a median projecting molar area, which is only wanting in the few forms which are presumably predaceous. Each maxilla has a single lobe, or mala, and a 2 to 4-jointed palp. The labial palpi are generally 3-jointed, and the ligula is conspicuously 4-lobed. The hypopharynx is very prominent and there is a pair of exceedingly well-developed superlingue.

The digestive system is characterized by the great size of the stomach.
and the large number of Malpighian tubes: the latter organs differ greatly in character among various genera. They may either open directly into the hind-intestine, or combine in groups, each group discharging into a separate pyriform sac which, in its turn, communicates with the intestine. The circulatory system is very well developed and easily observed. The dorsal vessel consists of one chamber for each abdominal segment and in the metathorax it is continued forwards as the aorta. In *Chlaeon* it gives off a definite vessel into each of the caudal filaments and the terminal chamber acts as a pumping organ driving the blood into these organs: here it escapes by means of orifices in the walls of the vessels, and flows into the cavity of each filament, probably absorbing oxygen from the surrounding water.

The nervous system presents varying degrees of fusion with respect to the ganglia of the ventral chain. The brain is small but, correlated with the presence of compound eyes, the optic nerves and ganglia are well developed. In *Tricorythus* there are three thoracic and seven abdominal ganglia; in *Oniscigaster* the abdominal ganglia are reduced to six and the last two centres are closely united. In *Prosopistoma* the ganglia are fused into a common thoracic-abdominal centre; the latter genus, it may be added, is highly specialized in other directions also (Vayssière, 1890).

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Order 12. **ODONATA** (Paraneuroptera; Dragonflies)

Predaceous insects with biting mouth-parts and two equal or sub-equal pairs of elongate, membranous wings: each wing with a complex reticulation of small cross-veins and usually a conspicuous stigma. Eyes very large and prominent; antennae very short and filiform. Abdomen elongate, often extremely slender: male accessory genital armature developed on 2nd and 3rd abdominal sterna. Nymphs aquatic, pourometabolous: labium modified into a prehensile organ: respiration by means of rectal or caudal gills.

Rather fewer than 2,500 species of these elegant insects have been described, and they are included in about 430 genera. They attain their greatest abundance in the neotropical region and, with the exception of Japan, no part of the palaeartic zone contains an abundant or striking dragonfly fauna. Although entirely aquatic in their early stages, the imagines are by no means confined to the proximity of water, and the females of many groups seldom fly over such situations except for pairing or oviposition. They are essentially sun-loving insects but exceptions occur in some oriental species, which are only known to fly at night. Many are exceedingly swift on the wing and, according to Tillyard, *Austrophlebia* can fly at a speed of nearly 60 miles per hour; other species, particularly those of *Calopteryx* and *Agrion*, possess feeble powers of flight and may be caught with the greatest ease. Although no existing member of the order can compare in size with the Upper Carboniferous *Meganeura*, which has a wing expanse of over two feet, the females of *Megalopterus cerulatus* Drury measure about 190 mm. (7½ in.) from wing to wing.

Probably nowhere have Odonata attracted so much attention as in Japan, where representations of these insects in art, and allusions thereto in literature, are very numerous: many of the species were recognized
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individually by the populace and known by vernacular names long before entomologists began to study them. Comparatively little information exists as to the food of different species of these insects. It is captured on the wing and held by the prehensile legs while being devoured. Most orders of winged insects are preyed upon, including other Odonata, Hymenoptera and Coleoptera (vide Campion, Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist. 1914; Poulton Trans. Ent. Soc., 1906). Tillyard has recorded species preying upon Culicidae towards dusk, and Fraser states that the latter insects are captured by certain night-flying Odonata. Although the great majority of the order seldom travel far from their restricted haunts, certain species possess strong migratory instincts, more especially the European Libellula quadrimaculata. Great swarms of the latter insect have frequently been recorded and they sometimes travel many miles out to sea. Hemicordulia tau has been noted by Tillyard occasionally to swarm in a like manner in Australia.

Odonata are noted for the beauty and brilliancy of their coloration and no order equals them in the wonderful development of body colours. In addition to pigmentary and structural colours, a whitish or bluish pruinescence is often present, especially in the males. It appears to be correlated with the maturation of the gonads and is exuded through fine cuticular pores, appearing as a kind of “bloom” as on certain fruits. Since it is of the nature of an exuded supra-cuticular pigmentation it is easily removed by rubbing and wear. In the female it is much less frequent and develops at a later period in life.

Among dragonflies a bicolourous pattern is the most primitive, unicolorous forms being a later development. Many unicolorous males have bicolourous females, and newly emerged members of the former sex often exhibit traces of an original bicolourous marking for a shorter or longer period. Among the tribe Agrionini the females are often dimorphic, and one or other colour form may closely resemble the male. In the common Ischnura elegans, for example, the predominating or normal colour form of the female is extremely like that of the

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**Fig. 313. Epiphanes superbus, Female. Japan.**
Adapted from De Selys with the wing-venation after Munz.

**Fig. 314. A Zygopterid Dragon-fly (Aorion puella), Male. Britain.**
male: the rarer or "heteromorphic" females are conspicuously marked with orange, which is wanting in the normal form. Most Odonata possess hyaline wings but there are, however, certain groups which have conspicuously coloured alary organs. Thus among species of Calopteryx the males have metallic blue or green wings. In the Australian and E. Indian Rhynocypha the metallic coloration reaches its maximum and consists of a combination of glistening reds, mauves, purples, bronzes and greens utterly baffling description (Tillyard). In Rhyothemis the wings are also exquisitely coloured with metallic green, purple or bronze.

Odonata are represented in the British Isles by 42 species (vide Lucas, 1900) while there are several others whose inclusion in the fauna is open to doubt. The best general work on the order is that of Tillyard (1917) which has been invaluable in preparing the present chapter: the work of Ris (1909) on the German species should also be consulted.

The Imago

External Anatomy.—The form of the head (Fig. 315) in dragonflies has become modified in correlation with the great development of the eyes. The latter, in many Anisoptera, meet mid-dorsally and compose by far the largest part of the cephalic region: in the Zygoptera the eyes are much smaller and button-like, but their range of vision is increased by the transversely elongated head. The antennae are always very short and inconspicuous: they are composed of 3 to 7 joints, the latter number being usual, and have poorly developed sense organs. Experiments in amputating one or both antennae have been made by Tillyard who finds that the insects suffer no inconvenience by their removal, and fly with the usual facility. The reduction in the development of these organs is correlated with the increased power of the compound eyes. The mouth-parts (Fig. 316) are entirely of the biting and masticatory type. The mandibles are stout with exceedingly powerful teeth, and the 1st maxilae each carry a lobe-like unjointed palpus and a dentate mala. The morphology of the labium has given rise to considerable controversy. On referring to Fig. 316 it will be seen that the mentum is expanded by the development of side-pieces or squamae and each squama carries the lateral lobe of its side. The inner border of each lobe terminates in an end hook and slightly external to the latter is a small movable hook. The mentum carries a single distal lobe or ligula which is often medianly cleft. In the Libellulidae the movable hook is wanting, the end hook and median lobe are vestigial, while the two lateral lobes are greatly developed.

The head is exceptionally mobile and attached to an exceedingly small slender neck region which is supported on either side by four cervical sclerites.

The prothorax, though greatly reduced, remains a distinct segment
while the meso- and meta-thorax are intimately fused together. The two latter segments are peculiarly modified in conformity with the requirements of the legs and wings (Fig. 317). The legs have shifted their attachments anteriorly and the sternae have migrated along with them. The wings, on the other hand, have moved posteriorly and the terga have shifted likewise.

Although the sternae and terga of these segments are reduced their pleura are very greatly developed. The mesepisterna extend forwards and dorsalwards so as to meet in front of the meso-tergum to form the dorsal carina: by this means the terga are pushed backwards and lie between the wing bases. The metepimera on the contrary have grown downwards and backwards, usually fusing ventrally behind the metasternum. In this way the sternae become pushed forwards and the legs come to lie close behind the mouth, being enabled thereby readily to hold the prey. The legs are unfitted for walking but are of some value for climbing, and the tarsi are 3-jointed.

The wings (Figs. 318 and 319) exhibit but slight diversity of form and size in the two pairs, while in the Agriónidæ they are almost identical. The veinlets are developed to a remarkable degree and form a complex reticulum, giving rise to a large number of often minute cells. In a single wing of Neurothemis according to Tillyard there are over 3,000 cells. A very characteristic feature is the stigma which is formed by a thickening of the wing membrane between C and R. This structure is greatly elongated in Petulura, almost square in Ischnura while in Calop-
teryx it is either absent (in the male) or represented by a false stigma (in the female). With regard to the principal veins, C extends to the wing apex, Sc lies some distance below and terminates at the nodus, R and M are fused basally and also Cu and A. The distal end of Sc is united with C by a thickened cross vein which forms a well defined "joint" or nodus on the wing margin. Vein R is only branched in the Anisoptera; a branch doubtfully homologous with Rs leaves it at the nodus and, crossing M₁ and M₂, passes to the apex of the wing: in the Zygoptera Rs is replaced by a branch (Ms of Tillyard) which lies between M₂ and M₃. The downwardly bent free portion of the main stem of M, together with the thickened cross-vein below it, form a characteristic feature—the arculus, which joins Cu. The discal cell is of great importance and, in the Zygoptera, it is often termed the quadrilateral, which is an area enclosed by M₄ above, Cu below, the lower part of the arculus basally and a thickened cross-vein distally. In the Anisoptera this cell is sub-

![Diagram A](image1.png)

**Fig. 318. A, Venation of an Anisopterid Dragonfly (Chief Features only); B, of a Zygopterid Dragonfly.**

A, recurrent anal vein; ac, anal crossing; arc, arculus; b, bridge; Ms, Zygopterid sector; n, nodus; o, oblique vein; p, pterostigma; q, quadrilateral; s, super-triangle; t, triangle.

![Diagram B](image2.png)

**Fig. 319. Diagram of the Nymphal Wing-Tracheation (Proximal Portion) of an Anisopterid Dragonfly, based on Needham.**

A, recurrent anal vein; ac, anal crossing; arc, arculus; b, bridge; n, nodus; o, oblique vein; s, super-triangle; t, triangle.
The abdomen is divided into the triangle and super-triangle. The former is a triangular area formed by Cu basally and by two thickened cross-veins costally and distally: the super-triangle is the area from the arculus to the distal angle of the triangle.

The abdomen (Fig. 320) is always greatly elongate in proportion to its breadth, and in extreme cases it is so attenuated as to be scarcely thicker than a stout bristle. Ten complete segments are evident, while according to Heymons vestiges of an 11th and of a 12th segment are also recognizable. The tergum of the 11th somite is represented by a median dorsal tubercle and its sternum by paired inferior tubercles. The 12th segment consists of three small processes immediately surrounding the anus:—a median dorsal lamina supra-analis and paired latero-ventral laminae infra-anales. In the males of those Anisoptera which have angulated hind-wings a pair of lateral outgrowths or auricles are present on the 2nd tergum (Fig. 320C): in some cases they occur in the females also but are reduced in size. In all Odonata a pair of supra-anal appendages arise from the 10th tergum: they are well developed in the male but reduced or vestigial in the female. The males of the Anisoptera are also characterized by the presence of a median inferior anal appendage belonging to the 11th somite and situated above the anus. In the Zygoptera it is paired and situated below that aperture (Fig. 320D). During pairing, in all Odonata, the female is grasped by means of the anal appendages of the male, the superior pair establishing a firm grip in the region of the neck (among Anisoptera) or prothorax (among Zygoptera) while the inferior appendage is pressed down upon the occiput. In the Zygoptera the inferior pair is usually too short to reach the head.

The copulatory organs of the male (Fig. 320C) are quite unique in the animal kingdom, being developed from the 2nd and 3rd abdominal sterna, whereas the true genital aperture opens on the 9th segment. On the 2nd sternum is a depression or genital fossa in which the copulatory organs are lodged and its walls are supported by a complex chitinous framework. The fossa communicates posteriorly with a small sac—the penis vesicle which is developed from the anterior portion of the 3rd sternum. The penis...
arises from this vesicle and, in the Anisoptera, it forms a complex jointed organ provided with an orifice on its convex surface. In the Zygoptera its only communication is with the body cavity and there is no distal aperture. One or two pairs of claspers or hamuli are associated with the penis and serve to guide and retain the ovipositor in position during copulation. The posterior pair of hamuli is universal but the anterior pair is only met with in the Euschnidae. Great variation of structure is exhibited by the genitalia in various genera and for detailed information reference should be made to the works of Selys-Longchamps and Hagen (1858) and Thompson (1908). Owing to the wide separation of the copulatory organs from the genital aperture, the spermatozoa have to be transferred to the penis vesicle, prior to copulation. In the female the external genitalia consist typically of three pairs of ventral processes or gonapophyses which constitute the ovipositor (Fig. 320E). Among the Zygoptera the anterior and median gonapophyses are slender structures often adapted for cutting; these together form the terebra. The lateral gonapophyses or valves are broad lamellate organs each terminating in a hard pointed style which is probably tactile in function. Among the Anisoptera various stages in reduction of the ovipositor may be traced, which are correlated with different methods of oviposition.

**Internal Anatomy.**—Most of the internal organs are greatly elongated in conformity with the length of the body in these insects. The *alimentary canal* is an unconvoluted tube throughout its course. The cæophagus is long and slender, expanding into a crop at the commencement of the abdomen. A rudimentary gizzard is present but its armature of denticles is either very weak or absent. The mid-intestine is the largest division of the gut and extends through the greater part of the abdomen: it is devoid of enteric cæca and is followed by a very short hind-intestine. Attached to the latter are from 50 to 70 Malpighian tubes which unite in groups of five or six, each group discharging into the gut by means of a common conduit of extremely small calibre. Six longitudinal rectal papillae are usually present. The *nervous system* is well developed and exhibits comparatively little concentration. The brain is transversely elongated and is characterized by the great development of the optic ganglia, which is in correlation with the large size of the eyes. The ventral nerve cord consists of three thoracic ganglia and seven evident ganglia (2nd to 8th) in the abdomen, the 1st abdominal ganglion being amalgamated with that of the metathorax. A well-developed sympathetic system is described by Brandt in *Libellula*. The circulatory system has not been studied in any detail but appears to be very similar to that of the nymph, with the exception that a ventral blood sinus is present in the imago in close relation with the main nerve cord. The tracheal system consists of three pairs of principal longitudinal trunks which give off segmental branches. It communicates with the exterior by means of ten pairs of spiracles situated on the last two thoracic and the first eight abdominal segments. The *male reproductive organs* consist of a pair of very elongate testes extending, in *Euschna*, from the 4th to the 8th abdominal segments: each organ is composed of a large number of spherical lobules in which the spermatozoa are developed. The vasa deferentia are rather short narrow tubes which enter a common duct just above the genital aperture. The common passage is dilated dorsally to form a conspicuous sperm-sac. The spermatozoa adhere in a radiating fashion forming rounded masses or sperm-capsules, each of the latter being apparently derived from a single lobule of the testis.
These capsules are somewhat mucilaginous externally and are adapted for transference from the ninth to the second segment, prior to copulation. The female reproductive organs are characterized by the great size and length of the ovaries which extend from the base of the abdomen down to the 7th segment. Each ovary is composed of a large number of longitudinally arranged panoistic ovarioles. The two oviducts are very short and open into a large pouch-like spermatheca in the 8th segment. A pair of accessory glands communicate by means of a common duct with the dorsal side of the spermatheca.

**Structure and Biology of the Developmental Instars**

Oviposition in dragonflies may be either endophytic or exophytic. In the latter case the eggs are rounded and are either dropped freely into the water or attached superficially to aquatic plants. This method is the rule among the Anisoptera, with the exception of certain Æschnidae. In *Sympectrum* and *Tetragonura* the eggs are laid in gelatinous strings attached to submerged twigs. Endophytic oviposition is characteristic of the Zygoptera and the subfamilies Æschninae and Petalurinae of the Æschnidae (Tillyard). Dragonflies adopting this method have elongate eggs which they insert by means of slits cut by the ovipositor in the stems and leaves of plants or other objects, near or beneath the water. In some cases the female (alone, or accompanied by the male) descends below the water-surface for the purpose.

Before the nymph emerges from the egg a peculiar pulsating organ or cephalic heart appears in the head of the developing insect. The pressure exerted by this vesicle is the immediate cause of hatching, since it forces open the lid-like anterior extremity of the egg. The newly hatched insect is known as the pro-nymph: at this stage it exhibits a more or less embryonic appearance, the whole body and appendages being invested by a delicate chitinous sheath. The pro-nymph is of extremely brief duration, lasting but a few seconds in *Anax* (Tillyard) and for two or three minutes in *Agrion* (Balfour Browne). At this stage the pulsations of the cephalic heart increase in frequency and the pressure generated by this organ also serves to rupture the pro-nymphal sheath. The insect which emerges is in its second instar: it is now a free nymph fully equipped for its future life. The nymphs of the Odonata are campodeiform and may be divided into two main types—the Anisopterid and the Zygopterid. In the former the body is terminated by three usually small processes, viz.—a median appendix dorsalis and a pair of lateral cerci: when closed they form a pyramid which conceals the anus (Fig. 321). Respiration takes place by means of concealed rectal tracheal gills. In the Zygopterid type the three terminal processes are greatly developed to form caudal gills, and rectal tracheal gills are wanting (Fig. 322). The nymphs are exclusively aquatic, living in various situations in fresh water. Many live hidden in sand or mud, etc., and are homogeneously coloured without any pattern. Those which live on the river bottom or among weed exhibit a cryptic pattern which tends to conceal them from enemies and prey. Certain species cling to rocks and tend to simulate the colour of the surface which they frequent. Dragonfly nymphs are also able to change their general coloration in accordance with differences in their environment. Without exception all the species are predaceous, feeding upon various forms of aquatic life, the nature of the food depending upon the age of the nymphs. When advanced
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in life they are particularly addicted to Ephemerid nymphs and Culicid larvae as well as nymphs of their own and other species of Odonata. The larger Æschnine nymphs will also attack tadpoles and occasionally small fish. The number of instars that intervene between the egg and the imago varies in different species and also among individuals of the same species. It ranges between about eleven and fifteen and the whole nymphal period may be passed through within a year as in most Zygoptera, or occupy two years as in Æschna, or may even last from three to five years. The principal external changes involved during metamorphosis include an increase in the size of the compound eyes, and during the last few instars ocelli become evident: the antennal joints increase in number, and the wing-rudiments undergo certain changes with the result that the developing hind-wings overlap the anterior pair: the wing-bearing segments increase in size, and changes are evident in the caudal gills among the Zygoptera.

When the imago is approaching the time for emergence the nymph ceases to feed and appears tense and swollen. The thorax in particular becomes noticeably inflated and the wing-sheaths become sub-erect. The gills are no longer functional and at the same time the thoracic spiracles are brought into use, the nymph partially protruding itself from the water in order to breathe the atmosphere. When the internal changes are complete the nymph climbs up some suitable object out of the water and fixes its claws so firmly in position that the exuviae remains tightly adherent to the support long after the imago has flown away. The nymph remains stationary and sooner or later the cuticle splits along the mid-dorsal line of the thorax, the fracture extending forwards to the head. The imago then withdraws its head and thorax through the opening, the legs and wings become freed, but the abdomen is not yet fully drawn out from the exuviae. The insect usually hangs head downwards until the legs attain strength and freedom of movement. The withdrawal of the abdomen forms the final act, and the insect crawls away to rest until the wings and abdomen are fully extended (Fig. 193). A variable period elapses before the imaginal colour pattern is fully acquired and teneral forms, or individuals which have not yet developed their mature coloration, are very commonly observable on the wing.

The main difference between the head of the nymph and that of the imago is found in the labium. In the nymph this organ is modified for
prehensile purposes and is known as the *mask* (Fig. 324) from the fact that it conceals the other mouth-parts. The mentum and submentum are markedly lengthened, and there is great freedom of movement between the two parts. The ligula is undivided and represented by a median lobe which is fused with the mentum. The labial palpi are modified to form lateral lobes, each of which carries on its outer side a movable hook. The nymph utilizes its mask entirely for the capture of prey (Fig. 323). In a position of rest the submentum is reflexed between the bases of the legs with the mentum hinged upon it ventrally. When about to seize a victim the mask is thrown forward and extended with lightning rapidity and the prey impaled on the movable hooks.

The prothorax in the nymph is always longer than in the imago: in advanced nymphs the meso- and meta-thorax are closely fused. The legs are considerably longer than those of the imago and the femoro-trochanteric articulation is modified to form a breaking joint. By a sudden contraction of the trochanteric muscles the intervening membrane can be ruptured, and the limb discarded should it be seized by a predatory insect. Ten segments are clearly recognizable in the abdomen and according to Heymons (1904) the 11th and 12th segments are also present in a much reduced condition (Fig. 325). The eleventh segment is represented dorsally by the base of the dorsal appendage (to be described below) and its sternum by the bases of the cerci. The twelfth tergum persists as the lamina supra-analis and the laminae sub-anales represent the divided sternum of that segment. Three large appendages can be readily made out in the nymphs—a median dorsal appendage and two latero-ventral cerci: these structures form the caudal gills of the Zygoptera. From the fourth or fifth instar onwards a second set of appendages appears and gives rise to the imaginal genitalia. They consist, in both sexes, of a pair of small pointed structures (the cercoids of Heymons) lying above the cerci: the superior appendages of the male imago and the anal appendages of the female are derived from these organs. At the final metamorphosis the median dorsal appendage is cast off, but in male Anisoptera a small basal process persists as the inferior appendage of the adult. The cerci disappear except in males of the Zygoptera whose inferior appendages are developed within their bases.
The alimentary canal of the nymph (vide Sadones, 1896) differs from that of the imago in several features. The gizzard, for example, is a very highly specialized organ provided with internal denticle-bearing longitudinal ridges: the latter are either four or some multiple of four in number among different groups of the order. The mid-intestine is considerably shorter than in the imago, and the Malpighian tubes at first number only three but gradually increase at each instar until the full complement is acquired. The nervous system is more especially characterized by the presence of eight abdominal ganglia, the first centre in that series being quite distinct from the metathoracic ganglion although becoming fused with the latter in the imago. The circulatory system has been studied by Zwartsin (1911) in *Aeschna*. The heart consists of eight chambers corresponding with the 2nd to 9th abdominal segments in which they lie: alary muscles are only present in relation with the two hindmost chambers. The respiratory system presents features of exceptional interest and has been investigated more particularly by Oustalet (1869), Sadones (1896) and Tillyard (1916). Spiracles are present on the meso- and meta-thorax but only the mesothoracic pair is well developed and is functional when the larva has occasion to leave the water. The metathoracic and abdominal spiracles are small and usually non-functional. Special respiratory organs in the form of tracheal gills are present in the nymphs of all dragonflies. In the Anisoptera they take the form of rectal gills which form an elaborate and beautiful apparatus known as the branchial basket. In most Zygoptera the respiratory organs are caudal gills, while in a few rare cases lateral abdominal gills are also present. These three types are treated separately below.

(I) The Branchial Basket.—This structure is formed by the expanded anterior two-thirds of the rectum, which assumes the form of a barrel-like chamber (Fig. 326). The gills are primarily developed as six longitudinal folds of the rectal wall and are homologous with the six rectal papillae. They are covered with an extremely delicate cuticle and the underlying epithelial layer is modified to form a syncytial core which is penetrated by tracheoles. Water is alternately taken into the rectum and expelled and, in this manner,
the gills are kept aerated. The expulsion of the water, when forcible, also enables the nymph to propel itself forward by a series of jerks, which is its usual mode of progression. Six series of primary efferent tracheae convey the oxygen, taken up by the gills from the water, to the main longitudinal trunks of the body. Each primary efferent trachea divides into two secondary efferents which give off a very large number of tracheoles to the gills. Each tracheole forms a complete loop within the gill, returning to the same secondary efferent from which it arose. The gill system may be either simplex or duplex in character (Fig. 327). In the simplex system there are six principal longitudinal gill folds supported right and left by a double series of cross folds. The simplex system is divisible into two types, the undulate and the papillate. In the undulate type the free edge of each gill-fold is undulated or wavy in character. This is the primary type of gill which persists throughout life in the more archaic groups (Cordulegasterinae, Petalurinae and in Austrogomphus). In most of the Gomphinae all the gill folds are broken up into elongate filaments forming what is termed the papillate type. This specialization brings about greater respir-

![Fig. 327.-Portions of the Freshly-opened Branchial Basket, to show Form of Gills.](image)

A, undulate simplex; B, implicate; C, foliate; D, papillo-foliate; E, F, lamellate. After Tillyard, Biology of Dragonflies.

...atory efficiency since each filament is bathed on all sides by the water. The duplex system is a secondary development and differs in that the main longitudinal folds are either non-functional or wanting, the gills being entirely formed from the double series of cross-folds. Three main types in this system are recognizable and depend upon the form assumed by the gills. The implicate type occurs in the tribe Brachytronini of the subfamily Æschninae. The gills resemble a series of obliquely placed concave tiles slightly overlapping one another. In the foliate type, which is found in the Æschnini, each gill is basally constricted and leaf-like in form. The lamellate type occurs in the family Libellulidae: the gills appear as flat plates projecting into the cavity of the rectum and are attached by broad bases. For full details concerning the types of rectal gills and the differences in their tracheal supply reference should be made to an important paper by Tillyard (1916).

(2) The caudal gills.-Nearly all Zygopterid nymphs possess three external tracheal gills at the hinder extremity (Fig. 322). The median gill is dorsal and is developed from the appendix dorsalis, while the two lateral
gills are derived from the cerci. In the young nymph the caudal gills are filamentous and hairy, but they soon acquire a triquetral form (i.e. triangular in cross-section). The triquetral gill is retained throughout life in a few cases, as for example in the lateral gills of Calopteryx. In most instances it either becomes swollen (saccoid gill) or flattened (lamellate gill).

The problem of respiration in Zygopterous nymphs is reviewed by Calvert (1915) and is in need of fuller investigation. The caudal gills are evidently not the only respiratory organs and the amputation of these appendages does not lead to the death of the animal. It would appear that the nymphs of this sub-order also use the rectum as an auxiliary respiratory chamber. The rectal papillae, however, have no special tracheal supply and presumably function as blood gills: the latter are not to be confused with the rectal tracheal gills of Anisoptera. The general body-surface, certain of the spiracles and, in rare cases, the lateral abdominal gills (vide below) all contribute to satisfying the respiratory needs either in different stages or in different species of Zygoptera.

(3) The lateral abdominal gills.—These occur on either side of the 2nd to 7th or 8th abdominal segments in a few primitive genera of Calopterygidae. They are attached towards the ventral surface and are filamentous in form. Possibly they are to be regarded as persistent true abdominal appendages.

### Classification of Odonata

The Odonata are separable into two main sub-orders and five families, all of which are represented in the British Isles. The Anisoptera are strongly built, swiftly flying insects and include the larger members of the order. The Zygoptera are weak, slender-bodied insects with a poor capacity for flight and are usually smaller insects. The following classification is based upon that of Tillyard.

**Sub-order I. Anisoptera**

Wings held open in repose: hind-wing always more or less broader near base than fore-wing. Eyes not separated by a space greater than their own diameter. Discal cell divided into triangle and super-triangle. Male with one inferior anal appendage. Nymphs with rectal tracheal gills.

**Fam. 1. Aschnidæ.**—Triangles very similar in both pairs of wings, placed equally distant from arculus. Antenodal veinlets not predominately coincident in costal and subcostal series. Labium with a large median lobe not overlapped by lateral lobes which have a movable hook. Gomphus, Petalura, Cordulegaster, Æschna, Anax.

**Fam. 2. Libellulidæ.**—Triangles dissimilar in the two pairs of wings, not equally distant from arculus. Antenodal veinlets predominately coincident in costal and subcostal series. Labium with a small median lobe overlapped by large lateral lobes which have no movable hook. Cordulia, Libellula, Sympetrum, Lencorrhinia, Trithemis.

**Sub-order II. Zygoptera**

Wings held closed over abdomen in repose: fore- and hind-wings closely alike with narrow bases. Eyes separated by a space greater than their dorsal diameter. Discal cell a simple quadrilateral. Male with two inferior anal appendages. Nymphs with caudal gills.

**Fam. 3. Calopterygidæ.**—Wings seldom distinctly petiolate, gener-
ALLY COLOURED. ANTENODAL VEINLETS NUMEROUS: NODUS DISTANT FROM WING BASE: M₄ ARISES FROM M₁+₂ FAR PROXIMALLY TO NODUS. *Calopteryx, Rhinocypha, Diphlebia.*

**FAM. 4. LESTIDÆ.—**WINGS DISTINCTLY PETIOLATE, RARELY COLOURED. ANTENODAL VEINLETS VARIABLE IN NUMBER: NODUS VARIABLE IN POSITION: M₄ FUSED WITH M₂ FOR SOME DISTANCE, LEAVING IT via AN OBLIQUE VEIN: VERY LITTLE ARRANGEMENT OF CROSS-VEINS IN TRANSVERSE SERIES. *Lestes, Synlestes.*


Sub-order III. **ANISOZYGOPTERA.**

This sub-order was established by Handlirsch for a group of Liassic Odonata which appear to have combined the characters of sub-orders I and II. At the present day it is only represented by the genus *Epiophlebia* (Fig. 313) which has been referred to the family Lestidæ. The genus is known from a single species of imago from Japan and a species of nymph from India. The imago has the Zygopterid venation and the body-form of the Anisoptera, while the nymph has the general facies, labial mask and anal appendages of the latter sub-order (vide Tillyard, *Rec. Ind. Mus.* 22).

**Literature on Odonata**

A good bibliography of the order is given by Tillyard (1917) and only a selection of works is enumerated below.


**LUCAS, 1900.**—British Dragonflies. London.


**OUSTALET, 1858.**—Monographie des Gomphines. Brussels.


**SELYS-LONGCHAMPS and HAGEN, 1858.**—Monographie des Gomphines. Brussels.


Order 13. THYSANOPTERA (Physopoda: Thrips)

Small or minute slender-bodied insects with short 6- to 9-jointed antennæ and asymmetrical piercing mouth-parts: maxillary and labial palpi present. Prothorax well developed, free: tarsi 1- or 2-jointed, each with a terminal protrusible vesicle. Wings when present very narrow with greatly reduced venation and long marginal setæ. Cerci absent. Metamorphosis accompanied by an incipient pupal instar.

The insects comprised in this order are commonly known as "thrips." The majority vary in length from \( \frac{1}{2} \) to \( \frac{3}{4} \) of an inch, the smaller forms being by far the most prevalent. They are mostly yellow, yellowish-brown or black in colour and are found among all kinds of growing vegetation, both on the flowers and about the foliage; others frequent moist decaying plant remains, particularly wood and fungi. Some species are predaceous, or at least occasionally so, and suck the body-fluids of aphids and small acari. When disturbed different species exhibit certain differences of movement: some crawl in a leisurely fashion, others run quickly or leap, and a large number are able to fly but they often do not readily resort to this means of locomotion. Many exhibit the habit of curving the apex of the abdomen upwards and, in the case of winged individuals, this movement is generally preparatory to flight: it appears to be for the purpose of drawing the lateral comb-like setæ of the abdomen through the marginal fringes of the wings. The latter organs when in repose are laid in a more or less parallel manner along the back.

The vast majority of species derive their nutriment by penetrating the living tissues of plants by means of their piercing mouth-parts, and imbibing the sap. It is, therefore, not surprising that certain members of the order are recognized by economic entomologists as pests, especially the pear thrips (Taeiniothrips inconsequens Uzel [pyri Dan.]), the onion thrips (Thrips tabaci), the grass thrips (Anaphothrips striatus), the greenhouse thrips (Heliothrips harrorrhoidalis) and several others. In addition to the particular plants with which their names are associated, these, and other species, affect a wide range of hosts, and several are polyphagous. On the other hand, a number of species have so far only been obtained from single plant species. The primary injury to vegetation is caused by the extraction of the sap and, when severe, a whole crop may be ruined. The effects of the injuries are very variable in different cases; in apple blossoms, for example, thrips have been known to prevent the formation of fruit, and Hewitt has found that when A. striatus feeds upon the spikelets of oats it produces sterility (vide Journ. Econ. Ent. 7). It is true, however, that thrips play a part in the fertilizing of beet, and many other plants, but their value in this direction does not compensate for their injurious feeding habits. Some species, notably the corn thrips (Limo-thrips cerealium), are well known to be capable of sustained flight and
migration: in such instances they fly in large numbers, particularly during sultry weather.

Parthenogenesis is of frequent occurrence throughout the order, and in several species (*H. hæmorrhoidalis, T. inconsequens, etc.*) males are either unknown or extremely rare: in others the eggs are capable of developing parthenogenetically, although males are quite common.

Only a few hundred species of the order have been described, and about one hundred have been found in the British Isles. The most important general works on the order are those of Uzel (1895) and Hinds (1902). For the British forms reference should be made to the writings of Haliday (*Ent. Month. Mag.* 1836–37) and Bagnall (*Journ. Econ. Biol.* 1911–13, and other papers).

**External Anatomy.**—In their general structure the Thysanoptera are more closely related to the Hemiptera-Homoptera than to any other order of insects. The head is generally somewhat quadrangular in form with a pair of small but prominent compound eyes: the facets of the latter are relatively large and convex, assuming a rounded instead of the usual hexagonal form. Three ocelli are commonly present on the vertex. Nearly all the head sclerites are intimately fused, almost all traces of sutures being lost. The antennæ are 6- to 9-jointed, and are inserted close together in a very forward position. The mouth-parts are adapted for piercing and suction, certain of the organs being modified as stylets which are enclosed in a short cone, or rostrum, projecting downwards from the ventral surface of the head (Fig. 329). The structure of the trophi has received attention from a number of investigators, including Garman (1896), Muir and Kershaw (1911), Borden (1915) and Peterson (1915). Their small size and asymmetrical form render them difficult to study and, consequently, a good deal of difference of opinion exists with regard to the homologies of the stylets. The mouth-cone is formed by the labrum and clypeus.
above, and the labium below, while the actual piercing organs are protruded through the short tubular base thus formed. Among the Terebrantia the mandibles of the two sides are totally unlike: the left organ is a strong chitinized stylet while the right one is reduced to a vestigial condition. The maxillae consist of a pair of palpus-bearing plates with associated stylets. The plates may be either symmetrical or unlike and they form the side walls of the mouth-cone already alluded to. The palpi are composed of a variable number of joints which range from 2 to 8 among different genera. Each stylet consists of a small basal piece articulating with the palpus-bearing plate of its side, and a long piercing organ which is usually divided into a proximal and a distal element. The labium forms the trough-like floor of the mouth-cone and is divisible into a mentum and submentum. The membranous apex of the mentum is more or less bilobed and carries a pair of short labial palpi which are 1- to 4-jointed. Among the Tubulifera certain differences in the mouth-parts are noticeable. The unpaired stylet articulates with the palpus-bearing plate of its side; the two paired stylets are very long and have acquired separate, and more posterior, articulations with the head capsule. These features have led Muir and Kershaw to regard the unpaired stylet as the maxilla, and the paired stylets as mandibles. Peterson, on the other hand, maintains that their homologies are the same as in the Terebrantia, basing his conclusions upon comparative studies of nymphs and adults of the two sub-orders. The connection of the mandible with the palpus-bearing plate of its side he regards as being secondary, since it is not present in the nymphal stage.

When a thrips feeds the apex of the mouth-cone is applied to the surface of the plant, and the stylets are driven into the tissues. The laceration of the latter causes a minute wound through which the sap escapes. The apex of the mouth-cone is applied to the puncture, and the juices of the

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**Fig. 329.—Head and Mouth-parts of Thysanoptera.**

A. Mandibles and maxillae of *Heliothrips* (Terebrantia). B. Mandibles and maxillae of *Cephalothrips* (Tubulifera). C, dorsal and D, lateral aspects of the head of *Heliothrips*. a, base of antenna; c, clypeus; f, frons; l, labrum; lm, left mandible; lp, labial palp; m, mentum; mm, submentum; mp, maxillary palp; mx, maxillary plate; oc, ocelli; pr, internal process of head; rm, right mandible; s, maxillary stylet; t, thorax. Adapted from Peterson.
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plant are pumped up into the gut by means of the action of the pharyngeal muscles.

The prothorax is free and distinct, with a broad tergum, while the meso- and meta-thorax are compactly united. The legs are composed of the usual parts and only the tarsi present special features. The latter are 1- or 2-jointed, and the claws may be either single or paired. A remarkable protrusible vesicle is associated with the extremity of the tarsus, and it is to the presence of this organ the alternative ordinal name Physopoda is due. When at rest, the vesicle is retracted and invisible, but when the insect is walking it appears to be exerted by means of blood pressure. These organs are present in both nymphs and imagines and they enable their possessors to walk upon almost any kind of surface. The wings are membranous, very narrow, and strap-shaped: they have very few or no veins, and only rarely possess cross-veins. They are fringed with long setae and some species bear spines along the veins or along the former courses of the latter. The wings of a side are interlocked by means of several hooked spines near the base of the hind-wing which engage a membranous fold on the anal area of the fore-wing. The imagines of many species exhibit striking variations in the degree of development of the wings. The adults of a single species (Chirothrips manicatus Hal.) may have fully developed wings, reduced functionless wings, or be completely apterous. In other species both sexes may be winged or one winged and the other apterous: one or both sexes may be brachypterous or both may be wingless. When brachypterous forms occur among normally winged individuals the phenomenon is especially evident towards autumn.

The abdomen is elongate, tapering posteriorly, and is composed of ten segments. In the Terebrantia there is a conspicuous serrated ovipositor projecting from the ventral surface between the eighth and ninth abdominal segments, and formed by two pairs of gonapophyses. Among the Tubulifera an ovipositor is wanting and the terminal segment is tubular.

Internal Anatomy.—Most of what is known concerning the internal structure of Thysanoptera is due to Jordan (1888) and Uzel (1895). The digestive system is characterized by a chitinized sucking pharynx provided with radial muscles, an extensive mid-intestine and four Malpighian tubes. The mid-intestine forms the largest portion of the alimentary canal and is divided into a capacious anterior chamber followed by a tubular coiled posterior region. The hind intestine forms a straight passage to the anus. Two pairs of salivary glands are commonly present and are located in the thorax and abdomen (vide Peterson, 1915): their ducts unite to form a common canal opening at the apex of the mouth-cone. According to Uzel three pairs of salivary glands are found in the thorax of Trichothrips. The nervous system is highly concentrated: the brain is well developed, the sub-esophageal and prothoracic ganglia are fused while the meso- and meta-thoracic ganglia remain separate. A median nerve cord passes down the abdomen, but the ganglia have shifted forward and are concentrated into a single centre which is located in the first segment of that region. The circulatory organ consists of a very short contractile heart lying in the eighth abdominal segment and continued forwards as a long aorta. In the female reproductive organs the ovaries each consist of four short panoistic ovarioles: a receptaculum seminis is present together with small accessory glands. The male reproductive organs consist of a pair of fusiform testes which communicate by means of rather short vasa deferen-
tia with an ejaculatory duct. The latter is somewhat swollen at its for­ward extremity, forming an ampulla-like enlargement. At this point it receives the ducts of one or two pairs of relatively large accessory glands which considerably exceed the testes in size. The tracheal system is well developed and usually opens to the exterior by means of three or four pairs of spiracles. One pair is located near the anterior angles of the mesothorax and there are also pairs on the 1st and 8th abdominal segments: a 4th pair is present in the Tubulifera and many of the Terebrantia, being situated on the metathorax just behind the attachment of the hind­wings. The family Urothripidae is exceptional in having eleven pairs of spiracles.

**Life-history and Metamorphoses** (Fig. 328).—The eggs of the Tere­brantia are more or less reniform, while those of the Tubulifera are commonly elongate-oval. In the first-mentioned sub-order the female cuts a slit with her saw-like ovipositor, laying the eggs singly in the tissues of the host plant. The Tubulifera lay their eggs externally, either singly or in groups, upon leaves, stems, under bark, etc. The newly hatched nymphs resemble the imagines in their general facies and their method of feeding is also similar. There are generally four instars before the adult condition is reached. After the second ecdysis the nymphs develop wing-pads and assume whatever is frequently termed the prepupal instar. As a rule they conceal themselves among debris or enter the ground prior to undergoing this change, but in Heliothrips hæmorrhoidalis the transformation takes place on the under­side of the leaves of the food plant. During the prepupal stage the insect often manifests considerable activity. In the case of those species which transform in the soil the prepupa is quiescent but will crawl about when removed from its earthen cell. The prepupa may be distinguished from the next instar or pupa by the antennæ remaining free and not being re­flected over the head and pronotum: the wing pads are shorter, the com­pound eyes are still small and ocelli are wanting. After a comparatively short period spent in this stage the insect undergoes its third ecdysis and transforms into a pupa. This instar is of a variable, and often lengthy, duration among different species. Unless disturbed the pupa remains quiescent, but upon being roused it is capable of slowly crawling about. It is to be regarded as a resting nymphal stage exhibiting a definite approach towards the true pupa of the Endopterygota. No nourishment is taken during the prepupal and pupal instars. The number of generations passed through in the year differs in various species: many, such as Taniothrips inconsequens, are univoltine, while on the other hand Heliothrips fasciatus is known to have 7 to 9 generations in a season in the United States. Hibernation may take place either in the nymphal, pupal, or imaginal stage.

**Classification.**—The Thysanoptera are divided by Bagnall (Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist. 1912) into three sub-orders as given below.

1. **Polystigmata**
   - Eleven pairs of spiracles, palpi 1-jointed, hind coxae most widely separated. (Urothripidae.)

2. **Terebrantia**
   - Not more than 4 pairs of spiracles, palpi 2- or more-jointed, middle coxae most widely separated.

3. **Tubulifera**
   - Ovipositor saw-like, apex of abdomen conical in female, bluntly rounded in male. (Eloiothripidae, Thripidae.)
   - Ovipositor absent, apex of abdomen tubular in both sexes. (Phleothripidae, Idolothripidae.)
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MUIR and KERSHAW, 1911.—Vide p. 373.


Order 14. **HEMIPTERA** (Rhynchota: Plant Bugs, etc.).

Two pairs of wings usually present; the anterior pair most often of harder consistency than the posterior pair, either uniformly so (Homoptera) or with the apical portion more membranous than the remainder (Heteroptera). Mouth-parts piercing and suctorial, palpi atrophied; the labium in the form of a dorsally grooved sheath receiving two pairs of bristle-like stylets. Metamorphosis usually gradual, rarely complete.

The Hemiptera or Bugs are most easily recognized by the form of the mouth-parts. They are, without exception, sucking insects, and this habit, along with the general structure of the mouth-parts, is retained throughout life. The wings present a greater variation in structure than in any other order of insects, and for this reason no general definition is sufficiently comprehensive to include them all.

As Sharp observes, probably no other order of insects is so directly concerned with the welfare of man on account of the vast amount of direct, and indirect, injury its members entail to vegetation. Among the most destructive species are the Cotton Stainers (*Dysdercus*), the Chinch-bug (*Blissus leucopterus*), Coffee Blight (*Helopeltis*), Leaf-hoppers (*Jassidæ* and related families), White Flies (*Aleyrodidæ*), Plant Lice (*Aphididæ*), and the Scale Insects and Mealy Bugs (*Coccidæ*).

It is not only the exhaustion consequent upon the rapid draining of the sap of plants by the mouth-parts of Hemiptera that is so deleterious, but also the fact that the punctures left by these organs afford means of ingress for bacteria and fungi to the underlying tissues, where they quickly multiply. Furthermore, the pathogenic agents of "fire-blight" and "mosaic disease" are known to be transmitted from plant to plant by means of the piercing mouth-parts of certain of these insects.

An all-important factor bearing upon the devastation entailed by Hemiptera is the extraordinarily rapid rate of reproduction found in many members of the sub-order Homoptera. The calculations of Reaumur and Huxley regarding the fecundity of parthenogenetic aphides are well known. Buckton, however, regards their conclusions as greatly underestimated, and showed that the progeny of a single aphid at the end of 300 days—if all the members survived—would be the 15th power of 210! With regard to leaf-hoppers Perkins, on the supposition that each hopper lays 50 eggs (and the sexes are about equal), calculates that if there are six generations in the year the undisturbed progeny of one female would amount, at the end of twelve months, to very little less than 500,000,000.

Among certain Heteroptera a propensity for animal food has been
acquired, particularly in the predaceous family Reduviidae and in most Cryptocerata. The Cimicidae, Polyctenidae, and the Reduviid genus Triatoma are active blood-suckers of mammals or birds, the habit being prevalent in both sexes.

Hemiptera afford many instances of resemblance to insects of their own and other orders. Certain of the ant-like forms are very remarkable; thus the Coreid Dulichius inflatus Kirby (brachypterous form) closely resembles and associates with the ant Polyrachis spiniger, and is furnished with pronotal and other spines, rather similar to those possessed by the ant. Another Coreid, Alydus calcarius L., is often found in England in company with Formica rufa and other ants, which its nymph closely resembles. Further cases of resemblance to insects pertaining to other orders are met with in the Reduviidae.

Aquatic Hemiptera afford excellent examples of the relation of structural modifications to differences of environment, particularly with regard to locomotion and respiration (vide Bueno, 1916). In the surface dwellers (Hydrometridae) the adaptations are less pronounced, the antennae free and unconcealed, and the legs not highly modified. These insects are clothed with velvety pile to prevent wetting, and respiratory devices are but little complicated. The Cryptocerata, on the other hand, have the antennae concealed, the long antennae of above-water forms obstructing the freedom of motion of submerged insects. The legs are highly adapted for purposes of swimming and respiratory modifications are complex.

External Anatomy

The Head.—The head (vide Muir and Kershaw, 1911, 1911A) is very variable both in form and in the inclination of its longitudinal axis. In almost all cases the sclerites are compactly fused (Fig. 331), only two principal dorsal

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- a, base of antenna; c, clypeus; e, epipharynx; f, frontal process; g, gula; l, labrum; l1, labium (rostrum); m.x.s maxillary sclerite; o, compound eye; o1, ocellus; t, prothorax.
plates—the epicranium and clypeus—being recognizable owing to the fusion of the frons with the former. In Psyllidæ however the frons is evident as a separate narrow sclerite carrying the median ocellus; the expression "frons" is frequently used in descriptive works dealing with the Auchenorhyncha, although this region can only be regarded as a conventional area, not definitely marked off from the epicranium. The frons, clypeus, and labrum of many systematists are, in a number of families, the clypeus, labrum and epipharynx respectively. The lore are two curved plates evident in leaf-hoppers between the clypeus and genæ, and are lateral developments of the former. The labrum is rather variable in form and not always clearly separated from the epipharynx; the latter organ is narrow and acuminate. Ocelli are usually present and frequently two in number (Heteroptera, and most Auchenorhyncha); three are present in Cicadidæ, and many Sternorrhyncha. They are wanting in Pyrrhocoridae, Cimicidæ and species of Typhlocyba, etc. In addition to compound eyes, ocular tubercles or supplementary eyes are present in close relation to the former in Livia and many aphides. The antennæ have few joints, frequently only four or five; their maximum number is attained in the Sternorrhyncha, where 10 joints are found in Psyllids and 25 in the males of a few Coccids.

The Mouth-parts (Fig. 333).—These organs in the different families are very alike in general structure, the similarity being correlated with the uniform nature of the feeding habits throughout the order. They are exclusively adapted for piercing and suction, the mandibles and maxillæ being modified to form slender bristle-like stylets which rest in the grooved labium. The embryological studies of Heymons (1899), and Muir and Kershaw (1911, 1912), have demonstrated that the mandibles and maxillæ develop quite normally from the first two pairs of post-oral embryonic appendages. They subsequently become sunk to some extent within the head, and enclosed at their bases in pockets whose lining is continuous with the general integument. Both pairs of stylets are hollow seta-like structures, capable of limited protrusion and retraction by means of muscular action. In many Homoptera the stylets are extremely long and, in some cases, greatly exceed the total length of the insect. In these instances they are capable of being looped or coiled upon themselves, and withdrawn into a backwardly directed pocket connected with the channel of the labium. This pocket in Coccidæ (Fig. 365a) is lined by thin membrane, and is situated between the central nervous system and the ventral body-wall.

The mandibular stylets form the anterior (outer) pair and, although usually free, may be closely interlocked with the maxillæ as in Lygus: at their apices they are usually serrated. The posterior (inner) pair of stylets constitute part of the maxillæ: the embryonic rudiments of the latter become bi-segmented at an early stage, and the basal joint thus formed gives rise to the maxillary sclerite or plate, and the distal joint to
the maxillary stylet. The swollen basal portion, or maxillary sclerite, is probably to be regarded as the undifferentiated cardo and stipes, which subsequently became amalgamated with the head capsule, while the stylet itself is to be looked upon as the homologue of a maxillary lobe. Maxillary palpi are wanting, except as vestigial organs, which occur in certain Hydro- 
metridre, while in some Tingidre there are small processes which have been regarded as pertaining to the same category. Each maxillary stylet tapers to a fine point and is grooved along its inner aspect; the groove is divided into two parallel channels by means of a longitudinal ridge which traverses the length of stylet. Seen in cross section, the latter is shaped like a W, and the pair of stylets, by the approximation of their channels, form two extremely fine tubes. The dorsal one functions as the suction canal and communicates with the pharyngeal duct; the ventral tube is the ejection canal and receives the saliva discharged through the salivary duct. Within the head the maxillary stylets diverge towards their bases, but externally they are closely interlocked, and appear as a single structure, as in Anasa (Tower), and Psylla (Grove); or the interlocking arrangement is wanting and they are simply opposed to one another (Eriosoma). At the enlarged proximal ends of both pairs of stylets are oval areas of glandular tissue known as the retort-shaped organs, whose function is problematical. In many Hemiptera the bases of the stylets are attached to the head-capsule by means of mandibular and maxillary levers. These latter are rods of chitin which extend outwards in a transverse direction, and afford attachment to certain of the stylet muscles. The stylets themselves are enclosed in a sheath (rostrum) formed almost entirely by the labium which is dorsally grooved for their reception. At its base, however, the labial groove is wanting and in this region the sheath is roofed over by the labrum. If the latter be raised with the point of a needle the stylets can be discerned beneath. Distally, the lips of the labial groove are approximated or fused to form a tube and, as the lumen of the latter is very small, the stylets fit tightly therein. In the majority of Hemiptera the labium is either 4-jointed (Pentatomidæ, Capsidæ, Lygeidæ, etc.) or 3-jointed (most Reduviidæ, Cicadidæ, Psyllidæ and Aleyrodidæ); in Coc- cidae it is always short and 1- or 2-jointed. Its apex is provided with sensory

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**FIG. 333.—DIAGRAM OF THE MOUTH-PARTS AND ADJACENT REGION OF THE HEAD OF AN HEMIPTEROUS INSECT.**

On the left are transverse sections across the regions bearing corresponding lettering; the magnifications of these sections are not uniform. cl, clypeus; ec, ejection canal with salivary duct; l, labrum; m, mandible; mx, maxilla; p, pharynx; pd, pharyngeal duct; r, rostrum; sd, salivary ducts; sc, suction canal with pharyngeal duct.
setæ, and it performs no part in perforating the tissues of the plant-host. Labial palpi are almost always wanting; in certain families, however, they are stated to be present, but there is no unanimity of opinion. Heymons (1896) finds that they are present in the embryo but atrophied in the adult, and that the so-called palpi are secondary organs. Leon, on the other hand, observes that they are present in Nepa, Ranatra, and certain Belostomatidæ. The hypopharynx is situated between the bases of the maxillæ, and is usually well chitinized though small and difficult to detect except in sections. It is pierced by the salivary duct and the latter passes forwards to open into the ejection canal; the dorsal wall of the hypopharynx forms a support to the floor of the pharyngeal duct (p. 337).

While at rest the rostrum is concealed by being flexed beneath the body, with its apex directed backwards. When the insect is about to feed, the rostrum is extended from its position of repose and inclined downwards. In the great majority of Hemiptera the stylets are only slightly longer than the rostrum, and consequently some mechanism is necessary by means of which the latter becomes retracted to admit of the insertion of the stylets into the plant. In Aphididæ, for example, this is brought about by the proximal portion of the rostrum being withdrawn or telescoped into the body (Davidson). In Lygus, and other Heteroptera, the stylets are able to penetrate the tissues owing, it is stated, to the bending or looping of the rostrum about its basal hinge (Awati). In Coccidæ the rostrum is very short, and the stylets extremely long, and the mechanism by which the latter are inserted into the plant, and afterwards withdrawn and looped within the body, is difficult to conceive.

The problem which requires solution is the method by which long, slender, pointed stylets can be forced to the requisite depth into the tissues of a plant. In those cases where the stylets are but little longer than the rostrum it has been usually explained that the action of the protractor muscles, applied at the bases of the stylets, force the latter into the plant, and that they are guided by the labrum and the grooved labium in their course. In Psylla Grove (1919) contends that this explanation is wholly inadequate owing to the great length of the stylets and their permanently looped condition. This author suggests that, by means of blood-pressure, the apex of the labium becomes distended and consequently grips the stylets tightly after the manner of a pair of forceps. The projecting portions of the stylets would be forced a short distance into the plant tissues. This being accomplished, the internal pressure would be slackened, which would result in the grip being released, and the rostrum would become slightly shorter, so that its apex would have travelled a short distance upwards along the stylets. The pressure being renewed, the grip is re-established and the stylets forced in a step further and so on, until the required amount of penetration may be accomplished. It is evident that the range of action of the protractor muscles is much less than the depth to which the stylets often penetrate, and that their action alone is inadequate to explain the process. With regard to the mechanism of suction we have to consider the ejection of the saliva into the plant, and the flow of sap along the suction canal into the pharyngeal duct of the insect. There is no complete continuity between the walls of the salivary and pharyngeal ducts and those of ejection and suction canals respectively. The two ducts, however, project into their respective canals sufficiently

1 A similar mode of action has been previously described by Berlese for the stylets of Coccidæ.
far to allow for a regular flow of liquid,—in the one case outward and in the other inward. As a preliminary to piercing the plant tissue, the insect surveys the surface thereof by means of the apical setæ of the rostrum. The actual piercing apparently takes place by means of the mandibles, the maxillæ following closely afterwards. The saliva is forced down the ejection canal by means of the salivary pump, but the exact functions which it performs are difficult to ascertain. In several cases it is known to transform starch into sugar, but it certainly fulfils other uses. Thus, in some aphides the saliva also dissolves a passage for the stylets through the cell-walls and causes plasmolysis and dissolution of the cell-contents (Davidson). During the ascent of the sap in the minute suction canal capillarity, possibly aided by pressure exerted by the turgid plant-cells when pierced by the stylets, may be regarded as the preliminary process. This is followed by the active suction exerted by the divaricator muscles of the pharynx. The course of the stylets within the plant-tissues has been followed by Davidson in the case of *Aphis rumicis*. They pass intercellularly through the cortex, only occasionally perforating individual cells. On reaching the vascular bundles the cell-walls are punctured and the cell-contents sucked out. In this species the phloem is the chief source of the food supply, although other tissues, including the cortex and the mesophyll of the leaf, may be resorted to in the case of plants heavily infested by this aphid.

The Thorax.—The morphology of the hemipterous thorax has not been extensively investigated, but a comparison of a number of genera has been made by Taylor (1918) and a study of the sclerites of *Anasa* by Tower (1913). Among Heteroptera the pronotum is tolerably uniform in its characters: it is always large, rarely marked off into separate sclerites, and forms the greater part of the thorax when viewed from above. The mesonotum frequently exhibits a five-fold division, thus presenting the maximum number of sclerites. Of these the most prominent is the scutellum, which is always well developed: in certain Pentatomide it extends posteriorly to the extent of entirely covering the wings, and imparts to the insect an apterous appearance. The metanotum is very variable: it may be well developed, as in *Anasa*, or reduced to a small region concealed beneath the mesoscutellum. It is never conspicuous, and is covered by the unexpanded wings. The sternites are, for the most part, fused with the respective pleura.

Among Homoptera there is more diversity of structure, and *Cicada* may be regarded as fairly typical of the sub-order. The pronotum is almost always small and frequently collar-like, except in Membracide where it assumes incredibly bizarre and grotesque forms and extends backwards over the abdomen. The mesothorax is the largest and most typical region, exhibiting the primary divisions into prescutum, scutum, scutellum and postscutellum. In the Fulgoroidea it bears well-developed tegulae, which are vestigial or absent in these species with reduced wings. The metanotum is usually well developed, and in *Jassid* it is nearly as long as the mesonotum.

The Wings.—Among Heteroptera there is a marked difference in the consistency of the two pairs of wings, as is implied by the name of that sub-order. The fore-wings are termed hemelytra (*hemi-elytra*) and their proximal area is horny, resembling an elytron, only the smaller distal portion remaining membranous (Fig. 335). The hind-wings are always membranous and, in repose, are folded beneath the hemelytra.
The hemelytra (Fig. 334) exhibit much diversity of structure and, for this reason, have been largely utilized for purposes of classification. The hardened basal portion is composed of two regions—the clavus or narrower area next to the scutellum (when the wings are closed), and the corium or remaining broader portion. In the families Ceratocombidae and Anthocoridae a narrow strip of the corium, bordering on the costa, is demarcated from the remainder, and is known as the embolium. In the Capsidae a triangular apical portion of the corium is separately differentiated to form the cuneus. Among Tingidae the differentiation into corneus and membranous regions is less distinct. In some cases the membranous area is much reduced or wholly absorbed, but in the Henicocephalidae the hemelytra are entirely membranous. The two pairs of wings exhibit evident departures from the primitive venational type and the most generalized tracheation has been found in Pentatomidae (vide Comstock).

Among Homoptera the fore-wings are of uniform texture (Fig. 336) and are frequently of harder consistency than the hind pair. Apterous forms are the rule in female Coccidae and Aphididae (sexuales), as well as occurring in the agamic generations of the latter family; both apterous and alate males are sometimes present in both Aphididae and Coccidae. Although there is great diversity of venation which is dealt with under the different families, the pre-existent tracheae have been extensively studied in the nymph, and it is thus possible to determine the homologies of the wing-veins.

The little-understood phenomenon of alary polymorphism is prevalent in different families. That is to say, in the same species there may be two or more forms of alary organs which, furthermore, may be correlated with sex or may not. There are two well-marked types of individuals,—the apterous and macropterous, sometimes with intermediates or brachypterous forms.* The phenomenon is evident, for example, in the Hydrometridae, Anthocoridae and Reduviidae among Heteroptera, and certain Fulgoroidea (Delphacidae) and Jassidae among Homoptera. It is particularly well seen in the British species of Liburnia. In Perhensiella there is much specific variation in this respect: thus P.
saccharicida has macropterous males and polymorphic females, while in P. vitiensis and vastatrix both sexes are dimorphic.

In certain African Reduviidae (Edocla Stål) the males are winged and the females apterous and physogastric: in other species of the genus both sexes are alike and physogastric. In Paredocla Jeann. there are both winged and apterous males; the latter resemble the females, which are also apterous, and all forms are found together (Jeannel, Voy. Afriq. Orient., Hemiptera, 3, 1919).

Many explanations have been advanced to account for alary polymorphism (vide Kirkaldy, 1906). It has been variously correlated with climate, season, mimicry, capability for leaping or rapid locomotion, and mode of life, whether arboreal or otherwise. Thus, in Africa, Jeannel states that most of the apterous and brachypterous genera of Reduviidae inhabit the hotter regions. In the European Pyrrhocoris apterus both pairs of wings may be either normally developed, or reduced to merely the horny basal portions of the hemelytra, and the two forms vary very greatly both in local and seasonal occurrence. The phenomenon offers a wide field for research, particularly from the genetic point of view.

The Abdomen.—In its least modified condition the abdomen often consists of eleven recognizable segments as in Cicada (Berlese) and several other genera of Homoptera (Heymons). As a general rule, however, suppression and reduction have taken place to a greater or less degree. Thus in Anasa Tower (1913) finds there are 9 segments in the male and 10 in the female. In Notonecta the 1st segment is greatly reduced, but segments 2–11 are evident; in Nejfa and Ranatra the 1st tergum and the 1st and 2nd sterna are atrophied, but the remaining segments to the 11th are recognized by Berlese. In Psyllidae Crawford also finds evidence of 11 original segments; of these the 1st, 2nd and 3rd are either suppressed or much reduced.
Among Aphididae the number is difficult to determine and most observers conclude there are nine visible segments.

Among Heteroptera a well-developed ovipositor is present in a few families, notably in the Nepidae and Notonectidae, where it consists of three pairs of gonapophyses. A valvular ovipositor is present in the Auchenorrhyncha but, for the most part, is reduced or wanting among the Sternorrhyncha.

Sound-producing Organs are of frequent occurrence among Heteroptera and may be grouped under five chief types.

1. The prosternal furrow of many Reduviidae and Phymatidae studied by Handlirsch (1900). This furrow is cross-striated and stridulation is produced by the rugose apex of the rostrum working thereon; it is well seen in Reduvius personatus and Coranus subapterus.

2. The strigose ventral areas of certain Pentatomidae (Scutellerinae). According to Handlirsch these are found on either side of the median line of the 4th and 5th abdominal segments. On the inner side of the hind tibiae are wart-like tubercles, each bearing a subapical tooth. When the insect bends the tibia against the femur, and again extends it, the spinous tubercles pass across the strigose areas, thus enabling the insect by rapidly repeating the movements to produce an audible sound.

3. The pedal stridulating organs of Corixidae. The anterior tarsus bears a row of teeth and the anterior femur is provided with a stridulatory area consisting of rows of minute pegs. It appears that the tarsal "comb" of the left leg is drawn obliquely across the femur of the right leg and vice versa, and in this manner sound is produced (Kirkaldy, 1901); in the females the mechanism is much less highly developed. According to Handlirsch sound is produced by drawing the tarsal comb across the ridged clypeus.

4. Coxal stridulatory organs. In Ranatra Bueno (Can. Ent. 1905) describes two opposing rasps, one on each coxa near the base with longitudinal striations, the other on the inner surface of the cephalic margin of the lateral plate of the coxal cavity. The latter plate is exceptionally thin and probably functions as a resonating organ.

5. The dorsal stridulatory organs which are found in both sexes of Tessaratoma papillosa. The sound-producing organ consists of a striated surface or file situated one on either side of the dorsum of the abdomen close to the metathorax. On the under-surface of each wing, near the base, is a comb of strong teeth. The sclerite supporting the files is able to move backwards and forwards across the comb (Muir, 1907). Dorsal stridulating organs are also described in the Corixidae in addition to those mentioned under (3).

Among Homoptera, the sound-producing organs of the Cicadidae are complex structures peculiar to the family, and situated one on either side of the ventral aspect of the base of the abdomen (vide p. 93). The remaining Auchenorrhyncha are usually regarded as being silent, but Kirkaldy (1907) states that several leaf-hoppers possess the power of stridulation.

Spiracles.—According to Schiödte 10 pairs of spiracles are normally present in Heteroptera, and this conclusion is confirmed by Handlirsch. They are present on the following segments; 1st pair, on the membrane between the pro- and meso-thorax, and only to be observed with difficulty: 2nd pair, between the meso- and meta-thorax; 3rd pair, dorsal lying between the metanotum and 1st abdominal tergum, hidden by the wings:
4th and following pairs, on the ventral side of the pleural folds of the consecutive abdominal segments. This general rule is subject to modification particularly in aquatic families. Thus in *Nepa* there are 10 pairs of open spiracles in the nympha, but in the adult most of these are either closed or non-functional. Maulik (1916) regards the first three pairs as being functional although closed; the only other functional pair is at the base of the respiratory siphon. The 4th, 5th and 9th pairs have atrophied and the 6th, 7th and 8th are highly modified sieve-like structures which are regarded by Doges, and also Baunacke (1912), as being modified into sensory organs. The spiracles of *Notonecta* have been investigated by Brocher (1909), who states that there are 9 pairs.

In the Auchenorrhyncha there are 10 pairs of spiracles as a general rule, but among the Sternorrhyncha there is a wide range of variation. In Aphididae there are usually 9 pairs, situated respectively on the pro- and meta-thorax and on the first 7 abdominal segments. Among Psyllidae Witlaczil (1885) finds 2 thoracic and 7 abdominal spiracles in the nympha of *Trioza*, while in the adult *Psylla mali* Awati (1915) states there are 2 thoracic and 3 abdominal pairs. In the Aleyrodidae the nympha are closely applied to the leaf surface, and as the spiracles lie ventrally they are concealed. Air is conveyed thereto by means of special breathing folds of the integument. Two pairs of thoracic spiracles are present, —one pair between the anterior legs and the other pair between the posterior legs. Spiracles are also present behind the 2nd thoracic pair apparently on the 1st abdominal segment, and a 4th pair exists alongside the vasiform orifice. Vestigial spiracles are apparently found in some genera on other of the abdominal segments. In the adult the distribution of the spiracles is very much the same as in the nympha. The respiratory system of both Psyllidae and Aleyrodidae, however, requires detailed investigation.

In the nympha and females of the Coccidae there are commonly two pairs of spiracles on the ventral aspect of the thorax; abdominal spiracles are present, however, in certain groups (Ferris, *Can. Ent.* 1918). The primitive number of 2 thoracic and 8 abdominal pairs is found in *Xylococcus* (Oguma, 1919); in *Orthezia* (List, 1887) and *Monophlebus* (Savage) there is one pair less on the abdomen. In *Icerya purchasi* the abdominal spiracles are reduced to 2 pairs, and in certain other species of that genus there are at least 3 pairs present (Ferris).

**Internal Anatomy**

The Alimentary Canal.—A true mouth is absent, and the actual entrance into the digestive system is the aperture of the suction canal, which is situated at the apex of the maxillary stylets. Towards the base of the latter the suction canal communicates with the *pharyngeal duct*, which is the narrow continuation of the pharynx into the labral region. The *pharynx* proper is the principal organ of suction, and its dorsal wall is provided with powerful divaricator muscles. In the region of the epipharynx there is, in most Hemiptera, a *gustatory organ* whose sensory cells communicate with the lumen of the pharyngeal duct through perforations in a chitinous plate, which is a specialized development of the epipharyngeal membrane. The greater part of the digestive canal is highly modified in both sub-orders though in totally different directions. In Heteroptera the *mid-gut* is frequently divisible into four sharply differ-
entiated tracts (Fig. 337): (1) An anterior sac-like chamber; (2) a tubular region; (3) an ovoid chamber smaller than the first; (4) a narrow tubular portion from which, in many families, numerous gastric ceca take their origin. In certain of the strictly predaceous groups these divisions are less evident, and the tubular 4th region is absent in those families which lack the gastric ceca. The hind intestine is very contracted and consists of a small bladder-like chamber, which receives the Malpighian tubes, and a very large rectal chamber, often much more extensive than the 1st division of the mid-gut. The remarkable gastric ceca have been studied by Glasgow (1914), and they present many variations in form, number and arrangement. In Blissus leucopterus there are 10 finger-like ceca present, in Anasa tristis there are several hundreds in the form of closely compacted pockets, while in Dysdercus they are few in number (6 in the male and none in the female). The ceca are invariably filled with bacteria and, furthermore, the association is hereditary, the organisms being present in the gut of the developing embryo. Their function appears to be that of inhibiting the growth of foreign bacteria, and so excluding the latter from the mid-gut.

Among many Homoptera the cesophagus leads into a very capacious crop which occupies a large part of the abdominal cavity. The mid-gut is long and tubular and reflected on the crop in an ascending manner,
with the result that its junction with the hind intestine comes to lie very far forwards alongside the oesophagus (Fig. 338). Owing to this disposition, the insertions of the Malpighian tubes are likewise anteriorly situated, and these organs, together with the mid-gut and the hind-intestine, form a complex coil of tubes lying in the thorax (Kershaw, Psyche, 21).

In the Membracid Tricentrus albomaculatus Kershaw (Ann. Soc. Ent. Belg. 57) states that the basement membrane, and the external muscles of the crop and of the base of the oesophagus, separate from the epithelial walls of those parts, and enclose the twisted knot formed by the above visceral complex. The result is that the latter comes to lie in a chamber bounded externally by the basement membrane. A similar arrangement of the viscera is found in Cercopidæ (Licent, Bull. Soc. Ent. Fr. 1911), in Coccidæ and other Homoptera. The chamber or cavity thus formed is termed by Berlese the filter chamber. This authority suggests that, owing to the large surface presented by the mid-gut, where it is applied to the wall of the oesophagus and crop, the excess of liquid in the food will pass directly by osmosis through the intervening walls to the mid-gut, and thence through the wall of the latter into the hind intestine. In this manner liquid is quickly eliminated, while solid matter passes by the usual course through the whole digestive system.

In the Diaspine Coccids the mid-gut is a closed sac (Fig. 339), entirely disconnected from the hind intestine, and the digestive juices render the food-contents capable of passing by osmosis into the main hemocoelic cavity. The waste substances therewith are then taken up by the greatly enlarged Malpighian tubes (Berlese). Childs (1914), although not disputing Berlese’s views as to digestion in these insects, states that continuity with the hind-intestine obtains by means of an extremely short solid cord, and that the usual condition observed by Berlese is due to its rupture by the action of fixing fluids prior to section cutting.

The prevalent number of Malpighian tubes in Heteroptera is 4, but in Belostoma there are 2 (Locy). Among Homoptera they are more variable; thus, in Membracidæ there are 4 united proximally in pairs (Kershaw), and the same number is present in Cicada. Among Coccidæ there are generally 2 tubes of very large calibre and but little convoluted, but in Icerya there are 3 (Johnston) and in Xylococcus 4 (Oguma). Among Aphididæ Malpighian tubes are absent.

Salivary Glands.—These organs exhibit a marked uniformity of structure among Heteroptera, and have been very fully investigated by Bugnion and Popoff (1908, 1910) and Faure-Fremiet (1910). The principal gland (Fig. 340) is ordinarily bi- or pluri-lobed and situated in the thorax; the accessory gland is most often filiform. The main salivary duct arises at the point of junction of the lobes of the principal gland and, in the same
region, it receives the long sinuous duct of the accessory gland of its side. The two main ducts of opposite sides converge to form a common canal opening into the salivary pump. In the zoophagous forms (Harpactor, Reduvius personatus and the Cryptocerata) the accessory gland is thin-walled and modified to form a reservoir. In some forms (Naucoris) the principal gland is very large and may extend into the abdomen.

In Fulgora there are three pairs of glands corresponding to the anterior and posterior lobes of the principal gland and the accessory gland of Heteroptera. In Cicada there are likewise three pairs of glands. Among aphides 2 pairs of simple sac-like glands are located in the prothorax in Eriosoma and Lachnus; in Phylloxera vastatrix and Chermes lapponicus 3 pairs have been described. Among Coccids the glands are bilobed in Lepidosaphes and Xylococcus; in Icerya each gland is reduced to 3 multinucleate spherical cells (Johnston).

The salivary pump or "syringe" is a very characteristic structure in Hemiptera and is attached anteriorly to the hypopharynx. It is provided with stout muscles and functions as a force-pump, propelling the saliva down the ejection canal.

Odoriferous Glands.—Odoriferous or repugnatorial glands are characteristic of a large number of Heteroptera, and open to the exterior by means of a pair of ventral pores or slits situated near the coxae of the hind-legs. Each opening is surrounded by an evaporating surface, which retains the secretion while it volatilizes and prevents its more extended diffusion: the surface of this area is usually finely rugose or granulated (Schiödt).

In Belostoma the glands form a pair of convoluted tubes and their odour is said to resemble that of ripe pears or bananas (Locy, 1884): very similar glands have been found by Bordas in Gerrius. In the nymphs the meta-thoracic glands are wanting, their place being taken by dorsal abdominal glands which assume the form of small integumentary invaginations.

Wax Glands.—These are prevalent in many Homoptera. They are usually unicellular and may occur either singly or in groups (vide p. 137). They are well exhibited in the oriental Phromnia marginella, where they are situated beneath series of chitinous plates on the dorsum of the abdomen: each plate is studded with pores which are the apertures of the wax glands. In various Aphididae (Pemphigus, Chermes, Eriosoma, Lachnus, etc.) the plates are segmentally arranged in longitudinal series. The product of the glands is commonly in the form of a powdery secretion, or of dense flocculent threads.

The Nervous System exhibits a very uniform and complete degree of concentration. The abdominal ganglia are to a large extent fused.
up with the thoracic, though the connectives persist as the main single or paired abdominal nerve which gives off lateral segmental branches. The most extensive studies are those of Brandt (1878) and the following grades of concentration in the ventral ganglia are recognizable.

1. Three ventral ganglia present (Lygus, Capsus, Notonecta, Aphrophora, etc.). The infra-esophageal and 1st thoracic ganglia are separate, while the abdominal ganglia are fused with those of the 2nd and 3rd thoracic segments to form a common centre.

2. Two ventral ganglia present (Aphididae). The first is the infra-esophageal ganglion, while the thoracic and abdominal ganglia are merged into a common centre. In the Nepidae the prothoracic and infra-esophageal ganglia are apparently fused since the nerves supplying the first pair of legs issue from the latter centre.

3. A single ganglionic centre formed by the coalescence of all the ventral ganglia (Hydrometra and Coccidae).

The Dorsal Vessel has been very little investigated: a 5-chambered heart is present in Belostoma (Locy), but there is no definite dorsal vessel in Coccidae. Among Aphididae it was first described by Witlaczil (1882), and Mordwilko (1895) refers to a chambered vessel in Trama. No trace, however, has been found in Phylloxera (Dreyfus) or in the apterous viviparous female of Eriosoma (Davidson).

Pulsatile Organs occur in various aquatic genera. They are present in each pair of legs and, owing to the opacity of the integument, are best observed in the nymphs. Brocher (1909a) has studied these organs among Cryptocerata: they are present at the base of the 1st tarsal joint of the anterior legs, and at the base of tibia in the other pairs. In Ranatra each organ consists of a pulsatile membrane lying longitudinally in the cavity of the limb; it serves to ensure the circulation of the blood in the extremities. Pulsatile organs are also present in the tibiae of Philanenus (Gahan) and in aphides (Richardson).

Reproductive System (Figs. 341, 342).—Each ovary has a variable number of ovarioles which are composed of a small number of follicles (usually 1 to 4). In structure the ovarioles are commonly of the acrotrrophic type, but their histology has not been extensively studied in this order: in certain Heteroptera protoplasmic cords connect the nutritive cells with the developing oocytes. In this sub-order the ovarioles are few in number, generally 4 to 7 (Belostoma and Ranatra 5, Triatoma and Cimex 7). Holmgren (Zool. Jahrb. Syst. 12) figures the reproductive system of certain Auchenorrhyncha and the ovarioles varied in the examples studied from 3 in Eupteryx to 9 in Philanenus. Among Sternorrhyncha
there are 8 or 9 very short ovarioles in *Psylla mali* (Awati), but in *P. alni* there are 40–50 (Witlaczil). In Coccidæ they are numerous, each consisting of a single follicle arising from a wide oviduct; in *Icerya* (Johnston, 1912) the oviducts are united anteriorly, forming a broad loop. In Aphididæ the number of ovarioles varies in individuals of the same species, and different phases of the life-cycle. Thus, in *Phylloxera vastatrix*, in the apterous parthenogenetic forms they vary from one or two to thirty according to conditions (Foa), each containing two follicles; in the alate females there are usually two, and in the sexuææ of this species and also *Eriosoma lanigerum* (Baker, 1915) there is a single unpaired unilocular ovariole. Spermathecae are very generally present among Hemiptera: in *Triatoma* they are small and paired, but there is usually a single dorsal or ventral organ, often of complex structure. Accessory glands, two or three in number and either tubular or globose, are of general occurrence, but are wanting in the Diaspine Coccidæ (Berlese).

In *Cimex* there is a small rounded body, known as the organ of Berlese, which is situated in the ventral region of the abdomen (vide Cragg, *Ind. Journ. Med. Res.* 8, 1920). It is usually unpaired and lies on the right side, its external opening being in close association with a small longitudinal incision on the 4th sternum. The organ functions as a copulatory pouch which receives the spermatozoa discharged during coition. After the latter process is accomplished the spermatozoa pass in large masses through the haemocoel into the spermathecae. The latter organs are stated to be unconnected with the common oviduct and it appears that the spermatozoa migrate from the spermathecae through the walls of the paired oviduct in order to reach the eggs. It is probable that the excess spermatozoa are utilized by the female as nutrient during oviposition—a process which is termed by Berlese "hypergemies"; when and by what means absorption occurs needs investigation.

The male organs are so variable in form that a brief general description is very inadequate. It may be mentioned, however, that in *Ranatra fusca* each testis consists of six follicles enclosed in a scrotum, and the vas deferens on either side is enlarged to form a vesicula seminalis (Marshall and Severin, 1904). In *Cicada orni* the testes are ovoid with long, slender vasa deferentia; paired filiform accessory glands are present, together with an unpaired vesicula seminalis, situated at the point of union of the vasa deferentia (Dufour). In Coccidæ the male organs are very simple: the testes are in the form of ovoid sacs, either with or without a vesicula seminalis.

The *Pseudovitellus.*—In most Homoptera there is, in the abdomen, a solid mass of cell-tissue known as the pseudovitellus. In Aphididæ the appearance and distribution of this tissue depends upon the stage in development of the individual. It takes the form of small groups of large rounded conspicuous cells and is regarded by Witlaczil as being excretory in function; other authors ascribe to it a nutritive value. According to Sule (Sitz. König. Bohm. Ges. Wiss., Prag, 1910) and also Buchner (Arch. Protistenk. 1912) the organ contains great numbers of symbiotic micr oorganisms which are harboured in cells known as mycetocytes.
The association is of a very definite character, the microorganisms profiting by the protection and nutrient matter which they receive, while they benefit the host as absorbers of waste products such as urates, or excess food materials. Buchner has also shown that a certain number of the organisms migrate to the eggs and are thus transmitted from one generation to another.

**Metamorphoses**

The eggs of Heteroptera (Fig. 343) exhibit great diversity of form, chorionic structure, and colouring (vide Heidemann, 1911). The various types are peculiarly constant for different families and, when further studied, will evidently afford characters of classificatory value. Many are adorned with delicate sculpturing and spines or filiform appendages. In several families (Pentatomidae, Coreidae, Reduviidae, Phymatidae, Cimicidae, etc.) there is a conspicuous operculum (Fig. 349), often of complex structure, which is usually liberated at the time of hatching. At the upper pole of the egg, notably among Pentatomidae, Tingidae, and Reduviidae, there is a circket of peculiarly shaped chorionic processes disposed around the rim of the operculum. These were originally termed by Leuckart "semina1 cups" from the belief that they afforded a means by which the spermatozoa entered the egg: by certain more recent observers they are regarded as a mechanism to ensure the access of air to the interior of the egg. Whether their function is micropylar or otherwise is unsettled in the absence of direct observation. A T-shaped denticle, or egg-burster, is present in the newly hatched nymphs of Pentatomidae and Coreidae; it is cast during the first moult, before the insect completely issues from the egg, and is usually found adhering to the empty chorion.

Among the Homoptera the eggs, as a general rule, are ovoid and of much simpler structure: in the Aleyrodidae and Psylla, however, they are often provided with a filamentous prolongation at one pole (p. 361).

Postembryonic development in Hemiptera is gradual, but colour changes are often very marked. The most sharply pronounced modifications are concentrated in the last ecdysis from the final nymph to the imago. The external morphological changes during development involve the joints of the antennae and tarsi, the latter frequently not attaining their full number until the adult instar. The shape of the head and thoracic segments, more particularly the pronotum, undergo marked changes in different instars. Wing rudiments are small or scarcely distinguishable in the 3rd instar but are evident in the 4th. Among Heteroptera the usual number of instars (including the adult) is six; *Dindymus sanguineus*, however, is exceptional in passing through nine instars (Muir and Kershaw).

In Homoptera the number of instars is subject to great variation; in *Psylla* and *Empoasca* there are six, in aphides five except in the apterous
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Phylloxerinae, where there are four, and the latter number is recorded in Aleyrodes. The highest observed number is seven (in Cicada septendecim) and the lowest in Coccidæ where, as a rule, there are three instars in the females, and four in the males. In the males of Coccidæ the last instar but one is the pupa, and the same obtains in both sexes of Aleyrodidæ.

Classification

The growth of detailed knowledge during the last 20 years has resulted in the recognition of an increasing number of families of Hemiptera, and scarcely any two authorities are in complete agreement with regard to the system of classification employed (vide Horvath, 1911). The only general catalogue of the Hemiptera of the world is that of Lethierry and Severin (1893-96) which, however, is incomplete and only comprises the Heteroptera (excluding Capsidæ and Cryptocerata), but has been brought up to date by Bergroth (1913). An admirable classified and annotated guide to much of the more important taxonomic and faunistic literature is provided by Oshanin (1916), and is indispensable to all who require a detailed acquaintance with the order. The same author's catalogue of the palearctic species (1906-10) and his later list (1912) are also valuable. Van Duzee (1917) has catalogued the N. American forms giving very full synonymy.

Sub-order 1. HETEROPTERA

Wings generally overlapping on the abdomen, the fore pair usually membranous apically. Base of rostrum usually not touching anterior coxae. Gular region chitinized. Pronotum large; tarsi usually 3-jointed. Metamorphosis incomplete.

Series I. GYMNOGERATA

Antennæ conspicuous, freely movable in front of the head.

Series II. CRYPTOCRATA

Antennæ concealed either on underside of head or in foveæ beneath the head. Aquatic.

Sub-order 2. HOMOPTERA

A very diverse assemblage. Wings usually sloping over sides of body, the fore pair of uniform consistency throughout: apterous forms frequent. Base of rostrum extending between anterior coxae. Gular region membranous or wanting. Pronotum small; tarsi 1- to 3-jointed. Metamorphosis usually incomplete, sometimes complete in male, more rarely so in female.

Series I. AUCHENORHYNCHA

Antennæ very short with a terminal arista; rostrum plainly arising from the head. Tarsi 3-jointed. Active forms, capable of free locomotion.

Series II. STERNORHYNCHA

Antennæ well developed without conspicuous terminal arista, sometimes atrophied. Rostrum apparently arising between anterior coxae, or wanting. Tarsi 1 or 2-jointed. Species often inactive, or incapable of locomotion (in the female).
Sub-order I. HETEROPTERA

The classification of this sub-order has been discussed by Reuter (1910) who revised the various systems proposed and criticized the values of the characters utilized. In addition to this work the reader should also consult Schiodte (1870), who lays great stress on the method of articulation of the hind coxae, and the tentative paper by Kirkaldy (1908). In view of the want of agreement in the classifications proposed by recent authorities (Horvath for example recognizing no less than 46 families) we have followed the more antiquated scheme adopted by Distant (1902, Vol. I), which will be found applicable to the needs of the non-specialist. The time-honoured division of the Heteroptera into Gymnocerata and Cryptocerata separates these two groups on obvious antennal characters and divides the truly aquatic forms from those which are either only surface dwellers or terrestrial in habit. It involves, however, the inclusion of the Nepidæ in the Cryptocerata, whereas recent research indicates that their affinities lie near the Reduviidæ.

The standard work on the British Heteroptera is that of Saunders (1892) and their biology is very fully treated by Butler (1923). For the European species the most important treatises are those of Fieber (1861) and Stål (1870-76); the latter author's monograph of the African forms is also valuable. Puton's synopsis of French Heteroptera (1878-81) is very practical and most of the European species may be identified with its aid.

The following key will aid in the identification of the families of Gymnocerata.

1 (30).—Abdomen devoid of ventral silvery pubescence: non-aquatic.

2 (3).—Parasitic: ovoid, flattened insects; hemelytra vestigial; no ocelli; rostrum and tarsi 3-jointed.

3 (2).—Not as in (2).

4 (5).—Scutellum very large, at least reaching base of membrane or middle of abdomen.

5 (4).—Scutellum not reaching the base of membrane or middle of abdomen.

6 (25).—Cuneus absent: meso- and meta-pleura simple.

7 (20).—Tarsi 3-jointed.

8 (15).—Rostrum straight, lying against under surface of head.

9 (12).—Antennae inserted on upper part of sides of head.

10 (11).—Legs moderately long, apices of femora not clavate.

11 (10).—Legs long and slender, femora clavate at apices.

12 (9).—Antennæ inserted below a line drawn from the eye to the apex of face.

13 (14).—Ocelli present.

14 (13).—Ocelli absent.

15 (8).—Rostrum bent at base and not lying in contact with under surface of head.

16 (17).—Rostrum long: ocelli between the eyes.

17 (16).—Rostrum short: ocelli, when present, behind the eyes.

18 (19).—Hemelytra complete.
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19 (18).—Hemelytra entirely membranous.
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20 (7).—Tarsi of less than 3 joints.
Tingidae
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21 (24).—Anterior legs normal.
Aradidae
(p. 348)

22 (23).—Hemelytra with cellular or reticulate pattern.
Phymatidae
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23 (22).—Hemelytra without such pattern.

24 (21).—Anterior legs short and stout, femora thick, tibiae curved and pointed; tarsi often absent.
Ceratocombidae
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25 (6).—Cuneus present; meso- and meta-pleura subdivided.
Anthocoridae
(p. 350)

26 (29).—Embolium present.
Capsidae
(p. 351)

27 (28).—Antennae elongate and slender with long hairs; 3rd and 4th joints together twice as long as 1st and 2nd.

28 (27).—Antennae moderate, without long hairs, 3rd and 4th joints much shorter than 1st and 2nd.

29 (26).—Embolium absent or indistinct.

30 (1).—Abdomen clothed ventrally with silvery pubescence: aquatic.
Henicocephalidae
(p. 349)

31 (32).—Antennae 5-jointed.
Hebridae
(p. 348)

32 (31).—Antennae 4-jointed.
Hydrometridae
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33 (34).—Ocelli present.
Ephophilidae
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34 (33).—Ocelli absent.

In addition to the foregoing the Polyctenidae (p. 351) are a small, highly aberrant family parasitic on bats.

FAM. PENTATOMIDAE (Shield Bugs).—Scutellum usually very large reaching at least to the base of the membrane, sometimes entirely covering the abdomen. Antennae inserted on lower side of head, usually 5-jointed; rostrum 4-jointed.

The largest family of Heteroptera, over 3,700 species were listed by Lethierry and Severin (1893) and many more have been added since. Its members are readily separable from other Gymnocerata owing to the scutellum extending to the base of the membrane. Many species are remarkable for their beautiful coloration, and practically all have the property of emitting a nauseous odour which is caused by a fluid excreted through two ventral openings—one on each side of the metasternum.

The vast majority are vegetable feeders but members of the subfam. Asopinae are chiefly predaceous, particularly upon lepidopterous larvae. Nymphs of Zeliona carulea L. are recorded by Kershaw and Kirkaldy (1908) in China to prey upon larvae of Halicolea carules Oliv. while the adults attack the beetle of that species. Others (ex. Picromerus bidens L.) appear to live on either plant or animal tissue. In temperate regions the species appear to be mainly single-brooded, the nymphs occurring in spring or early summer and the adults later—many of the latter hibernate. The eggs are usually barrel-shaped and deposited in compactly arranged masses. The nymphs are flattened and rounded in outline, their coloration is often striking and usually different from that of the adults; for observations on the metamorphoses of the family vide Morrill (1910). The life-history of Chrysocoris stollii Wolff, in S. China, has been briefly described by Kershaw and Kirkaldy (1908). That of the oriental Tessaratoma papillosa has also been followed by Kershaw (1907); the early stages are found on "logan" and "litchie" fruit trees which they apparently injure. Both sexes have the property of stridulation (p. 336) and are also able to eject an obnoxious fluid to a distance of 6-12 inches (Muir, 1907). In the later nymphs there are four pairs of dorsal abdominal odoriferous glands which atrophy in the adult, and are replaced by the usual ventral thoracic gland. Maternal instinct is exhibited in Testocoris lineola, the parent resting in a brooding attitude over the eggs, and subsequently remaining for a while in close proximity to the newly hatched young (Dodd; Trans. Ent. Soc., 1904). In Acamносoma interfictum L., which occurs on birch in England, etc., the female likewise manifests parental care for the eggs and young.

Certain exotic genera (Ceratocoris and Elyaphoeoaspis) exhibit a remarkable sexual
dimorphism, the males having the head greatly produced in front of the eyes, forming prominent horn-like projections. Only a few members of the family occur in the British Isles and are found on various trees and shrubs. On the other hand over 200 genera are known from the Indian Empire which is evidently one of the most prolific regions of the world for these insects. Notwithstanding their abundance, Pentatomids are rarely major pests of crops. *Murgantia histrionica* Hahn, the "Harlequin Cabbage Bug" of the United States and Central America, is one of the best known and is especially partial to Crucifera. *Pentatoma lignata* Say is the "Conchuela" of N. America which is injurious to various plants (Fig. 344). *Nezara viridula* L. is remarkable in that it is almost world-wide in distribution.

The division of the Pentatomididae into subfamilies is subject to much diversity of opinion; fifteen were recognized by Lethierry and Severin but the Plataspidae, Cydninae, and Urostylinia are elevated by more recent writers to the rank of separate families. For a generic monograph vide Schouteden; the catalogue by Kirkaldy (1909) gives full bibliographical references including habits and food-plants.

**FAM. COREIDÆ.**—*ANTENNÆ 4-JOINTED, INSERTED ON THE UPPER PART OF THE SIDES OF THE HEAD; TARSÆ 3-JOINTED.* A considerable family of, as a rule, dull coloured insects; *Serinetha* Spin. and a few other genera, however, are brightly coloured. They are very variable in form but narrower and more oblong than Pentatomidae. The property of emitting nauseous odours is well developed, and they are stated to be more penetrating than those of the former family. Many genera exhibit extraordinary dilations of the antennæ and tibiae but the function thereof is unknown. At least 1,400 species have been described, and Lethierry and Severin recognize no less than 29 sub-families, many of which are extra-European; the largest number of species are included in the Mictinae. Coreidæ are all vegetable feeders and one of the best known species is the "Squash Bug" (*Anasa tristis* Deg.) which attacks Cucurbitaceous plants in N. America; *Leptocorisa varicornis* F. is an oriental pest of rice and millet. Twenty-one species occur in Britain.

**FAM. BERTYIDÆ.**—*DIFFER FROM COREIDÆ IN THE LONGER AND MORE SLENDER LEGS AND THE CLAVATE APICES TO THE FEMORA.* These are delicately formed insects, never very common, and sometimes known as "stilt bugs." In habits they are sluggish, frequenting undergrowth and meadows. Although they are probably universally distributed, their small size and fragility have caused them to be overlooked, and the tropical forms have been very little collected. Eight species occur in Britain.

**FAM. LYGÆIDÆ.**—*ANTENNÆ SITUATED BELOW A LINE DRAWN FROM THE CENTRE OF THE EYE TO THE APEX OF THE FACE; TARSÆ 3-JOINTED, OCELLI PRESENT.* The Lygæidae (Fig. 345) resemble the Coreidæ in general form but are usually smaller, of softer texture and often brightly coloured. All are plant feeders and mostly occur in moss, surface rubbish, beneath stones or low plants, but a few may be taken by sweeping. *Blissus leucopterus* Say is the American "Chinch Bug," which is very destructive to grasses and cereals; *Oxyacarus hyalinipennis* Costa is the Egyptian "cotton stainer" and *Nysius vinitor* Berg. is stated to be most destructive to fruit trees in Australia. Lethierry and Severin recognize 13 sub-families which include over 1,300 species; rather fewer than 70 species are British.
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FAM. PYRRHOCORIDÆ (Red Bugs).—Separated from the Lygaeidæ by the absence of ocelli. A small family whose members exhibit strongly contrasting red and black coloration and include the well-known "cotton stainers" (Dysdercus Amy. and Serv.). The latter comprise many species, widely distributed in warm countries (Fig. 330). The name "cotton stainer" is derived from their habits of piercing the bolls and staining the fibre. D. cingulatus F. is a serious cotton pest in India and D. sulphurellus H.S. is prevalent in N. America. The widely distributed Pyrrhocoris apterus Fall. is the only British representative of the family, and is remarkable on account of its alary dimorphism. Muir and Kershaw (Jour. Bombay N.H. Soc. 1908) have followed the life-history of Dindymus sanguineus which is carnivorous, feeding on flies; the nymphs however, apparently prefer termites. The oriental Lohita grandis attains a length of over 2 in. and is sexually dimorphic, the male having the antennæ and abdomen greatly elongated.

FAM. ARADIDÆ.—Broad flattened species with the head produced between the antennae. Abdomen broader than wings, hemelytra with corium and membrane. Anterior legs inserted on the middle of the prothorax, tarsi 2-jointed. All are broad flattened insects adapted to live in the narrowest of crevices, under bark, in chinks of dead trees, among fungi, etc. and are greatly compressed in the dorso-ventral plane. They are allied to the Tingidæ but are usually easily separated by the absence of reticulation. Very little is known about their habits, but oviposition differs from that which obtains in the next family, the eggs being external and not inserted into plant tissues.

FAM. TINGIDÆ (Lace Bugs).—Small flattened insects with the prothorax and hemelytra adorned with a cell-like puncturation or reticulation. Anterior legs inserted on hind margin of prothorax, tarsi 2-jointed. These attractive insects exhibit great variety of form, the prothorax often being produced into laminate outgrowths, or the whole body may be margined with closely set spines. The pronotum is also prolonged backwards so as to cover the scutellum except in Piesma L. & S. (which is further exceptional in possessing ocelli). In some genera there are crest-like modifications of this region suggestive of the Membracidae. All species are plant feeders and sometimes occur in sufficient numbers to constitute minor pests. The eggs are frequently inserted upright in the plant tissue, and are invested with a brown viscid substance which hardens to form a cone-like elevation on the surface of the leaf. The immature stages are very different from the adults, the characteristic ornamentation of the latter not appearing until after the last moult. The metamorphoses of several species are known; those of Leptobyrsa explanata Heid. are well figured by Crosby and Hadley (Jour. Econ. Ent. 8). Stephanitis (Tingis) pyri F. attacks pear and apple in Europe, badly infested leaves dying. Species of Copium Thunb. are known to form galls on Teucrium and, according to Houard, castration of the floral generative organs results.

FAM. HEBRIDÆ.—Abdomen clothed ventrally with silvery pubescence; antennæ 5-jointed, tarsi 2-jointed. A small family of minute subaquatic species found amongst Sphagnum, Lemma, etc. in marshes and other wet localities. Hebrus Curt. (Naogenus Lap.) is widely distributed with two British species.

FAM. HYDROMETRIDÆ (Pond Skaters).—Aquatic, clothed ventrally with silvery pubescence. Hemelytra of uniform texture undivided into areas; antennæ 4-jointed. A family including some very heterogenous forms exhibiting habits of great biological interest. All are aquatic or subaquatic and mainly feed upon dead insects or those which accidentally occur floating on the surface. The ventral pubescence renders them incapable of being wetted and odoriferous sacs are absent. Both macropterous and apterous forms are frequent. Mesovelia Muls. and Rey. frequents the leaves of water plants and imbeds its ova in the stems thereof. For its life-history consult Hungerford (Psyche, 1917) and Butler (Ent. Month. Mag. 1893). Hydrometra Latr. frequents stagnant water; it is very elongate and linear with a greatly attenuated head (Fig. 346). It has the peculiar habit of crawling slowly over the surface of the water. Velia Latr. affects streams and is often gregarious; macropterous forms are rare and the hemelytra, when present, are entirely membranous. Rhagovelia swims against the current of swift streams. The last tarsal joint of its
middle pair of legs has a fan-like arrangement of hairs which spreads out and functions very much after the manner of the webbed feet of water-fowl (Bueno). *Gerris* F. is universally distributed and readily distinguishable by its long legs and habit of jumping along the surface of the water. Its ova are stated to be deposited in a group surrounded by a kind of mucilage and attached to submerged plants; very little detailed information has been published on its metamorphosis. *Halogobates* Esch. and its allies are apterous and frequent the tropical and subtropical oceans, often occurring many hundreds of miles from land. They have been observed running over the surface of the sea in calm weather and feed upon dead, floating marine animals. An account of the structure of *Halogobates* is given by White (1888).

**FAM. APOPHILIDÆ.**—SEPARATED FROM HYDROMETRIDE BY THE CONTIGUOUS COXÆ, VISIBLE SCUTELLUM AND ABSENCE OF OCELLI. A family including a single species *Apophilus bonnairei* Sign. This insect has vestigial hemelytra and lives beneath stones, etc., some distance below high-tide mark on the coasts of Ireland, South England and neighbouring countries of Europe. Its biology has been studied by Lienhart (*Ann. Sci. Nat.* 1913).

**FAM. HENICOCEPHALIDÆ.**—ROSTRUM SHORT, CURVED AT THE BASE SO AS NOT TO LIE AGAINST THE VENTRAL SURFACE. HEAD VERY LONG, CONSTRUCTED BY A TRANSVERSE POST-OCULAR IMPRESSION. PRONOTUM WITH TWO TRANSVERSE CONstrictions, APPEARING TRISegmentED. HEMELYTRA ENTIRELY MEMBRANOUS. A very small but widely distributed family, the members of which occasionally appear in swarms like midges; such swarms have been observed in South America, Tasmania, and Ceylon. In *Enictopechys allaudi* Jean. (Africa) the rostrum projects forwards in a manner quite different from other Hemiptera, and its apex is bifid.

**FAM. PHYMATIDÆ (Macrocephalidæ).—FORE-LEGS SHORT AND VERY STOUT, WITH LONG COXÆ, SHORT THICK FEMORA, AND CURVED POINTED TIBIÆ. TARSI 2-JOINTED, SOMETIMES ABSENT.** The members of this tropical family are predaceous, with the fore-legs adapted for grasping. Some of the species have the habit of secreting themselves in flowers for the purpose of securing prey which may come within reach. In the oriental genus *Carcinocoris* Handl. the whole body is margined with fine spines and the front tibia is articulated to the femur in such a manner as to form a pair of pincers. The prey of these insects consists of small members of other orders and also Tenthrined larval forms. In the oriental genus *Carcinocoris* Handl. the whole body is margined with fine spines and the front tibia is articulated to the femur in such a manner as to form a pair of pincers. The prey of these insects consists of small members of other orders and also Tenthrined larval forms. Upwards of 2,000 species are known and are grouped in twelve subfamilies, of which the largest is the Harpactorinæ. By some authorities the Nabi- dineæ and Enesinae are regarded as separate families. There are eighteen British species, which mostly pertain to the Nabi- dineæ. A large number of members of the family are predaceous and are sometimes known as “Assassin Bugs.” Although usually living on the blood of other insects they occasionally attack the higher animals, including man; some species, possibly, are vegetable feeders. *Triatoma* Lap. (*Conorhinus*) includes voracious blood-suckers and is largely American. *T. megista* is the main carrier of *Trypanosoma cruzi*, the causal agent of a fatal form of human trypanosomiasis in South America. *T. rubrofasciata* Deg. also extends into Madagascar and South Asia; its nymphs are common in houses, where they are partially concealed with floor debris. It has been suggested that this species is concerned with the transmission of Kala-azar. The punctures of species of *Triatoma* cause a burning pain which may last for two to four days. According to
Cornwall and Patton the secretion from the ovoid salivary glands of *T. rubrofasciata* contains a powerful anticoagulin and is probably the source of the irritation induced. *Reduvius personatus* L. (Fig. 347) also frequents houses, normally preying upon *Cimex* and other insects; it is known to attack man, inflicting severe pain. Although uncommon in Britain it is widely distributed in Europe, and has been introduced into North America. Certain members of the large genus *Acanthaspis* Amy. & Serv. are also capable of inflicting painful punctures. Among the more exceptional members of the family is the genus *Afrodecius* Jeann., in which the third joint of the rostrum is apposible to a process on the second joint, suggesting an organ of prehension. The insect is African and resembles *Lycus* (Coleoptera) in form and coloration. *Rhaphidosoma* Amy. & Serv. is apterous and greatly attenuated, resembling Phasmds. *Arius* (Prionidus) *cristatus* L. is the “Wheel Bug” of North America, which frequents fruit-trees, preying upon various soft-bodied larvæ. *Harpactor costalis* Stal. preys upon *Dysdercus cingulatus* in India, closely resembling it in coloration (Lefroy). *Nabis* Latr. and its allies differ from all other Reduviidae in the rostrum being 4-jointed.

**FAM. CIMICIDÆ (Acanthiidae): Bed-bugs.**—OVOID FLATTENED INSECTS WITH VERY SHORT HEMELYTRA; ROSTRUM LYING IN A VENTRAL GROOVE, OCELLI ABSENT, TARSI 3-JOINTED. PARASITES OF MAMMALS AND BIRDS. A small but well-defined family of blood-sucking ectoparasites. The bed-bugs (Fig. 348) belong to the genus *Cimex* L. (Acanthia F. Clinocoris Fall.) and the two common species are *C. lectularius* L., which is prevalent throughout Europe and N. America and is almost cosmopolitan, and *C. rotundatus* sign. (hemiptera F.) which abounds in southern Asia and also in Africa. They are particularly prevalent in dirty houses, especially in large cities, and are nocturnal in habits, hiding by day in any convenient crevices about the walls, floors or furniture of rooms. Man is the host for both species, and the effect of their punctures varies very much with the individual person: with some people swelling and irritation may last for several days, with others the effects are but slight. Pathologists have suspected the bed-bug of transmitting various diseases from infected to healthy persons, but definite confirmatory evidence has usually not been forthcoming. There is evidence, however, that *C. rotundatus* may carry Kala-azar in India. The eggs of bed-bugs (Fig. 349) are laid in crevices, etc., of wooden bedsteads and other objects and, under favourable laboratory conditions, hatch in about eight days and the life-cycle is completed in seven weeks. Under normal conditions, however, the latter period may occupy six months and over. A fuller account of the structure and biology of these insects is given in the textbook of Patten and Cragg. Other members of the genus are parasites of birds and bats; *Eciacus hirudinis* Jen. lives in martin’s nests and *Hematosiphon inodorus* (Duges), which occurs in North and Central America, is a pest of poultry and has a greatly elongated rostrum.

**FAM. CERATOCOMBIDÆ.** (Dipsocoridæ).—HEMELYTRA WITH EMBOLIUM; ANTENNÆ LONG AND FILIFORM, HAIRY, 3RD AND 4TH JOINTS TOGETHER TWICE AS LONG AS 1ST AND 2ND. OCELLI PRESENT. A family consisting chiefly of minute species found among moss, dead leaves, etc., and related to the Cimicidæ and Anthocoridæ. The three British species of *Ceratocombidae* are all minute and readily mistaken for small Diptera.

**FAM. ANTHOCORIDÆ.—HEMELYTRA WITH EMBOLIUM; 3RD AND 4TH ANTENNAL JOINTS MUCH LESS THAN TWICE AS LONG AS 1ST AND 2ND. OCELLI PRESENT.** Herewith are included small, obscure insects affecting woodlands, hedgerows, etc. The genus...
Anthocoris Fall, comprises numerous closely allied species often preying upon Aphididae. Both this genus and its allies have the rostrum 3-jointed and the tarsi 2- or 3-jointed; A. Kingi Brumpt (in the Sudan) and the cosmopolitan Lectocoris campestris F. are known to suck human blood. In Microphysa Westw. and Myrmedobia Baer the rostrum is 4-jointed and the tarsi 2-jointed; hemelytra are only developed in the male, and the female has a curiously globular, contracted abdomen. Termatophylum Reut. from Egypt is now regarded as constituting a separate family. About 30 species of Anthocoridae occur in the British Isles.

FAM. POLYCTENIDÆ.—Insects parasitic upon bats and provided with ctenidia. Rostrum 3-jointed, antennæ and tarsi 4-jointed, eyes wanting; hemelytra short, of uniform consistency and devoid of a membrane. The genus Polyctenes Gigl. was originally placed in the Nycteribidae. Westwood (1874) subsequently founded the above family for its reception as an aberrant member of the Anopleura. In 1879 Waterhouse relegated it to the Hippoboscidæ, but the following year agreed with Westwood as regards its affinities. Sharp considers there is insufficient ground for removing these parasites from the Heteroptera, and in this contention he is followed by Distant (1902-10) and Speiser (1904). The species of the family are characterized by the possession of one or more combs (ctenidia) of short flat spines—an armature which they share with Platypsylla, the Nycteribidae and Aphaniptera. About 20 species are known, all are bat parasites living deep down among the fur of those animals, and have been chiefly found on Molossus, Megaderma, Taphozous and Cynoploerus. They are viviparous, the embryos remaining in the ovarioles where they gradually mature. The young are born at an advanced stage but differ very considerably from the adults (Jordan, 1913). About half a dozen genera are known and are almost exclusively tropical; for an account of the family consult Jordan (1911).

FAM. CAPSIDÆ (Miridæ).—Hemelytra with a cuneus but no embolium; rostrum and antennæ 4-jointed, tarsi 3-jointed, ocelli absent. A very extensive family, including for the most part fragile insects with a soft integument. It constitutes the largest palæarctic family of Heteroptera, Oshanin listing 1,066 species from that region; about 180 occur in Britain. The generic distinctions, being often indefinite, are difficult to determine, and there is great need for the accurate discrimination of the species of the family, many of which are now recognized as of economic significance. Although the majority live on plant juices the habit is not universal, a number of cases being recorded of their preying on small insects (vide Reuter, 1903). There is also evidence of change of food-plant in certain instances, species living on wild plants becoming adapted to thrive on cultivated plants. Thus Plesiocoris rugicollis (Fig. 181), which is known to live on Salix and Alnus, now attacks apple, black and red currants, and under experimental conditions will feed upon plum (Petherbridge and Husain, 1918). The “Tarnished Plant-bug” (Lygus pratensis L.) is an almost cosmopolitan pest of many economic plants and has numerous named varietal forms (Crosby and Leonard, 1914). L. pabulinus L. attacks potatoes, etc., and Heliopeltis theivora Waterh. is very destructive to tea in Assam. Species of the latter genus possess a curious erect, elongate pin-like spine arising from the scutellum.

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Table of family characters:

1. (4).-Body short and broad; ocelli present.
2. (3).-Anterior legs ambulatory; antennae exserted.
3. (2).-Anterior legs prehensile; antennae concealed, eyes prominent.
4. (1).-Body elongate or ovate, ocelli absent.
5. (10).-Anterior coxae inserted near front margin of prosternum: fore-legs prehensile.
6. (9).-Antennae 4-jointed; no exserted respiratory appendice.
7. (8).-Posterior tibiae spinulose.
8. (7).-Posterior tibiae flattened and fringed with hairs.
9. (6).-Antennae 3-jointed; abdomen with apical exserted respiratory appendice.
10. (5).-Anterior coxae inserted near hind margin of prosternum: fore-legs not prehensile.
11. (12).-Rostrum evident, 3- or 4-jointed: front tarsi not flattened.
12. (11).-Rostrum concealed, apparently unjointed: front tarsi flattened.

FAM. PELOGONIDÆ, FAM. MONONYCHIDÆ.-The members of these two families are much less known than other Cryptocerata and are semi-aquatic, frequenting the borders of ponds and streams. They have no British representatives, but *Pelogenus marginatus* inhabits S. Europe.

FAM. NAUCORIDÆ.-ANTENNÆ 4-JOINTED, OCELLI WANTING; POSTERIOR Tibiæ SL/prand and SPINULOSE. MEMBRANE WITHOUT VEINS; TERMINAL ABDOMINAL APPENDAGES ABSENT. A small family of moderate-sized water-bugs whose front legs are adapted for grasping and the remaining pairs for walking. They are mostly ovoid insects of predaceous habits frequenting both fresh and stagnant water. In the oriental genus *Cheirochela* Mont. the fore-legs are very powerful and chelate. They mostly haunt aquatic vegetation, among which they creep, coming to the surface to replenish their supply of air. The latter is retained between the somewhat concave dorsum of the abdomen and the wings. The two British species belong respectively to the genera *Naucoris* Geoff. and *Aphelochirus* Westw.

FAM. BELOSTOMATIDÆ (Giant Water Bugs).—ANTENNÆ 4-JOINTED; POSTERIOR LEGS ADAPTED FOR SWIMMING, THE TIBIÆ FLATTENED AND FRINGED WITH HAIRS. MEMBRANE RETICULATE; ABDOMEN WITH TWO RETRACTILE ABDOMINAL APPENDAGES ABSENT. In this family are included the largest members of the Heteroptera and, in fact, of almost all insects, *Lethocerus grandis* exceeding 4 in. (109 mm.) in length. They are unrepresented in Britain, but prevalent in N. America, S. Africa, and India.

In habits they are very rapacious, feeding upon small fish, tadpoles, young frogs and insects. *Lethocerus* (Belostoma Auct.) flies readily from one piece of water to another, is often attracted to lights and met with far away from water. The antennæ in this genus are placed in ear-like pockets on the ventral surface of the head and are not readily detected when in repose; the 2nd to 4th joints are provided with curious curved outgrowths whose significance is unknown.

The life-history of *Belostoma* (Zaitka) *flumineum* has been followed by Bueno (Canad. Ent. 1906), and the average time taken from time of oviposition to full development is 50 days. Its favourite haunts are muddy-bottomed pools, where it lurks among the weeds. Both nymphs and adults obtain their air supply by piercing the surface film with the apex of the abdomen. The retractile appendages, when opposed, form a tube leading to the spiracles of the 6th abdominal segment (Bueno). The dorsum of the abdomen in this family is somewhat concave, forming a reservoir under the wings which is ordinarily stored with air. In *Diplonychus* Lap. and *Belostoma* Latr. the eggs are usually borne on the elytra of the males, being cemented thereto by means of a water-proof secretion. According to Slater (Am. Nat. 1900) they are forcibly attached to the male by the female.
FAM. NEPIDJE (Water Scorpions).—ANTENNAE 3-JOINTED; ANTERIOR LEGS STRONGLY PREHENSILE, POSTERIOR PAIR ADAPTED FOR WALKING; TARSII 1-JOINTED, ANTERIOR PAIR CLAWLESS. ABDOMEN WITH AN APICAL BREATHING TUBE. This family is only distantly related to other aquatic groups and its inclusion in its present position is largely one of convenience and custom. By Schiödte and Kirkaldy it is included in the Gymnocerata, the latter author placing it near the Reduviidae. The life-history of Ranatra quadridentata Stål (N. America) has been followed by Bueno (1906). It occupies about 70 days from the time of oviposition to the adult stage, and the insect hibernates in the latter condition. The female is provided with a pointed toothed ovipositor, and the eggs in this genus are laid in notches cut in the petioles of water plants, each egg being provided with a pair of apical filaments. Both nymph and adults are capable of stridulation (vide Bueno, 1905). The respiratory tube is the most striking character of the family and consists of two elongate spine-like processes, each of which is grooved to form a demi-canal. Bueno finds that Ranatra can move the two halves of the tube at will when beneath the water, and states that they are locked together by numerous hook-like bristles. When the insect is submerged the tube penetrates the surface film and air is conducted to a pair of spiracles placed at its base. Marshall and Severin found that the insect suffered no apparent ill-effects or inconvenience after the tube had been amputated. In the immature stages the latter organ is short and is wanting in the newly hatched individual.

Nepa differs in several important characters from Ranatra: the respiratory tube is short and among other features the eggs (in N. cinerea) are deposited in chains, the ova adhering to one another by means of seven long filaments radiating from one extremity. Three pairs of "false spiracles," situated respectively on the 3rd, 4th and 5th ventral abdominal segments, are present in both Ranatra and Nepa. They are sieve-like structures with the perforations occluded by a delicate membrane, and they are also provided with sensory setae. Baunacke (1912) has made a detailed study of their histology and regards them as exercising a static function. Bueno, on the other hand, considers that they are of a respiratory nature; he suggests that the dissolved air penetrates their closing membrane and aerates the body fluids beneath. They appear to have no direct connection with the tracheal system, and according to Martin (Bull. Mus. Hist. Nat. Paris, 1895) in the nymph of Nepa they are formed independently of the true functional spiracles of their segments. The respiratory system of the latter genus has been studied by Maulik (1916), but that of Ranatra needs further investigation, particularly in the earlier stages.

FAM. NOTONECTIDJE.—BODY CONVEX DORSALLY; HEAD INSERTED INTO PROTHORAX, ROSTRUM 3- OR 4-JOINTED, ANTENNAE 4-JOINTED. TARSII 2-JOINTED, ANTERIOR PAIR NOT FLATTENED, POSTERIOR PAIR DEVOID OF CLAWS. These insects differ from other aquatic Hemiptera in their habit of swimming on the back, which is shaped like the bottom of a boat. They are usually observed floating on the surface of the water with the long oar-like hind legs outstretched. They dive readily when alarmed, carrying a supply of air beneath the wings; they can also leap into the air and take to flight. Care is needed in handling them, as they are able to inflict painful punctures. Notonecta L. is almost universally distributed and markedly predaceous, attacking small fish, tadpoles, etc., when kept in an aquarium. In N. glauca (Fig. 350) the female is provided with a piercing ovipositor with which it makes incisions in the stems of water plants, partially burying an egg in each notch; certain other species merely attach their eggs to the plants. The abdomen is keeled down the middle, and arising therefrom is a longitudinal row of outwardly directed hairs on either side. These meet a corresponding series of similar hairs arising from near the pleura. In this manner there is formed a channel on either side of the abdomen, which is filled with air and enables the insect to respire when submerged. Plea is palaeartic and oriental and is represented in Britain by a single species P. minutissima; an account of the biology and external structure of this insect is given by Wefelscheid (1912).

FAM. CORIXIDJE (Water Boatmen).—BODY FLATTENED DORSALLY; HEAD NOT INSERTED INTO THE PROTHORAX; ROSTRUM CONCEALED AND APPARENTLY UNJOINTED, ANTENNAE 3- OR 4-JOINTED. ANTERIOR LEGS GREATLY SHORTENED, FORE AND HIND TARSII CLAWLESS, THE LATTER 2-JOINTED. The rostrum in this family is never composed of more than two joints and its peculiar structure led Borner to regard the group

FIG. 350.—Notonecta glauca (enlarged). BRITAIN.
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as a separate sub-order. The large number of species included therein implies that it is evidently the dominant family of aquatic Hemiptera. The genus *Corixa* Geoff. (Fig. 351) is nearly world-wide and includes about 30 British species. As a rule these insects remain at the bottom of the water, holding fast by the middle legs to various objects; now and again they ascend to the surface, swiftly propelled by the hind limbs. The dorsum of the abdomen is somewhat concave, forming a reservoir beneath the wings which serves to retain a supply of air. The feeding habits of the family have been but little studied and the species may possibly be largely herbivorous. *C. geoffroyi* attaches its eggs to the stems and leaves of pond weeds by means of a glutinous substance. They are more or less onion-shaped, with one extremity prolonged into a blunt point. In some species the eggs are very numerous and closely grouped together; thus, according to Giraud, those of *C. femorata* and *mercenaria* form very considerable masses which are used as food by the Mexican Indians. Bundles of reeds are placed in the water and collected at suitable intervals, and the eggs are detached therefrom by beating the reeds. The adult insects are also used as food in Mexico and Egypt. Hagemann (1910) has contributed some observations on the respiration of *Corixa* at successive stages in its life and on the structure of the spiracles. He also describes a tympanal organ in association with the 2nd pair of the latter, which may possibly serve for the perception of stridulatory sounds produced by the male.

The minute *Micronecta* Kirk. (*Sigara*) lives in *Spongilla* and among water weeds and, like other members of the family, is able to stridulate, but this faculty is much less developed in the female than the male. The stridulatory organs of *Corixa* consist of (a) a strigil on the 6th abdominal tergum, which is stated to rub against the under side of the hemelytra; and (b) the pedal organs mentioned on p. 336.

Sub-order 2. HOMOPTERA

The chief difficulty in the taxonomy of this sub-order is the classification of the Auchenorrhyncha. The various systems which have been put forward are discussed by Kirkaldy (1906) and the student is also referred to the latter author's translation of an important paper by Hansen (1900–3). In the present work Kirkaldy’s later subdivision (1907) into Cicadoidea and Fulgoroidea is adopted: the former group is separable into four easily recognizable families, but the Fulgoroidea, on the other hand, include a large assemblage of divergent forms (vide Muir, *Proc. Hawaiian Ent. Soc.* 1923). Although formerly regarded as a single family, the progress of later investigation shows that the group is far too heterogeneous to admit of such relatively simple treatment. There is no general treatise on Homoptera—most works dealing with the Auchenorrhyncha only. The British species (including Psyllidae) are enumerated and figured by Edwards (1896): for the European forms Melichar’s work (1896) and Sahlberg’s monograph (1871) of the Scandinavian and Finnish species are important. The principal works on the Sternorrhyncha are referred to under their respective families.

Series I. AUCHENORHYNCHA

The following key is largely after one kindly drawn up by Mr. F. Muir of Honolulu:

1 (8).—Tegulae absent; middle coxae short, articulations near together; hind coxae mobile. Cicadoidea

2 (3).—Three ocelli near together; anterior femora thickened and
spined beneath; no empodia; male, except in a very few cases, with a sound-producing organ at the base of the abdomen.

3 (2).—Two ocelli only or none; empodia large.

4 (5).—Posterior coxae short, conical, not laterally dilated; tibiae cylindrical; flagellum composed of a large sub-pyriform base and a very slender seta.

5 (4).—Posterior coxae transverse, dilated up to the lateral margins of the sterna; tibiae angular; flagellum composed of numerous segments.

6 (7).—Gena more or less dilated; lornæ generally conspicuous; the frons, lornæ and genæ forming one curved surface; pronotum never prolonged backwards.

7 (6).—Gena not dilated; frons, lornæ and genæ not forming one curved surface; pronotum generally prolonged backward into a process.

8 (1).—Tegulae almost always present; empodia well developed; middle coxae elongate, articulated far apart, free and capable of lateral movement; hind coxae immobile.

Although the term “leaf-hopper” is used more especially with reference to the Jassidae, it is often applied to members of the other families excepting the Cicadidae.

Super-fam. CICADOIDEA

FAM. CICADIDÆ (Cicadas).—USUALLY LARGE INSECTS WITH ENTIRELY MEMBRANOUS WINGS AND THREE SUB-CONTIGUOUS OCELLI. ANTERIOR FEMORA THICKENED AND GENERALLY SPINED BENEATH; NO EMPODIA. MALES ALMOST ALWAYS WITH A SOUND-PRODUCING APPARATUS ON EITHER SIDE OF THE BASE OF THE ABDOMEN. Their large size and sound-producing powers render these insects familiar objects in the warmer regions of the world. Considerably over 1,000 species are known, rather more than 100 being palaeartic. The only British representative is Cicadetta montana Scop., which occurs in the New Forest and extends as far north as Finland. The capacity for sound-production (vide p. 93) is limited to the males and varies very greatly in note and degree of intensity in different species. The sound has been variously compared to a knife-grinder, scissor-grinder, and even a railway whistle. In the moist sub-Himalayan forest tracts of India the noise emitted by these insects is almost deafening, and extremely monotonous. Notwithstanding so many species being described, their life-histories have been very little studied. The nymphs so far as known are subterranean, and the greatly enlarged and modified femora and tibiae of the forelegs are special adaptations to that mode of life. One of the best-known species of the family is the “periodical Cicada” (Cicada septendecim L.) of the United States (Figs. 352, 353), which appears in great numbers after long intervals of time. Its periodical appearance is due to the nymphs requiring thirteen (in the south) or seventeen years (in the north) for their development, and the fact that the adults of one generation appear about the same time in vast numbers. This insect has been intensively studied (Marlatt, 1907) and more than 20 distinct broods have been located in various parts of the country: the 17-year race has also been reared under field conditions from the egg. In many districts several broods of different ages are known to co-exist, thus explaining the appearance of swarms of the insect several times during the 17-year cycle. The female deposits her eggs in slits which she makes in the twigs of trees, and the young emerge in about six weeks. They fall to the ground and thereupon commence to lead a subterranean life, 12–18 inches below the surface.
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sucking the juices from the finer roots of various trees. In May of the 17th year they regain the surface and, leaving their nymphal exuviae attached to tree-trunks, etc., emerge as perfect insects. When very abundant the nymphs practically honeycomb the soil, but, considering their size and numbers, the injury occasioned does not appear to be great; at times, however, fruit growers experience a good deal of loss. Under certain circumstances the final-stage nymphs (often termed pupae) construct cones or chimneys (Fig. 353), about 4 inches high, of earthen particles wherein they live above ground for several weeks before emerging as adults. Several explanations have been offered as to the meaning of these structures and it may possibly be that in certain districts individuals prematurely reach the surface before they are prepared to become adults and construct cones as means of protection until they reach maturity. There appears to be a correlation between an unusually high local temperature and the occurrence of these cones; the latter are also stated to be prevalent over burned areas.

FAM. CERCOPIDÆ (Frog-hoppers or Cuckoo-spit insects).—OCELLI TWO OR NONE. ANTENNAL FLAGELLIUM COMPOSED OF A LARGE SUB-PYRIFORM BASE AND A VERY SLENDER SETA. POSTERIOR COXÆ SHORT, CONICAL, NOT LATERALLY DILATED; TIBIAE CYLINDRICAL, USUALLY ARMED WITH ONE OR TWO PROMINENT SPINES AND A CLUSTER OF SHORTER SPINES AT THE APEX. Members of this family may usually be separated from the Jassidæ by the characters of the tibiae as enumerated above. Only a very few genera are palaeartic, and three thereof occur in Britain—Tricaphora Am., and Serv., Aphrophora Girm., and Philcenus Sul. The nymphs of some genera are well-known objects from their habit of establishing themselves on plants and becoming enveloped in a frothy substance commonly termed “cuckoo spit.” It has been generally regarded that they are in this way protected from predacious insects and other Arthropods, but, on the contrary, they are not infrequently seized from their spume by fossorial Hymenoptera and other enemies. Kirikaldy has observed that the froth serves to protect their soft bodies from the sun, and, when extracted from the spume and not allowed moisture, they speedily shrivel and die; probably there is truth in both explanations and the function is twofold. In adaptation to this mode of life the nymphs have to a large extent lost that power of leaping which is so characteristic of the adults, and are also nearly devoid of coloration. Philcenus spumarius L. is the common “cuckoo spit” insect of Europe and N. America; the life-histories of this and other species of the family are described by Osborn (1916 A). It affects a wide range of wild and cultivated plants other than grasses, while P. lineatus L. occurs almost entirely on the latter hosts. The production of the froth has given rise to much speculation and has in recent years been studied by Sule (1911) and Gahan (Proc. Ent. Soc. 1918), whose conclusions are in close agreement. According to Gahan the tergites and pleurites of the 3rd to 9th abdominal segments, instead of ending as usual at the sides to form lateral edges, are curved beneath the abdomen as membranous extensions, which meet along the mid-ventral line. Between them and the true ventral surface of the abdomen there is thus formed a cavity into which the spiracles open. This chamber is closed anteriorly, but air can be admitted or expelled by means of a posterior V-shaped valve or slit. The frothing is the result of a fluid issuing from the anus (vide p. 362) forming a film across this valve and becoming blown into bubbles by means of air expelled from the latter.

On the 7th and 8th abdominal segments are lateral glands which have been variously interpreted. Osborn states that they secrete a viscid material which, mixing with the discharge from the alimentary canal, enables the foam to maintain its coherence, even in wet weather. Sule and others regard the secretion as being of a waxy nature which is acted upon by an enzyme in the anal discharge. He explains that the acid thus produced forms, with the alkali present, a substance which imparts to the froth

Fig. 353.—Cicada septendecim, “Earth en Chimneys.”

a, front view; b, section; c, nymph in last instar awaiting time of change and at d ready for transformation; e, emergence hole. From Marlatt after Riley.
the properties of a soap-solution. In Madagascar the nymphs of *Phylus goudoti* are stated to discharge clear water in such amounts as to resemble fine rain. Thus Goudot estimated that some 70 individuals could emit one quart in 1½ hours. The Oriental and Australian genus *Mackarota* Burm. has the scutellum prolonged backwards in the form of a relatively enormous spine thus simulating a Membracid in appearance. The nymphs of certain species of the genus are known to live in curious serpuliform tubes (about ½ in. long) attached to the branches of trees; their life-history is figured by Lefroy.

**FAM. MEMBRACIDÆ (Tree hoppers).—**Genus not dilated; frons, lobe and gene not forming one curved surface. Antennal flagellum with many joints. Pronotum generally prolonged backwards into a process; posterior coxe transverse, tibia angular. These insects may almost always be easily recognized by the pronotum, which is prolonged backwards into a prominent elevated hood or process, lying over the abdomen, and often assuming the most bizarre forms (Fig. 354). The family is most nearly related to the Jassidæ and reaches the zenith of its development in the neotropical region. The palaeartic fauna only includes three genera, two of which, *Centrotus* F. and *Gargara* Am. and Serv., are British. The eggs so far as known are deposited in small groups arranged in two nearly parallel slits cut in the twigs of trees and shrubs. The nymphal stages differ from the adults in the absence, or only partial development, of the pronotal process; the tergites are often furnished with elongate filaments or spinose projections. Certain genera (*Telamona*, *Thelia*, etc.) are affected by parasites which induce "castration parasitaire" noticeable in the reduction or other modification of the external genitalia (vide Kornhauser Journ. Morph. 1919). The life-history of *Vanduzer arguta* Say, a widely distributed N. American species, has been studied by Funkhauser (Psyche, 1915). It abounds on *Robinia* and appears to pass through two generations in the year (Ball). Both the nymphs and adults are commonly attended by ants, as is usual whenever Membracids are present in large numbers. The ants stroke the Membracids with their antennæ, whereupon the latter insects exude a liquid from a retractile anal tube. The mutual relationships of the two groups of insects has attracted the attention of a number of observers (vide Lamborn, Trans. Ent. Soc., 1913, p. 494). A few species have been noted to exhibit maternal solicitude; although usually leaping away at the first alarm, they refuse to move if disturbed while guarding their offspring.

**FAM. JASSIDÆ (Cicadellidae; Leaf-hoppers).—**Ocelli two, rarely absent, variable in position. Antennal flagellum composed of numerous joints. Genus dilated, the frons, lobe and gene forming one curved surface. Pronotum never prolonged backwards. Posterior coxe transverse, laterally dilated; tibia angular, the hind pair usually seriately bristly, or with a double row of spines; empodia large. Excepting the Aphididae, these insects are probably the most abundant of all Homoptera, and may be readily collected by sweeping grass, herbage and other foliage. They are slender, usually tapering posteriorly, and rest in a position ready for jumping. When disturbed they leap often several feet and readily take to the wing. Their slender form and the structure of the hind tibia (Fig. 355) will enable most species to be distinguished from those of the Cercopideæ. The metamorphoses of a good many are figured by Osborn (1916), that of *Idiocerus* Lewis by Leonard (Journ. Econ. Ent. 1915) and of *Nephotettix* by Misra (1920). The ovipositor of the female is adapted for lacerating plant-tissues; the eggs are usually elongate and are deposited in longitudinal rows on the stems, under the leaf-sheaths, or on the leaves of the food-plant. They pass through six instars, the wing-rudiments becoming noticeable in the 3rd instar.

The species have a decided limitation of food-plant during early life but feed more indiscriminately later; many are univoltine, others pass through two or three generations in a season. Their chief economic importance lies in their attacks upon
cereal and fodder crops as well as fruit and forest trees. Thus the rice leaf-hoppers (*Nephotettix*) in 1914, were reported to have damaged 3,000,000 acres of paddy fields in one division only in the Central Provinces of India, entailing a loss of nearly £1,000,000 (Misra); similar heavy losses are recorded from the United States. In some systems of classification the Jassidæ are regarded as a superfamily and its sub-families raised to family rank. Among the more important genera are *Empoasca* Wal. which includes the Apple Leaf hopper (*E. mali* Le B.), *Typhlocyba* Germ. (ocelli absent), *Bythoscyopus* Germ. and *Deltacephalus* Burm. which includes about 100 palearctic species.

Superfamily FULGOROIDEA

Included herewith is a large assemblage of very diverse forms whose many dissimilarities of structure render it difficult to frame any comprehensive definition. In addition to those features enumerated on p. 355 the antennæ, though very variable in form, are usually placed beneath the eyes, and the nymphs are very richly endowed with specialized sensory pits distributed over the head, wing pads and abdomen. One of the best known classifications is that of Stål whose thirteen sub-family divisions are now more usually regarded to be of family rank; any number of families are discussed by Kirkaldy (1906, 1907). In a general textbook reference can only be made to the most important families, and any scheme at present proposed can only be regarded as purely tentative. Much additional morphological work is necessary before certain of the divisions can be regarded as adequately established.

**FAM. FLATIDÆ.**—Beautiful moth-like species, often with delicately pigmented tegmina, inhabiting tropical regions. They can usually be recognized by the well-developed transversely-veined costal cell and the granulate clavus. Both nymphs and adults frequently rest gregariously and the former are largely covered with long, curled, waxy filaments (Fig. 356). The adults of some species occur in two conspicuously different colour forms and, in the case of an African species, observed by Gregory, the insects were clustered on a stem with green individuals occupying the upper portion and red individuals situated just below them. In this attitude they were curiously like a red-flowered spike with green unopened buds above. In other dimorphic species the colour forms have been observed intermixed; for a discussion of this subject and the literature thereon vide Imms (Proc. Manchester Phil. Soc. 58).

**FAM. DELPHACIDÆ.**—One of the most characteristic features is the large, mobile, serrulate apical spur on the hind tibia; the costal cell is wanting and the clavus non-granulate. This family is well represented in Great Britain where there
are about 70 species of which over 56 belong to the extensive genus Liburnia Stål. The sugar-cane leaf-hopper Perkinsiella saccharicida Kirk. (Fig. 357), is very destructive in Queensland and the Sandwich Islands; owing to the habit of oviposition in cane stalks this and other species are liable to transportation.

**FAM. FULGORIDÆ.**
(Lantern Flies).—Principally characterized by the reticulated anal area of the wing. A tropical family including many brilliantly coloured insects, often of large size. In many genera the front of the head is greatly drawn out to form a huge hollow proboscis-like prolongation which was, at one time, believed to be luminous. Some species have the power of secreting quantities of a flocculent white wax which, in Phenax, streams behind as long filaments while the insect flies.

**FAM. DERBIDÆ**—Very delicate, usually long-winged insects in which the anal area is not reticulated and the last joint of the labium is short. None are British.

### Series II. STERNORHYNCHA (Phytophires)

**Table of families.**

1 (2).—Tarsi 1-jointed with a single claw. Females scale-like, gall-like or covered with waxy exudation; apterous and often devoid of legs. Males dipterous, mouth-parts atrophied.

2 (1).—Tarsi 2-jointed, basal joint sometimes reduced, with paired claws. Mouth-parts present in both sexes. Wings when present four in number.

3 (4).—Femora thickened, antennae usually 10-jointed. Fore-wings of rather harder consistency than hind pair.

4 (3).—Legs long, slender; wings of equal consistency, antennae 3- to 7-jointed.

5 (6).—Wings opaque, whitish, clouded, or mottled with spots or bands. Tarsi with 2 nearly equal joints.

6 (5).—Wings transparent, tarsi 2-jointed, basal joint sometimes reduced. Paired dorsal processes usually present on 5th abdominal segment.

**FAM. PSYLLIDÆ (Chermidæ: Jumping Plant Lice).—Tarsi 2-jointed, antennæ usually 10-jointed, fore-wings of firmer consistency than hind pair.**

Psyllids are small insects about the size of aphides and bear a resemblance to minute cicadas. They are usually very active, their rapid movements being a combination of leaping and flying, but are incapable of sustained flight. The act of leaping is performed with the aid of the hind-legs which are larger and more muscular than the other pairs. The venation is simple and exhibits relatively few marked deviations among various genera. The most striking feature in the fore-wing is the presence of a principal basal vein formed by the fusion of the stems of R,M and Cu. (Fig. 358). In Triozá Först. and its allies, this compound vein divides distally into its three components while in Psylla Geoff. and related genera it is bifurcate dividing into R and M + Cu, the latter again dividing into M and Cu. In the hind-wing the venation is extremely simple; R is represented by Rs only, M is unforked and Cu divided into Cu1 and Cu2 as in the fore-wing. Cross veins are absent from both wings and A is vestigial or wanting. A general account of the external anatomy of Psyllids is given by Crawford (1914) and of the venation by Patch (1909). The chief source of information on the internal anatomy is a paper by Witlaczil (1885), and an account of the morphology of Pachypsylla Riley is given by Stough (1910) and of the mouth-parts of Psylla by Grove (1919). A general catalogue of the family is given by Aulmann (1913); for the British forms consult Edwards (1896) who enumerates 23 species. A very full bibliography of Psyllids is given by Zacher (Central. Bakter. 1916); many references will also be found in the work of Crawford (l.c.).

The life-history of the “Apple Sucker” Psylla mali Schm. (vide Awati) may be re-
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garded as fairly typical (Fig. 358). It passes the winter in the egg, the latter being laid about the beginning of September on the spurs of the food-plant, around leaf scars, and in cracks, etc., on the new wood. The nymphs hatch in April, and are flattened objects with whitish waxen threads projecting from the extremity of the abdomen. Five nympha1 instars occur, and the different stages may be recognized by the increasing number of antennal joints; thus these organs are 2-jointed in the first instar and 7-jointed in the fifth. Wing pads are evident in the third instar and during later development they extend laterally in a prominent manner so as to make the insect appear nearly as broad as long (Fig. 358B). The imago appears in early summer and the species is univoltine. The nymphs are very injurious to the apple in Britain, damaging the blossoms and stunting the shoots; the imagines, on the other hand, cause little appreciable injury. The "Pear Sucker" *P. pyricola* Först. is very destructive in America and exhibits a different life-history. It is tri-voltine, hibernates as an imago and both nymphs and adults are injurious. The winter form of the imago differs from the summer type and was formerly regarded as a separate

![Fig. 358.—A, *Psylla mali* (after Carpenter). B, *Psylla pyricola*, Nymph in Last Instar (after Slingerland). C, *Psylla pyricola*, Venation of Fore Wing. All enlarged.](image)

species. It is about one-third larger than the summer form and of much darker coloration, particularly with regard to the wing veins. Certain species produce gall-like malformations on their food-plants; thus in Britain *Psylla buxi* causes the apical shoots of the box to become deformed into miniature cabbage-like growths, and *Livia juncorum* Latr. forms tassel-like galls on rushes. When Psyllids are abundant copious honey-dew is excreted by the nymphs on to the leaves and twigs. In *Psylla mali* a long waxen thread enclosing a central core of translucent liquid exudes through the anus and when the threads become broken up the fluid spreads over the leaves and twigs (Awati).

**FAM. ALEYRODIDÆ** (Aleurodidae: White Flies).—WINGS WHITISH, CLOUDED, OR MOTTLED WITH SPOTS OR BANDS; BODY AND WINGS MORE OR LESS MEALY. **ANTENNÆ** 7-JOINTED; TARSII 2-JOINTED, WITH A SPINIFORM OR SOMEWHAT PAD-LIKE EMPodium BETWEEN THE CLAWS. A RUDIMENTARY PUPAL INSTAR IN BOTH SEXES. The "white flies" are a much neglected group related to the Psyllide and probably the majority of the world's species are as yet unknown. Both sexes are winged and are dusted
with a characteristic mealy white powdery wax; all are small or minute with an average wing expanse of about 3 mm. *Asterochiton (Aleyrodes) vaporariorum* Westw. is the well-known "Greenhouse white fly" which is particularly injurious to tomato and cucumber, the insect infesting the lower surface of the leaves in all its stages (Fig. 359). *Dialeurodes citri* Riley and How. is the "Citrus white fly" which is destructive to Citrus in the southern United States (Morrill and Back, 1911). The most characteristic organ of the Aleyrodidae is the **vasiform orifice** which opens on the dorsal surface of the last abdominal segment. It is a conspicuous opening provided with an **operculum**, and situated within the orifice and beneath the operculum is a tongue- or strap-shaped organ known as the **lingula**. The latter in some species is covered by the operculum and in others it projects beyond it. The anus opens within the orifice at the base of the lingula. Honey-dew is excreted in large quantities by the insect in all stages, particularly by the larvae. It issues through the anus accumulating on the lingula, and this fact probably gave rise to the view that the latter organ secretes the honey-dew. The vasiform orifice is present both in the larval and adult stages and, in the latter, affords characters of taxonomic value.

The venation shows closest affinity with the Psyllidae (*Trioza*); it is always much reduced and exhibits evident signs of degeneration (Fig. 359). The most primitive condition is seen in *Udamoselis* End.; in other genera C and Sc are more or less fused, R₁ often disappears, and either M or Cu may be present but are usually not coexistent. With the exception of R the veins are unbranched and, in the most modified forms, practically the only remaining vein is Rs.

Parthenogenesis is a common phenomenon in several species and probably occurs in many others, but the subject needs thorough investigation. Morrill and Back (1911) observe that virgin females of *D. citri* produce males. According to Williams (*Journ. Genetics* 1917) in *A. vaporariorum* there are two parthenogenetic races, one of which produces males and the other females; the fertilized females give rise to individuals of both sexes.

The eggs are very characteristic, being provided with a pedicel which, in some cases, exceeds the length of the egg itself. According to Cary (1903), at the time of fertilization the lumen of the pedicel is filled with protoplasm. The spermatozoan moves through the latter until it meets the female pronucleus which migrates until it comes to lie at the entrance to the pedicel. After fertilization the contents of the pedicel shrivel up. The eggs are attached to the leaves of the food-plant by means of this stalk, and are generally laid in a circle or arc of a circle, one or more rows deep. Three larval instars are present and a so-called pupal stage. The larvae are ovoid and greatly flattened and, after the first moult, the legs and antennae degenerate; towards the end of the 3rd instar the imaginal organs become visible. The so-called pupal stage is only imperfectly understood: it is similar in general shape to the larva, but differs very much in appearance, being thicker and more opaque and, frequently, adorned with conspicuous rods or filaments of wax. During the first part of this instar the insect feeds after the manner of the larva: towards the end of the period it becomes inactive, remaining anchored to the leaf by means of its stylets, and exhibits the characters of a rudimentary pupa with the imaginal appendages enclosed in their sheaths clearly visible within the outer case. The imago emerges by means of a T-shaped rupture of the dorsal wall of the latter. The family has been revised by Quantance and Baker (1913) who recognize 22 genera included in three sub-families.

**Fam. Aphididae** (Green-fly, Plant-lice).—Wings transparent, only found
A RULE IN THE MALE AND CERTAIN AGAMIC FEMALES; BOTH PAIRS OF SIMILAR CONSISTENCY. Tarsi 2-JOINTED, OR THE BASAL JOINT VESTIGIAL. ROSTRUM LONG, ANTENNAE 3 TO 6-JOINTED; EMPODIA VESTIGIAL OR ABSENT; FIFTH ABDOMINAL SEGMENT GENERALLY WITH A PAIR OF DORSAL CORNICLES. These familiar insects, as a rule, pass their life on the young shoots and foliage of plants. A few species, however, live below ground on roots (ex. Rhizobius), some others occur on the branches of woody trees and shrubs (ex. Lachnus) and a certain number are gall-formers (ex. Pemphigus, Hormaphis). A few such as Phylloxera vastatrix and Eriosoma lanigera live both on the leaves, or shoots, and roots. The apterous generations of aphides, more especially when of flattened form (as in Hormaphis), are liable to confusion with the nymphs of other Sternorrhyncha. Usually they may be distinguished from the following combination of characters, viz.—the 2-jointed tarsi with paired claws, the long several-jointed rostrum, the frequent presence of compound eyes and cornicles, and 9 pairs of lateral spiracles. Perhaps the most characteristic morphological features associated with these insects are the cornicles or “honey tubes”; the latter organs, however, are greatly reduced in Eriosoma and other genera and totally wanting in the Phylloxerinae. Reaumur believed their function to be excretory but later observers concluded that they secreted the sweet substance known as “honey-dew.” Mordvilko (1895) and others have since demonstrated the waxy nature of the secretion of the cornicles, and Horvath (1904) concluded that they are the secretory channels belonging to glands producing a waxy fluid which acts as a protection against predaceous enemies. The latter authority also observed that honey-dew is emitted through the anus, a fact which has since been well established. Many aphides also secrete a white waxy substance, either in the form of a powder dusted over the surface of the body (ex. Hyalopterus), or in floculent threads (Eriosoma, Chermes); in either case it is the product of dermal glands (vide p. 137).

The venation of aphides has been studied in detail by Patch (1909); both the tracheae C and Sc are absent in all forms examined and the costal area of the adult wing is strengthened by a stout vein-like structure expanding distally into a stigma. This vein channel is interpreted as representing the fusion of the main stems of all the principal veins.

Recent students of the aphides regard them as a super-family divided into two families, viz. the Aphididae and Phylloxeridae. The latter includes such well-known genera as Phylloxera and Chermes and is chiefly characterized by the fact that oviparity is not confined to the sexual females but is the rule among the agamic generations also. We prefer, however, to retain the family rank for the group and regard the above divisions as sub-families.

Aphides are remarkable on account of their peculiar mode of development and the polymorphism exhibited in different generations of the same species. The associated phenomena concerning reproduction are—(1) parthenogenesis; (2) oviparity and viviparity; (3) the occurrence of generations in which the sexes are very unequally represented, males often being wanting and frequently rare. With regard to structure the phenomena are—(1) the production of totally different types of individual of the same sex either in the same or different generations; (2) the production of individuals with perfect and also atrophied mouth-parts; (3) the production of individuals of the same sex but differing as to the gonads. Associated with habits are—(1) migration to totally different plant hosts; (2) different modes of life of the same species on the same host; (3) different habits of individuals of the same generation (Parallel series).

In extreme cases almost all the above phenomena may occur associated with the annual cycle of an individual species. The most usual life-history of an aphid is as follows (Fig. 360). The winter is passed as eggs which are laid during the previous autumn by sexual females. With the advent of spring they hatch and give rise to apterous parthenogenetic viviparous females. The latter produce a new generation of similar forms among which a few winged females may occur. A variable number of generations of this kind are produced throughout the summer and winged viviparous females often become common. The latter are concerned with the migration and dispersal of the species and are produced in varying numbers in different generations. At times these winged females appear in such swarms as to darken the sky and cover the vegetation. Those individuals which are fortunate enough to find plant hosts of the right species similarly reproduce on their own account. Towards the end of summer or in the autumn their progeny, and also those of the apterous forms which remained on the original plant, give rise to sexual males and females. These latter pair and the females are oviparous, their eggs overwintering on the food-plant, and the same cycle is repeated annually. In non-migratory aphides the whole life-cycle is spent on the same plant or on individuals of the same species. If any migration to
other species of host does occur it is inconsiderable and an alternation of hosts is not essential to the life of the species. Among migratory forms well-known species are—Pemphigus bursarius L. which occurs on poplar and flies to the roots of various Composite, returning to poplar in autumn. Rhopalosiphum lactucae Kalt. (ribis Buck.) which is found on black currant in spring and migrates to Lapsana and Sonchus, returning to its primary host in autumn. Aphis rumicis L. which is found in autumn on the spindle tree, etc.; in May and June it flies to dock, poppies, beans, etc., returning to the spindle tree in October.

The following types of individuals, arranged in sequence, are present in the life-cycle of migratory aphides (Figs. 360, 361). (1) The Fundatrices; apterous, viviparous, parthenogenetic females which emerge in spring from the overwintered eggs. The sense organs, legs and antennae are not so well developed as in succeeding apterous generations, the antennae, for example, being shorter and may comprise a smaller number of joints. The reduction of the parts is apparently correlated with increased reproductive capacity. The eyes are often smaller, or consist of fewer facets than in the succeeding generations, and there may be differences in the cornicles. In Drepanosiphum platanoides Schr. the fundatrices are exceptional in being winged. (2) Fundatrigenieae; apterous, parthenogenetic, viviparous females which are the progeny of the fundatrices and live on the primary host. (3) Migrantes; these usually develop in the second, third or later generations of fundatrigenieae and consist of winged parthenogenetic viviparous females. They develop on the primary host and subsequently fly to the secondary host. In Drepanosiphum platanoides all the viviparous females are winged and consequently fundatrigenieae are wanting. (4) Alienicoae; parthenogenetic, viviparous females developing for the most part on the secondary host. They often differ markedly from the fundatrices and migrantes; many generations may be produced comprising both apterous and winged forms. (5) Sexuparae; parthenogenetic viviparous females which usually develop on the secondary host, the alate forms migrating to the primary host at the end of the summer. The sexuparae terminate the generations of alienicoae by giving rise to the sexuales. (6) Sexuales; usually appear but once in the life-cycle and consist of sexually reproducing males and females, the latter being oviparous. The females with rare exceptions (Neophyllaphis Takah., Tamalia Bak., Ceraphis Van der Goot.) are apterous, and distinguishable from the apterous viviparous generations of the same sex by the thickened tibiae of the hind-legs, and the greater body length. The males are either winged or apterous, and in Aphis mali and Chaitophorus populi both types are produced. Intermediates between alate and apterous forms also occur. The sexuales exhibit various types of specialization among different genera, which reach their culminating point in Eriosoma and its allies. In these instances both sexes are apterous, there are no functional mouth-parts, the digestive system is degenerate, and the female lays only a single very large egg produced in a single ovary, the counterpart of the latter having atrophied (Baker 1915). The eggs are laid on the primary host and in this stage the vast majority of species hibernate. In Trama, however, the adult fundatrices may overwinter; in Phylloxera vastatrix the young nymphs hibernate on the vine roots and Chermes also passes the winter in the same stage on intermediate hosts.

With non-migratory species the terms migrantes and alienicoae are not applicable. In these cases the winged and wingless viviparous females are more conveniently referred to as fundatrigenieae alate or apterae as the case may be, and either one or the other may give rise to the sexuparae.

We may now briefly consider the life-cycles of several species which exemplify different types of heterogeny. A high degree of specialization is met with in Hormaphis Oq. Sac. and the allied genera Hamamelisites Schim. (Tetraphis Horv.), and Cerasaphis Licht. They are gall-formers not only on the primary host, but often on the secondary one also; cornicles are vestigial or wanting and the sexuales are usually small and apterous. The alienicoae are flattened and scale-like, often with a marginal fringe of wax glands, which imparts to them a close resemblance to an aleyrodid: The life-history may become greatly abbreviated, and both the intermediate host and the aleyrodidiform generations thereon eliminated, as in Hormaphis
FIG. 361.—*Aphis rumicis.*

A, fundatrix; B, apterous viviparous female; C, nymph of winged viviparous female; D, winged viviparous female; E, male; F, oviparous female; G, fundatrix, 1st instar; H, egg. The antenna are also shown under higher magnification, together with the tarsus in B and D and the hind tibia and tarsus in F. (From original drawings by J. Davidson.)
hamamelidis Ost. Sac. According to Morgan and Shull (Ann. Ent. Soc. Am. 1910), in the vicinity of New York this species has only fundatrices, sexuparre and sexuales generations.

Among the Phylloxerinae the life-history attains the highest degree of complexity, and in Phylloxera quercus Lichtenstein states that no less than twenty-one forms occur in the life-cycle. In P. vastatrix of the vine the life-history, in a summarized form, is as follows according to Grassi (1915). The fundatrices are seldom met with on the European vine, and their fate on that plant has not been definitely settled. Grassi states that they usually perish, while those on the American vine produce leaf-galls; in no case do they develop on the roots as was formerly maintained. Given a suitable race of vine the fundatrices, therefore, are gallicola or leaf-gall formers. They lay a large number of eggs and their progeny, or fundatricigena, are dimorphic when newly hatched. Grassi recognizes neogallicola-gallicola or those which will become gallicola and neogallicola-radicola or those which pass to the roots and become radicola. The neogallicola-gallicola pass through several generations producing in each case both gallicola and radicola. The former appear in greater numbers when the vine is in active growth and never develop on the roots. The radicola are produced from the later eggs when the season is advanced. They may continue as radicola and hibernate as nymphs, or produce sexupare. The latter are winged and fly to the aerial parts of the vine to lay their eggs, which are of two kinds,—the larger being female-producing and the smaller giving rise to males. The sexuales are small and apterous; the females each lay a single large overwintering egg, on the bark of the trunk and branches, which hatches the following year into a fundatrix. The actual details of the life-cycle on the European vine in southern Europe has been productive of much discussion, but it seems probable, from Grassi's account, that the radicola are the principal form of the species on that host, and that gallicola are seldom met with. When, however, European vines are in contact with heavily galled American plants, it is stated that they are sometimes infected with neogallicola-gallicola derived from the latter. In recent years Börner has put forward the belief that the Lorraine race is a different one, which he denominates pervastatrix. In that province he states that the sexuales select the European vine for oviposition in preference to the American, which is usually found covered with galls in southern Europe. Similarly winter eggs were only found on the European vine and galls developed.

Related to Phylloxera are the genera Chermes, Cnaphalodes and others which are confined to Coniferae. Two hosts are normally required for the life-cycle which extends over two years; the primary host is Picea, while the secondary one is either Larix, Pinus, Abies, or Pseudotsuga (Fig. 362). The life-histories of these insects are complex and very difficult to elucidate; furthermore, it is probable that separate specific names have been applied to different cycles of the same species. For example, Chermes viridis (Ratz) has a cycle of five generations on spruce and larch, and the closely allied but exclusively parthenogenetic species C. abietis Kalt., has but two generations, both on spruce. These are regarded as distinct species by Cholodkovsky, but Börner considers that they constitute the single species C. abietis L. In a similar manner Börner disagrees with Cholodkovsky and unites Cnaphalodes strobilobia (Kalt.) and Cnaphalodes lapponicus Chol. into a single species under the former name. In 1909 Cholodkovsky maintained that there is a third species of Chermes (C. occidentalis Chol.) which probably combines the reproduction cycles of both viridis and abietis but, unlike them, is confined to western Europe. Steven, however, finds that in Britain all three species are present in localities where spruce and larch grow side by side. It will be gathered, therefore, from the foregoing remarks that further research alone will determine whether several species occur, or only biological races of a single species. The principal features in the life-cycle may be summarized as follows—(1) The sexually produced eggs hatch in autumn and the first stage nymph hibernates on spruce. (2) Fundatrices develop from these nymphs during the following spring and their feeding habits initiate gall-formation on the primary host. They lay numerous eggs which develop within the galls and give rise to gallicola. (3) The latter issue from the galls and are divisible into winged gallicola migrantes (migrantes), which fly to the intermediate host, and gallicola non-migrantes which remain on the spruce and give rise to further fundatrices. (4) The progeny of the gallicola migrantes hibernate as first stage larvae, and in the spring develop into colonici (alienicolae). The colonici lay their eggs on the intermediate host; their progeny varies in type and behaviour among different genera. Thus, there may be sistentes which are similar to the original colonici and are apterous; other apterous forms termed progredientes; and alatae which are akin to the latter in behaviour. (6) The sistentes produce among their progeny sexuparre which fly to the
primary host and lay their eggs thereon. The apterous *sexuales* develop from the latter, and the females each lay a single egg which hatches in autumn, and thus completes the two years' cycle.

The phenomena underlying the migration of aphides are very little understood, but the main factor appears to be those physiological changes in the plant during

**SCHEMATIC SUMMARY OF THE LIFE-CYCLE OF CHERMES S. STR. (BÖRN)**

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**FIG. 362.**

growth which render it unsuitable as a host for the aphides concerned. A reduction in the reproductive capacity of the parthenogenetic females becomes evident, and the individuals produced in each generation often become progressively smaller. The apterous individuals produce migrantes in increasing numbers and eventually the primary host becomes freed. Migrantes have been observed to appear in great numbers when the host plant wilts, or when much overcrowded with apterous
forms. Moisture and temperature are additional factors, but the exact part played by them needs critical examination. Mordvilko considers that all aphides were originally polyphagous and that existing migrations are remnants of that habit. He divides these insects into three groups. (a) Those in which migration is absent but the species are widely polyphagous. (b) Species in which there is facultative migration, two hosts may be utilized and polyphagia is more restricted. Thus, a species may complete its life-cycle on one host but, on the other hand, it is capable of utilizing an alternative host for a portion of its development. (c) Species in which migration is obligatory and which are only slightly polyphagous.

The productive capacity of aphides is greatly influenced by temperature and the physiological condition of the host plant. Evidence indicates that an abundance of healthy plants coupled with a sufficiently high temperature afford conditions favourable for prolific agamic reproduction. On the other hand, these same conditions have been stated to retard the appearance of the sexuales. Kyber in 1815 bred Macrosiphum rosa for four years indoors and only parthenogenetic forms resulted, although, out of doors, sexuales appeared annually. These observations appear to be supported by those of Russell (U.S. Dept. Agric. Bull. 90) who found that this species reproduces by parthenogenesis through the year in California.

It must, however, be borne in mind that, although the view that external factors regulate the reproductive method has received wide support, it is difficult to believe that they are actually determinative. The cytological work of Tannreuther, Morgan, Stevens and others indicates the internal or germinal factors are directly concerned in the appearance of agamic and sexual generations. It is evident that in most species there is an inherited tendency for sexual forms to be produced in autumn, but in some cases experimental evidence shows that under a favourable temperature the appearance of sexuales is prevented and agamic reproduction only occurs. In these instances temperature may possibly exercise an influence on the behaviour of the chromosomes, which in themselves are the real factors determining whether a generation be sexual or agamic.

The remarkable reproductive powers of these insects has already been referred to (p. 328) and the capacity of different species in this respect varies within very wide limits. Numerical evidence of the fecundity of Aphis malifolia Fitch is afforded by Baker and Turner (1916). The fundatrix produces on an average 71 young. From 5 to 7 generations of spring forms occur and consist at first exclusively of fundatrigenia, but migrants appear in increasing numbers in each generation. The average number of young produced by the fundatrigene was 121 per female: the later generations were rather less prolific. The migrants yielded on an average 18 young per female, the alienicol 65, sexupara 7, and the sexuales produced an average of 6 eggs per female. It can be readily imagined that if this numerous progeny survived, the available supply of plant life would speedily become exhausted. This result is avoided owing to the fact that aphides are destroyed by very numerous parasitic Hymenoptera, they also form the food supply for the progeny of many Aculeata and are further preyed upon by great numbers of CoccinellidÆ and larval SyrphidÆ and Neuroptera. In addition to the above enemies, vast numbers are washed away by rains, and many migratory forms probably perish through failing to reach suitable hosts. In spite of all these and other controlling agencies, sufficient numbers survive to render many species pests of prime importance to the agriculturist and fruit-grower.

The literature on the family is very extensive; the only monograph on the British species is that of Buckton (1876-83), which is now out of date. The work of Van der Goot (1915) on the Dutch forms includes most British species, and the monographs of Kaltenbach (1843), Koch (1854-57), and Tullgren (1909) are important to the systematist. For the classification and world genera consult Baker (1920), and for information on the anatomy reference should be made to the papers by Witlaczil (1882), Mordwilko (1895), Davidson (1913, 1914) and Baker (1915). For the life-history and biology of individual species the following writings, among others, may be mentioned: Davis (1914) on Callipterus and (1915) on Macrosiphum; Patch (1913) on Eriosoma; Matheson (1919), Baker and Turner (1916) on species of Aphis; Balbiani (1884) and Grassi (1915) on Phylloxera; and Chrystal (Forestry Comm. Bull. 3, 1910) on Chermes, which includes a bibliography of that genus.

FAM. COCCIDÆ (Scale-Insects, Mealy-bugs). TARSi 1-JOINTED WITH A SINGLE CLAW; ROSTRUM SHORT. FEMALES USUALLY DEGENERATE; SCALE-LIKE, GALL-LIKE OR WITH A POWDERY OR WAXY COATING; APTEROUS, OBSCURELY SEGMENTED, LEGS
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AND ANTENNÆ OFTEN VESTIGIAL OR ATROPHIED. MALES WITH ANTERIOR WINGS ONLY, OR SOMETIMES APTEROUS; MOUTH-PARTS WANTING.

This family in some respects is one of the most anomalous of all insects. Not only is there a remarkable variety of forms within its limits, but also the sexes in the same species differ as much in characters and metamorphosis as insects pertaining to different orders. The form most usually met with is the female, and consequently the popular expressions “scale-insects” and “mealy-bugs” refer more particularly to that sex. Coccidæ are among the most important pests of cultivated plants, particularly of fruit trees, and mention need only be made of the San José Scale (Aspidiotus perniciosus Comst.), the Mussel Scale (Lepidosaphes ulmi L.) of the apple, and the Fluted Scale (Icerya purchasi Mask.) of citrus fruits, to establish this fact. The plant hosts are extremely numerous (vide Green, 1917-19) and probably include representatives of every natural order of Phanerogams.

Their habits, however, are very variable, some species being confined to a single food-plant; thus Cryptococcus fagi is only found on Fagus sylvatica and Physokermes abietis on Abies excelsa. On the other hand Lepidosaphes ulmi L. is known to infest about 130 different species of plants pertaining to widely divergent orders. The species of Pseudococcus Westw. (Dactylopius Targ.) are also very general feeders and occur on a great variety of plants grown under glass. The facility with which the living insects can be transported over long distances, along with their hosts, has resulted in many species becoming almost cosmopolitan. The strictest legislative measures are in vogue in many countries in order to guard against their further dissemination.

The males have only a single pair of wings (Fig. 363) with greatly reduced venation. In Pseudococcus Westw., for example, R is single-branched and only a spur-like rudiment of Sc and a portion of M are present. The hind-wings are represented by a pair of slender halteres which develop from the metathoracic wing-buds (Witlaczil); each is furnished with one or more hooklets which fit in a pocket on the wing of its side.

In a few Diaspinaæ apterous males occur, while in Chionaspis salicis L. both apterous and winged individuals are present. In Tachardia lacca Kerr the males exhibit alternation of generations combined with dimorphism (Imms and Chatterjee). Thus in the first generation both apterous and winged forms are prevalent, while the second generation consists of the former only. In the majority of species the males possess four large ocelli, two being dorsal and two ventral; in such cases the compound eyes are reduced to small colourless tubercles or are totally absent. In the sub-families Monophlebinæ, Margarodinæ, and Orthexinæ well-formed compound eyes are present, while the ocelli are either very small or wanting. The antennæ are normally 10-jointed and the mouth-parts are completely wanting, atrophy taking place during metamorphosis.

The abdomen is 8-segmented and terminated by a prominent, spine-like genital
Coccidæ

Sheath which encloses the aedeagus. It is frequently accompanied by two or sometimes four (*Phenacoccus* Ckll.) or more (*Xylacoccus* long, white, filiform processes. In *Monophlebus* Burm. the conspicuous genital sheath is not evident and the somewhat truncated apex of the abdomen is furnished with 2 to 10 elongate, fleshy outgrowths. The males are always smaller than the females, and have an average wing-expanse of 2 to 4 mm.; the disparity in size of the two sexes is often extraordinarily great as, for example, in *Coccus* (*Lecanium* capree.

The adult females are invariably apterous and usually exhibit considerable degeneration. They are always invested with some kind of specialized covering or secretory material. In *Monophlebus* Burm., *Icerya* Sign. and *Pseudococcus* Westw., etc., there is a coating of mealy substance, *Tachardia* is enclosed in a dense cell of resin-like matter, *Ceroplastes* is invested with plates of wax, while in species of *Coccus* (*Lecanium*) the hardened dorsal surface is produced by simple cuticular thickening. In the Diaspine a definite scale (erroneously termed a puparium) is present, it being formed either of larval exuviae, or the latter combined with secretory material. The first larval exuviae persist and are followed by the second, and further growth of the insect is accompanied by the formation of a secretory covering, either around the larval exuviae, as in *Aspidiotus* Bouché, or extending behind the latter, as in *Chionaspis* Ckll. (Fig. 364). The least modified type of female is exhibited in the Monophlebine and Dactylopiinae. In these subfamilies the legs and antennae are prominent, the insects retaining the power of free locomotion. Among the Coccinae (*Lecaniniæ*) the legs and antennae are frequently present in a well-developed condition, but are no longer functional, as the insect takes up a permanent position on its host after the final moult.

In the Diaspine the legs have totally disappeared and the antennae are reduced to minute papillae. A still further stage in degeneration is met with in Physocormes, where the insect is reduced to the condition of a sac-like object devoid of any vestiges of antennae or legs. It is therefore evident that, if a sufficiently extensive series of genera be examined, almost every stage in transition will be found, from well-developed legs and 11-jointed antennae to the complete disappearance of these organs. The legs, when fully formed, have 1-jointed tarsi terminated by a single claw; in a few exceptional genera the anterior tarsi are 2-jointed. Eyes may be present or absent, but are never highly developed and are often very rudimentary, as in the Diaspine. In the latter sub-family the abdomen calls for special mention, and is terminated by a flattened region or pygidium, composed of several fused segments. On its dorsal side the pygidium carries the anus and ventrally the genital aperture. On the dorsal aspect there are also numerous structures known as the tubular spinnerets, which are concerned with the secretion of the scale, but are not exclusively confined to the pygidium. Berlese (1893–95) has shown that the underlying glands communicate by long slender ducts with the capitate extremities of the tubular spinnerets.

On the ventral aspect of the pygidium, and disposed around the genital pore, are the openings of several groups (usually five) of circumgenital glands. Green has directed attention to the possible connection between these glands and oviposition. Thus in those species which are ovoviviparous the glands, as a rule, are wanting, while they are present in all oviparous species. The pores of the glands in the living insect are usually obscured by the waxy powder which they secrete, and the same powder is found dusted over the eggs. Smaller groups of similar glands occur in relation to the channels which lead from the ventral spiracles to the outer margin of the insect. They likewise produce a powdery secretion which may possibly function in excluding the entry of water, while freely admitting air to the respiratory system.

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The number of eggs laid is subject to wide variation among different Coccids. In the British species it varies from about 37 in *Lepidosaphes ulmi* to nearly 2,000 in *Coccus caprea*. They are never deposited openly on the host plant, some means of protection always being provided. Thus in the Diaspinae they are laid beneath the scale while in *Coccus* the dried body of the female functions as an ovisac. *Orthesia* Bosc. carries them between the long waxen plates at the extremity of the body. Other genera deposit them in ovisacs of white cottony or felted waxy material secreted beneath the parent. Both oviparous and ovoviviparous species are frequent and may occur in the same genus: in the latter forms the eggs remain within the body of the parent until the contained insects emerge, or emergence may take place during oviposition.

The young larvae are oval and flattened (Fig. 365); the sexes are very rarely distinguishable at this stage and it is often impossible to separate larvae of allied genera.

*Stictococcus dimorphus* Newst. is exceptional in that there is well-marked sexual dimorphism in the first instar larvae (*Bull. Ent. Res.* 1, p. 65). After the first moult the larvae of both sexes bear a closer resemblance to the adult female, and the latter sex usually becomes mature after the second moult. On the other hand at this stage the male becomes a pupa (Fig. 365B), with the sheaths of the imaginal appendages free, and after a third moult the adult male appears. In the Diaspinae the scale covering the male pupa is readily recognisable by its smaller size and usually more elongate form than the female scales. It is characterized by being formed of the first exuviae only, its complete formation taking place by the addition of secretory material during the second larval instar. *Xylococcus alni* Og. appears to be exceptional in passing through four instars in the female and five in the male (Oguma), but further research on the number of instars and other features in the metamorphosis of Coccids is greatly needed. In *Margarodes* Guild. the female encysts for a lengthy period, accompanied by histolysis. Judging by its morphology and by the number of moults passed through the female Coccid appears to represent the pupal stage of the male and may possibly be regarded as a neotenic form.

In many species fertilization is apparently the rule, and it is known in a few instances that one male may fertilize several females; Oguma has observed that a female may also be fertilized by successive males. In other cases males are either unknown or so infrequent that parthenogenesis is evidently a common phenomenon. Thus in *Lepidosaphes ulmi* L. males are unknown on its commonest host (apple) and have only been observed on one or two less frequently infested plants.

The indigenous British Coccids are univoltine, but this rule does not apply to tropical forms or species living under glass. *Tachardia lacca*, for example, passes through two generations in the year and the San José Scale has several broods. On the other hand, Oguma states that *Xylococcus alni* Og. requires 2½ years to complete its life-cycle.

Certain species are subterranean, particularly those of *Margarodes* and *Ripersia*, which live on the roots of plants in association with ants. A number of Coccids frequent habitations of the latter and most probably secrete honey-dew, thus rendering them acceptable guests. The honey-dew is a clear glutinous substance which is particularly attractive to Hymenoptera. It is rarely secreted by the Diaspinae and is more especially characteristic of the Coccinae and Dactylopinae. Certain species are gall-formers, more especially those belonging to the Australian genus *Apiomorpha,*
Rubs. (*Brachyscelis* Sch.), and the English *Eriococcus devoniensis* (Gr.), which causes gall-like deformations of the young shoots of *Erica*.

In some instances Coccids or their products have proved of considerable commercial value. Thus the "cochineal insect" (*Dactylopius coccus*), a native of Mexico living on various Cactaceae, yields the dyestuff known as cochineal, which is prepared from the dried females. Similarly, the dyestuff known as Kermes or "*granum tinctorum*" has been used almost from time immemorial; it is likewise prepared from the dried females of *Kermes ilicis* (L.). The stick-lac of commerce from which shellac is prepared is the resinous substance formed by *Tachardia lacca* (Fig. 366). The latter insect is a native of India, where it lives on many kinds of trees, notably *Butea frondosa*, *Shorea robusta*, *Acacia arabica*, *Schleicheria trijuga*, and on species of *Zizyphus* and *Ficus*. The crimson colouring agent known as "lac dye" is also yielded by the bodies of the females; for an account of this insect vide Imms and Chatterjee (1915). The gum-lac insect (*Gascardia*) of Madagascar yields an inferior type of lac containing a much higher proportion of wax. Several Coccids yield wax in sufficient quantities to have been used commercially, notably the Chinese wax insect *Ericerus pe-la*, and an Indian species of *Ceroplastes*. Mention should also be made of the so-called "ground pearls," which are the outer pearly coverings of *Margarodes*. These are collected and strung into necklaces particularly in S. Africa and the Bahamas.

The literature on the family is very extensive, and among the more comprehensive treatises on the structure and biology are Newstead's Monograph of the British species (1901-3), that of Green (1896-1922) on the Ceylon forms, and the writings of Berlese (1893-95), Marchal (1908), Lindinger (1912), Leonardi (1920) and MacGillivray (1921). A great deal of information on the anatomy of Coccids is given by Berlese (l.c.) and the student should also consult the papers of Mark (1877), Withnell (1886), Childs (1914), and Oguma (1919).

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Small to rather large soft-bodied insects with usually elongate antennæ. Mouth-parts adapted for biting: ligula undivided or bilobed or often atrophied. Two pairs of very similar membranous wings, generally disposed in a roof-like manner over the abdomen when at rest. Venation primitive but with many accessory veins: costal veinlets numerous: Rs generally pectinately branched. Abdomen without cerci. Larvae carnivorous, of a modified campodeiform type with biting or suckorial mouth-parts: the aquatic forms usually with abdominal gills. Pupæ exarate: wings with complete tracheation.

The heterogenous group which formed the Neuroptera of Linnaeus is now divided into at least eight or nine well-defined orders, the original name being confined to the Megaloptera and Planipennia as enumerated below. The group thus restricted is still further dismembered by some authorities into two or three separate orders. This course, however, is very doubtfully warranted owing to the difficulty of separating such orders on the basis of any constant venational differences. It is evident, however, that the Neuroptera exhibit at least three lines of evolution with marked divergence also in their metamorphoses. These several lines appear, however, to be derivable from a common ancestral type. The species are rarely abundant in individuals, and all exhibit weak powers of flight. They feed upon soft-bodied insects and liquid matter, such as honey-dew.

With the exception of the Coniopterygidae, the Neuroptera are separable from the Mecoptera by the venational features enumerated above. The mouth-parts are well developed with biting mandibles, the maxillary palpi are 5-jointed, the labial palpi 3-jointed, and the ligula is reduced to the condition of a median and sometimes slightly bilobed process, or is totally atrophied. The wing-coupling apparatus is of the jugo-frenate type, though usually much reduced and without bristles: a frenulum, however, is present in many Hemerobiidae. The tarsi are uniformly 5-jointed and the abdomen 10-segmented. Excepting for the venation (vide Tillyard, 1919), the comparative morphology of the order has been very inadequately investigated. There are two pairs of thoracic and eight pairs of abdominal spiracles, and the ventral nerve cord consists of three thoracic and generally seven abdominal ganglia. The digestive system is provided with a median dorsal food-reservoir, a peritrophic membrane is present, and the usual number of Malpighian tubes is eight: the ovaries consist of a variable number of usually polytrophic ovarioles.

1 The Coniopterygidae are exceptional in having the two pairs of wings very unequal in size with greatly reduced venation. They are small insects covered with a whitish powdery exudation. The Nemopteridae differ from all other families in their elongate, filiform hind wings.

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The larvae exhibit great diversity of structure and mode of life, but are, in all cases, carnivorous; in a considerable proportion of the species they are aquatic. The latter forms are interesting from the fact that they usually carry segmentally arranged, and often jointed, abdominal processes.

The Neuroptera are divided in the present work into the sub-orders Megaloptera and Planipennia, which are treated separately below. The British species number about 60 and most of them are included in the monograph of MacLachlan (1868). About 1,700 species of the order have been described.

Sub-order I. MEGALOPTERA (Alder Flies and Snake Flies)

BRANCHES OF THE VEINS USUALLY WITHOUT A CONSPICUOUS TENDENCY TO BIFURCATE AT THE MARGINS OF THE WINGS. LARVAE WITH BITING MOUTH-PARTS.

The Megaloptera fall very naturally into two superfamilies—the Sialioidea or "alder flies" and the Raphidioidea or "snake flies." These two divisions are regarded by Handlirsch as being sufficiently distinct to warrant their separation into orders of their own. They include a small number of archaic types not very closely related among themselves.

The sub-order is classified as follows:—

A (B).—Prothorax quadrate: an exserted ovipositor wanting: wings without pterostigma. Larvae aquatic.

1. Wing expanse 45–100 mm.: three ocelli present: 4th tarsal joint simple. Larvae with 8 pairs of abdominal gills and no terminal filament.

2. Wing-expanse 20–40 mm.: ocelli absent: 4th tarsal joint bilobed. Larvae with 7 pairs of abdominal gills and a terminal filament.


3. A single family.

The Sialioidea are of special interest both on account of the large size and striking appearance assumed by certain of the species, and because the group includes the most generalized representatives of the Neuroptera. Similarly to other primitive groups, the Sialioidea only include a small number of genera and species, but they exhibit an almost world-wide although discontinuous distribution. They differ from other Neuroptera in the hind-wings being broad at their bases with the anal area folded fanwise when at rest (Fig. 368).

The eggs of these insects are laid upon leaves, stones and other objects, usually not far from water. They are deposited regularly in compact masses: in Sialis each mass contains 200 to 500 eggs and in Corydalis the number amounts to two or three thousand. The eggs are cylindrical with rounded ends and dark brown in colour: at its free extremity each is provided with a conspicuous micropylar apparatus varying somewhat in form among different genera. The young larvae, after eclosion, make their way to the water: those of Sialis are found in the muddy bottoms of ponds, canals and slow-moving streams, while the larvae of Corydalis lurk under stones in rapidly flowing water. All the larvae of the Sialioidea are actively predaceous, devouring other insect larvae, small worms, etc. The mouthparts resemble those of a Carabid larva, the mandibles being powerful and sharply toothed, while the maxillae exhibit the typical parts and the labium
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consists of a mentum, a dentate ligula and 3-jointed palpi. The antennae are prominent 4-jointed appendages, and the legs are well developed, terminating in paired claws. The larva of *Sialis* (Fig. 367) is provided with seven pairs of 5-jointed, lateral, segmentally arranged abdominal filaments or tracheal gills. Each of the latter is supplied by a tracheal branch and contains blood. On the 9th abdominal segment there is a terminal filament of a similar nature. In *Corydalis* and *Chauloides* there are eight pairs of unjointed or imperfectly jointed filaments: in the former genus, and in *Neuromus*, each of the first seven abdominal segments also bears ventral, spongy tufts of accessory tracheal gills. The body in these three genera is terminated by a pair of hooked anal feet, without the gill-like filament of *Sialis*. According to Davis (1903), there are eight pairs of small abdominal spiracles in *Sialis*, while in *Corydalis* and *Chauloides* thoracic spiracles are also present. Pupation occurs in the soil or in moss, etc., sometimes at a depth of several inches. The pupae are exarate and are able to work their way to the surface to allow of the emergence of the imagines. In the common European *Sialis lutaria* the whole life-cycle occupies about a year. This species and *S. fusconebulosa* are the only British members of the super-family. *Corydalis* is North American and Asiatic and the male has enormously elongate sickle-like mandibles and a wing-expanse ranging up to 150 mm. For a general account of the biology of the Sialoidea vide Davis (1903). Some account of the anatomy of *Sialis* is given by Dufour (*Ann. Sci. Nat.* (3), 9, 1848), and by Loew (*Linn. Ent.* 3, 1848): the latter author also contributes observations on the anatomy of *Raphidia* (vide below).

The *Raphidioidea* include the most specialized members of the Megaloptera and are entirely terrestrial in habits. The group occurs on all continents with the exception of Australia, and most of the species are included in the genera *Raphidia* (Fig. 369) and *Inocellia*. The imagines are remarkable for the elongated pro-thorax which, together with the narrowed posterior region of the head, forms a kind of "neck": unlike the Sialoidea, they possess an elongate setiform ovipositor. About eighty species of the group are known, of which

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**Fig. 367.—Larva of Sialis lutaria. Enlarged. After Lestage.**

**Fig. 368.—Right wings of Sialis lutaria.**
four, belonging to the genus *Raphidia*, have been recorded from Britain. They occur in wooded regions and are met with among rank herbage, on flowers or tree-trunks, etc. The eggs are inserted by means of the long ovipositor in slits in the bark: they are elongate-cylindrical with a small appendage at one extremity. The larvae occur under loose bark, particularly of conifers, and are very voracious, preying upon small soft-bodied insects which frequent similar situations. The larva of *Raphidia* (Fig. 370) is elongate and slender with a well chitinized head and prothorax. The thoracic legs are long, the abdomen carries no processes or appendages, and the mouth-parts resemble those of the imago. The pupa is more primitive than in any other of the Endopterygota and closely resembles the adult insect in its essential structural characters. Although first enclosed in a kind of cell the pupa emerges after a lapse of some time and, becoming active, crawls about until it finds a suitable place, where it remains until the eclosion of the imago.

The *Raphidioidea* have been monographed by Esben-Petersen (1913) and by Navas (1918).

Sub-order II. **PLANIPENNIA** (Lacewings, Ant Lions, etc.)

**BRANCHES OF THE VEINS USUALLY CONSPICUOUSLY BIFURCATED AT THE MARGINS OF THE WINGS. LARVÆ WITH SUCTORIAL MOUTH-PARTS.**

The Planipennia include the majority of the Neuroptera and their various families exhibit an exceptional wealth of venational specialization. Different as many of the families are in their imaginal characters, the group is well defined as a whole owing to the universal occurrence of suctorial piercing mouth-parts in the larvæ. Nearly all the Planipennia are terrestrial insects, a small number are more or less amphibious in their larval stages, and one or two genera have truly aquatic larvæ. The most generalized family are the Ithonidæ, which, to some extent, serve as a connecting link between the two sub-orders of Neuroptera.

The larvæ of the Planipennia are universally predaceous and are of considerable importance as destroyers of aphides and other injurious insects. The head is often large and very freely articulated with the prothorax. The mandibles and maxillæ are long and exserted, being thereby adapted for seizing the prey (vide Meinert, 1889). The first-mentioned appendages are usually sickle-shaped and, in some families, armed with teeth.
are grooved along their ventral surfaces, and the maxillae, which closely resemble them in size and shape, fit one into each groove: in this manner the two sets of appendages form a pair of imperfect suckorial tubes. The combined organs are deeply inserted into the prey and its juices are imbibed by means of the pumping action of the pharynx. At the base of each maxilla there is usually a pair of small sclerites—the cardo and stipes—but, as a rule, maxillary palpi are absent. The labium is greatly reduced, and its palpi, although sometimes aborted, are very variable in different families. The antennae are filiform and often rather long. The prothorax is divided into three more or less distinct sub-segments, but the meso- and meta-thorax are sometimes merged into the trunk and not sharply demarcated. The legs are long and slender and allow of activity of movement; their tarsi are single-jointed. The abdomen consists of ten segments and is devoid of cerci. The larvae usually pass through three instars, except in Ithone where there are five: when about to pupate, they construct oval or spherical cocoons either of silk or of foreign particles bound together with that material. The pupae possess strong mandibles which are utilized in cutting through the cocoons to allow of the emergence of the imagines. The diet of the larvae consists solely of animal juices, and there is no through passage from the mid-intestine to the anus. The Malpighian tubes are usually 8 in number and, of these, 6 have acquired a secondary attachment by their distal extremities to the wall of the hind-intestine. The tubes thus modified function as silk-producing organs in the last instar, the silken thread being emitted by means of an anal spinneret (vide Anthony, 1902). The respiratory system opens by nine pairs of spiracles, the 1st pair being prothoracic and the remainder abdominal in position.

The Planipennia may be classified according to the following key: only five of the undermentioned families (marked *) are represented in the British fauna, and a useful account of their structure and biology has recently been contributed by Withycombe (1922).

1 (2).—Venation greatly reduced: small species covered by *coniopterygidae whitish powdery exudation. (p. 385)
2 (1).—Veins and cross-veins numerous.
3 (4).—Fore-legs raptorial. mantispidae (p. 385)
4 (3).—Fore-legs not raptorial.
5 (6).—Hind-wings greatly elongated and ribbon-like. nemopteridae (p. 383)
6 (5).—Hind-wings not as above.
7 (10).—Antennae thickened distally or clavate.
8 (9).—Antennae not half as long as fore-wing: wings with a very elongate hypostigmal cell extending beyond the fusion of Sc with R1. myrmeleonidae (p. 384)
9 (8).—Antennae more than half as long as fore-wing: an elongate hypostigmal cell wanting. ascaphidae (p. 385)
10 (7).—Antennae not thickened distally.
11 (16).—Two or more branches of Rs in fore-wing arising from the apparently fused stems of R1 and Rs.
12 (13).—Antennae moniliform: cross-veins few. *hemerobiidae
13 (12).—Antennae not moniliform: cross-veins more numerous. (p. 379)
14 (15).—Hemerobiid-like: antennae of male coarsely pectinate: ovipositor exserted. dilariidae (p. 379)
15 (14).—Moth-like: antennae filiform in both sexes: ovipositor not exserted. ithoniidae i

* In the genus Ithone, Rs is as in (16) but the moth-like appearance of these insects renders them easily recognisable.
16 (11).—All the branches of Rs arising from the latter vein after it has diverged from R.
17 (20).—Sc not joined at its apex with R
d. 18 (19).—Body and wings not hairy.
19 (18).—Body and wings densely hairy.
20 (17).—Sc joined at its apex with R
d. 21 (22).—Wings rounded with a prominent "mid-rib" formed by Sc, R
d, and Rs.
22 (21).—Wings more elongate and without any prominent "mid-rib" as above.
23 (24).—Cross-veins numerous.
24 (23).—Cross-veins few.
25 (26).—Costal veinlets branched in fore-wing: scales present on some part of the wings in the female.
26 (25).—Costal veinlets unbranched in fore-wing: wing-scales absent.

In addition to the above families there are several others of minor importance. The Sympherobiidæ comprise several genera related to the Hemerobiidæ but differing in the formation of Rs. Psectra has the hind-wings of the male reduced to small scales: P. diptera is an extremely rare insect which has occurred once or twice in the British Isles. The Myioidactylidæ appear to be a sub-family of the Osmyliidæ, and the Nympidæ are a small family of Australian insects which are to be regarded as the remains of an ancestral group from which the Myrmeleonidæ have arisen. They have rather long filiform antennæ, which are moderately thickened, and differ from the last-mentioned family in the presence of cross-veins between Sc and R
d. The common N. American lacewing Polystoechotes belongs to the small family Palysteothæidæ, which is closely related to the Berothidæ.

FAM. ITHONIDÆ.—This family is the most nearly related to the Megaloptera of all the Planipennia. Its members are large and rather stout-bodied insects, of superficially moth-like appearance, with a wing-expanse of about 40 to 70 mm. Three genera and about half a dozen species are known: they frequent sandy localities in Australia and Tasmania (vide Tillyard, 1919, VIII: 1922). Ithonidæ are active runners taking refuge in dark crevices, etc., and when their wings are closed they bear a certain superficial resemblance to cockroaches. The eggs of Ithona are laid in sand which adheres to them owing to a sticky secretion with which they are covered: the larva is soft, whitish, and blind, of melolonthoid form, with small mandibles and maxillæ: it normally preys upon scarabæid larvae.

FAM. DILARIDÆ.—A very small family recognizable from its allies by the strongly pectinated antennæ of the male and the exerted ovipositor of the female. Its affinities lie with the Hemerobiidæ and Ithonidæ, but nothing is known concerning its biology. Dilar occurs in N. America and Japan.

FAM. HEMEROBIIDÆ (Brown Lace-wings).—This family was originally held to include all neuropterous insects whose larvae possess suctorial mouth-parts and whose imagines have a closely reticulated wing-venation. The growth of further knowledge, and more particularly the work of Handlirsch and of Tillyard, have made it evident that the group thus constituted really forms a complex of a number of separate families. The Hemerobiidæ, as now restricted, are rather small delicate insects with moniliform antennæ and no ocelli. Their principal venational feature is the fusion of Rs. and Rs. two or more of the branches of the latter vein arising from the common stem thus formed. The costal area is crossed by numerous branchedin veinlets, true cross-veins are few and of a specialized character (Fig. 371). A further character is afforded by
Sc, which does not unite at its apex with any other vein. A wing-coupling apparatus of the jugo-frenate type is commonly present, and, although the jugal bristles are wanting, those of the frenulum are evident. The eggs, unlike those of the Chrysopidae, are devoid of pedicels and have a knob-like micropylar apparatus. Hemerobid larvae (Fig. 372) are fusiform and smooth without tubercles of any kind, and the body hairs are simple. The mouth-parts are rather stout and only slightly curved. A reduced pad-like empodium is present between the tarsal claws, but in the first instar it is trumpet-shaped. In colour the larvae are commonly creamly white with markings of some shade of brown. They roam about vegetation infested with aphids and other Homoptera, acari, etc., which serve as their food. As a rule these larvae are naked, and the often repeated statement that they are concealed by skins of their victims which they transfer, along with other debris, needs confirmation, and in most cases probably refers to Chrysopids. Hemerobidae are a widely distributed family, and rather more than 20 species occur in the British Isles.

**FAM. OSMYLIDÆ.**—This family is closely allied to the Sisyridæ and Berothidae and is separable from the Chrysopidae by the distal union of Sc and R₁, and by the presence of three ocelli near the frons. The very large number of cross-veins is also a characteristic of the family. The Osmylidae are a considerable assemblage of beautiful insects, often with maculated wings, and *Osmylus chrysops* L. is the largest British Neuropteron. This species occurs locally along the borders of clear streams where there is a dense growth of bushes, etc. Its larva (Fig. 373) lurks under stones or about moss, etc., either in or near the water. It is easily recognized by its long slender stylet-like mandibles and maxillae, which are only slightly curved upwards. Unlike the aquatic larva of *Sisyra* there are no gills and it breathes by means of thoracic and abdominal spiracles. According to Withycombe its natural food consists of dip- terous larvae.

**FAM. SISYRIDÆ.**—These insects are to be regarded as an offshoot of the Osmylidae with which they agree in the distal fusion of Sc and R₁, and in the characters of Rs. On the other hand, the cross-veins are reduced in number and definitely specialized: the costal area, also, has no recurrent veinlet or branched transverse veinlets (Fig. 374). The larvae of *Sisyra* and *Chlimacia* are aquatic, living in association with fresh-water sponges (*Spongilla* and *Ephydatia*). The life-history of *Sisyra* has been followed by Anthony (1902) and by Withycombe. The eggs are very small, resembling those of *Hemerobius* : they are laid in small clusters on leaves, piles, and other objects standing in or overhanging water. The female covers each batch with a silken web as in the Psocida. The larva clings to the surface of the sponge or descends into the open osteoles, piercing the sponge-tissue with its mouth-parts. It is yellowish green or brownish, hairy, resembling
that of a Chrysopid in general form (Fig. 375); it bears seven pairs of segmentally arranged, several-jointed abdominal gills, each supplied by tracheal branches. The antennæ are long and setiform, while the mandibles and maxillæ form a pair of almost equally elongate bristle-like stylets. Labial palpi are wanting and the legs are single-clawed. Pupation takes place above water in a finely woven double cocoon. Three species of the genus occur in Britain, *S. fuscata* being common.

**FAM. BEROTHIDÆ.**

The Berothidæ are rather small, somewhat slenderly built insects with variably shaped wings. The latter are hairy, especially along their posterior margins, and peculiar scales of a seed-like form may be present in the females, either on the posterior fringe or on some of the principal veins. The limits of the family, however, are ill defined: thus in some species *S. fuscata* is distally joined with R₁, while in *Berotha* there appears to be no such union owing to the distal atrophy of Sc. These two veins remain separate in the Australian genera *Trichoma* and *Stenobiella*, which are narrow-winged, densely hairy insects: they are regarded by Tillyard (1916: IV) as constituting a family of their own—the Trichomatidæ. The eggs of *Spermophorella* are very similar to those of *Chrysopa* and are elevated upon long pedicels. The newly hatched larva is figured by Tillyard: it has an elongate narrow head with straight and rather short mandibles with broadened bases. The family is widely distributed and known from India, the United States and Australia.

**FAM. PSYCHOPSIDÆ.**—Although usually regarded as a component part of the Hemerobiidæ, this family is separable therefrom by its markedly different venational characters and the shortened antennæ. The costal area of the wings is exceptionally deep and the three veins Sc, R₁, and Rs exhibit increased chitinization and assume a parallel course as far as their terminal anastomosis (Fig. 376): they form, in this manner, a kind of broad mid-rib which renders these insects easily recognizable. The biology of the Australian *Psychopsis elegans* has been followed by Tillyard (1919, VII) and the life-cycle occupies about a year. The eggs are laid in January or February upon the bark of trees, especially Eucalypti: they are oval and each is provided with a small micropylar projection. The larva is characterized by the great size of the mandibles, which are sickle-like and devoid of teeth: the head is also large and its broad base is closely connected with the prothorax without any visible “neck.” In their habits these larvæ are arboreal, living beneath bark: they probably only emerge from their hiding-places to seize the insects which come to feed upon the gum which exudes from the trees. There are three larval instars: about November they construct silken cocoons in crevices of the bark and the pupal stage lasts about three weeks. Psychopsidæ are rare insects of nocturnal habits: they occur in Australia, S. Africa, Tibet, China and Burma.

**FAM. CHRYSOPIDÆ** (Green Lacewings).—This family includes a large number of closely related species popularly known as “green lacewings” or “golden eyes.” Many have bright green bodies and appendages, with the wing-veins similarly coloured,
and the eyes exhibit a burnished metallic lustre. Certain of the species emit a disagreeable odour when handled from a pair of prothoracic glands, and have earned for the group the alternative name of "stink flies." The antennae of the Chrysopidae are filiform, and longer than they are in the preceding family, the joints being less distinctly demarcated. The venation (vide Tillyard, 1916, III) is characterized by Rs arising from the main stem separately from R1, by the absence of a distal fusion between the latter vein and Sc, and by the exceptionally straight vein M. The latter and Cu are, however, highly complex veins, and for this reason they are designated by Tillyard pseudomedia and pseudo-cubitus respectively. The composition of these veins is respectively. The composition of these veins is represented in Fig. 377, and it will be noted that the pseudo-media is formed by the fusion of M1+2 and M3+4 and portions of the four proximal branches of Rs. The pseudo-cubitus is formed by Cu, by the distal portions of M1+2 and M3+4 and by parts of the three proximal branches of Rs.

The eggs of the Chrysopidae are commonly laid in batches, and a small amount of secretory fluid accompanies each act of oviposition. A spot of this substance is applied to a leaf or other object and the abdomen is then uplifted, with the result that a viscous thread of the secretion is drawn out perpendicularly to the substratum. The thread rapidly hardens and is surmounted by an egg, the latter being thus supported upon a delicate pedicel. In Chrysopa flava, and certain other species, the pedicels of an egg-group are joined into a common bundle. Chrysopid larvae (Fig. 377. — Chrysopa signata. A, Diagram of Wing-venation. B, Wing-venation. Cu', pseudo-cubitus; M', pseudo-media. After Tillyard, Proc. Linn. Soc. N.S.W. 41.)
378) resemble those of the Hemerobiid;e in their general characters but differ according to Withycombe in the following points. They are shorter and broader with the jaws more slender and curved. The body is provided with setae arising from dorso-lateral tubercles. The larvae are often concealed by the remains of their victims, which are retained in position by means of hooked hairs situated on the dorsal aspect of the abdomen. A trumpet-shaped empodium is present between the tarsal claws in all instars. Chrysopa flavata differs from most other members of the family in its larva having no tubercles and in being more elongate. In coloration the larvae are exceedingly variable: the ground colour is generally white, yellowish or green, usually with darker markings of red, chocolate or black. They are familiar objects on aphid-infested vegetation and are commonly obscured by their coating of debris. Economically, they are of importance on account of the large numbers of soft-bodied insects which they consume: their prey consists principally of aphides, but jassids, psyllids, coccids, together with thrips and acari, are also attacked. According to Wildermuth (Journ. Agric. Res. 6, 1916) Chrysopa californica will destroy 300-400 aphides during its larval existence. Rather more than a dozen species of the family are British, and 59 are enumerated by Navas in his monograph of the European forms (Arx. Inst. Cien. Barcelona, 1915).

FAM. NEMOPTERIDÆ.—A highly specialized family with enormously elongate, ribbon-like hind-wings and with the head usually prolonged into a kind of rostrum. They are striking and beautiful insects flying with a curious up-and-down motion after the manner of Ephemerids, with the long hind-wings streaming in the air. The form of the latter is somewhat variable: in Croce they are filiform, and taper to a point, while in other cases they are sometimes expanded before their extremities (Fig. 379). The mid-rib, which lends support to these greatly attenuated organs, is formed, according to Comstock, by the closely approximated stems of R and M. The life-history of the Indian Croce filipennis (Fig. 380) occupies about a year (vide Imms, 1911). The imagines are crepuscular and frequent buildings. The eggs are laid among dust and refuse on floors, and the fully-grown larva has a large quadrate head and long, curved, finely dentated mandibles. The head is connected with the hind-body by a conspicuous 2-segmented "neck"; the meso- and meta-thorax are imperfectly differentiated and merged into the abdomen. The larvae cover themselves with dust particles and are hard to detect: they prey upon Psocids and...
other small insects. The pupa is notable on account of its method of accommodating the long hind-wings. These are many times coiled after the manner of watchsprings: they cross each other near their bases, so that the right wing lies on the left side and vice versa. The pupa is enclosed in a cocoon composed of sand and debris bound together by silk. In *Nina joppana* and *Pterocroce storeyi* the neck of the larva is so greatly attenuated that it equals in length the whole of the rest of the body (Fig. 381): these remarkable larvae have been bound in caves in Egypt and Palestine (vide Withycombe, 1923). The family is widely distributed and several species occur in S. Europe.

**FAM. MYRMELEONIDÆ** (Ant Lion Flies). — In their general appearance these insects resemble dragonflies of the narrow-bodied type and in their larval stages they are known as "ant lions" (fourmillions). They comprise a considerable number of often large, handsome species which, however, are seldom seen. During the day they hide among trees and bushes, only appearing on the wing towards dark. Myrmeleonidæ are easily distinguished from other Neuroptera by their short knobbed antennæ: their wings are long and narrow, usually marked with brown or black, and furnished with many accessory veins and cross-veins. They are closely related to the Ascalaphidae, but the latter insects have longer antennæ and lack the elongate hypostigmal cell (Fig. 382). Although most abundant in tropical countries, species of *Myrmeleon* occur in Europe, one representative being found as far north as southern Sweden, but the family is not found in the British Isles: the European species are enumerated by Navas (*Insecta*, 5, 1915). The biology of *M. formicarius* was accurately observed by the early naturalist Reaumur. The ova are deposited in sand and the newly emerged larvae excavate pits in the ground for the purpose of securing their prey. The Myrmeleonid larva buries itself at the bottom of the pit, leaving only its large jaws protruding. An ant or other insect wandering over the edge of the pit usually dislodges the sand of the sloping sides and soon finds itself in difficulties. The ant lion jerks some of the sand by means of its head towards its victim and continues to do so until the latter is brought to the bottom of the pit. Here it is seized and not released until its juices are extracted. The larvae of this family (vide Meinert, 1889; Redtenbacher, 1884; Gravely and Maulik, 1911) are flattened and ovoid with large heads, and long, protruding mandibles, armed with exceedingly sharp spiniform teeth (Fig. 383). The pit-forming habit is characteristic of *Myrmeleon* and several other genera, but the larva
of *M. contractus* lives on the mud-covered trunks of trees in Bengal, and doubtless preys upon the ants which are constantly streaming up and down. Other larvae of this family hide away under stones and debris, or cover themselves with a coating of foreign substances, and thereby secure concealment. Some account of the anatomy of the imago is given by Dufour (*Ann. Sci. etrang. 7, 1834*).

**FAM. ASCALAPHIDÆ.**—This family is closely related to the Myrmeleonidae and has a very similar distribution. Some of the species are active fliers, and are on the wing during daytime, hawking their prey after the manner of dragonflies: others, however, are nocturnal and very seldom seen. The eggs are deposited in rows upon grass stems, twigs, etc., and the batches are often fenced in below by circles of rod-like bodies or reapagula which possibly guard them from the attacks of predaceous enemies. The larvae closely resemble those of the preceding family and have similar dentate mandibles; they are often provided with lateral segmental processes fringed with modified setae (dolichasters). These processes are particularly well developed in *Pseudoplynx* and *Ulula*, while they are usually quite rudimentary in the Myrmeleonidae. The larvae do not construct pitfalls but live concealed on the ground among stones, leaves, etc., or more rarely on the bark of trees. The family has been monographed by Van der Weele (1908), who figures larvae of several genera: the life-history of *Ascalaphus* is discussed by Westwood (*Trans. Ent. Soc. 1888*) and that of *Ulula* by McClendon (*Amer. Nat. 36, 1902*). Several species are common in southern Europe and *Ascalaphus longicornis* occurs as far north as Paris.

**FAM. MANTISPIDÆ.**—The members of this family are easily recognized by the elongate prothorax and the large raptorial anterior legs. The latter appendages are formed very much the same as in the Mantidae (vide p. 230) and fulfil similar functions. Each femur is armed with powerful spines and the tibia is adapted to fold closely on to it, the two joints forming a very effective prehensile organ for seizing the prey. The family occurs in most of the warm regions of the world and a few species occur in S. Europe. The life-history of *Mantispa styriaca* has been followed by Brauer (*Verh. zoo. bot. Ges. Wien, 19, 1869*). The eggs are borne on long pedicels as in *Chrysopa* and the newly-hatched larvae are elongate and campodeiform but are devoid of cerci. They pass into hibernation almost immediately and in the following spring they seek out the egg cocoons of the spider *Lycosa*. Only a single *Mantispa* larva enters each cocoon and it preys upon the young spiders, piercing them with the pointed mouthparts and imbibing their body-fluids. Feeding in this manner leads to an expansion of the larva which becomes so swollen as to resemble that of a miniature cockchafer. It subsequently undergoes ecdysis, and becomes transformed into an eruciform larva with a minute head, and small thoracic legs. It becomes mature a few days later, and spins a cocoon around itself, amidst the dried remains of its victims, within the original egg-bag of the spider. Pupation occurs within the last larval skin and the imago consequently has to pierce the latter and its own cocoon, and that of the spider, before it emerges into the open. The parent spider watches over her cocoon without hostility to the presence of the parasite. The life-history of *Mantispa*, it will be observed, affords an example of hypermetamorphosis.

**FAM. CONIOPTERYGIDÆ.**—This family includes about 50 species which are the smallest and most aberrant of the Neuroptera. They are extremely fragile insects.
bearing a general resemblance to aphides, with the body and wings covered with a whitish powdery exudation. The antennae are filiform and the joints vary between about 16 and 43 in number: the eyes are rather large and there are no ocelli. The mouth-parts do not differ in any important features from those of other Planipennia. The venation is greatly simplified by reduction, Rs being 2-branched, and there are but few cross-veins (Fig. 384). Perhaps the strongest claims these insects have to be regarded as Neuropterous rests on the structural characters of their larvae. So far as known the eggs are laid upon various trees frequented by Aphididae, Coccidae or Acarina, and the resulting larvae prey upon those organisms. The larvae are more or less pyriform, tapering sharply towards the hinder extremity, and the legs are long and slender (Fig. 385). The antennae are fey-jointed and fringed with rather long hairs: the mandibles and maxillae are short and stout piercing organs, and the labial palpi are conspicuous clavate appendages projecting in front of the head.

When about to pupate a cocoon is spun of silk emitted from the anus as in other Planipennia. According to Arrow (Ent. Month. Mag. 1917) the first generation of Conwentzia psoiformis spins its cocoons on oak-leaves; while the second generation overwinters as larvae, which lie up in cocoons spun upon the trunk of that tree. The family has been monographed by Enderlein (1906): although its members are not rare they need carefully looking for and, up to the present, only about seven species have been found in Britain (vide Withycombe, Trans. Ent. Soc. 1922). Anatomically the larva differs from other Planipennia in possessing only six Malpighian tubes and in the greatly concentrated abdominal nerve cord.

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Order 16. **MECOPTERA** (Panorpatæ: Scorpion flies)

LENDER, MODERATE OR SMALL-SIZED, CARNIVOROUS INSECTS WITH ELONGATE, FILIFORM ANTENNÆ. HEAD USUALLY PRODUCED INTO A VERTICALLY DEFLECTED ROSTRUM, WITH BITING MOUTH-PARTS: LIGULA WANTING. LEGS LONG AND SLENDER. WINGS SIMILAR AND MEMBRANOUS, CARRIED LONGITUDINALLY AND HORIZONTALLY IN REPOSE: VENATION PRIMITIVE, $R_5$ DICHOTOMOUSLY BRANCHED, $Cu_1$ SIMPLE. ABDOMEN ELONGATE WITH SHORT CERCI, MALE GENITALIA PROMINENT. LARVÆ ERUCIFORM WITH BITING MOUTH-PARTS AND THREE PAIRS OF THORACIC LEGS: ABDOMINAL FEET PRESENT OR ABSENT. PUPÆ EXARATE: WINGS WITH REDUCED TRACHEATION.

This small order comprises fewer than 200 species, the greater number of which belong to the genera *Panorpa* and *Bittacus*. The majority of the members of the group are easily recognized by the beak-like prolongation of the front of the head, and their often maculated wings. The "scorpion flies" (*sen. †str.*) belong to the Panorpidae, which include many species widely spread over the northern hemisphere (Fig. 386). Their vernacular name is due to the fact that the males carry the terminal segment of the abdomen upwardly curved, somewhat after the manner of Scorpions. The Bittacidae are very slender Tipula-like insects with prehensile tarsi: they are found in most parts of the world excepting the northern portion of the holarctic region. The Boreidae are characterized by their vestigial wings and occur in Europe and N. America. The order is represented in the British Isles by three species of *Panorpa* and a single species of *Boreus* (vide MacLachlan, 1868).

The Mecoptera are essentially terrestrial insects undergoing their transformations in the soil: a possible exception is found in *Nannochorista*, which is believed by Tillyard to be aquatic. Both their larvæ and imagines are carnivorous, but the extent to which the Panorpidae prey upon living uninjured insects or other animals is doubtful. Brauer and Felt have reared larvæ of *Panorpa* upon fragments of meat, but Miyake found wounded or dead insects more acceptable. The adults are mostly found in shaded situations where there is a growth of rank herbage. *Bittacus* rests suspended...
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from grasses or twigs by its fore-legs, and preys upon small Diptera, seizing them by means of its raptorial tarsi. *Boreus* lives among moss or beneath stones in autumn and early winter, appearing occasionally on the surface of snow.

**External Anatomy** (Fig. 387).—The anterior region of the head is usually prolonged into a rostrum which is formed by the elongation of parts of the head-capsule together with the clypeus, labrum and maxillae. The compound eyes are well developed and there are usually three ocelli. The antennæ are more or less filiform and many-jointed, there being about 40–50 joints in *Panorpa*, and about 16–20 in *Bittacus*. The mandibles are slender and elongate: they are only dentate at their apices, each bearing from 1 to 3 sharp teeth. The maxillæ are complete: their palpi are 5-jointed, and the galeae and laciniae are hairy lobes of somewhat complex structure (vide Miyake, 1913). The labium consists of an elongate submentum, not always clearly differentiated from the short mentum: the prementum exhibits traces of a bilobed structure, but the ligula has disappeared. The labial palpi are 1- to 3-jointed; in some cases they are in the form of fleshy lobes in which, according to Crampston, traces of pseudotracheæ may be present, resembling those found in the labium of Diptera. The mouth-parts of *Nannochorista* are considerably specialized (vide Tillyard, 1917). The labrum and epipharynx form a sharply projecting process, the mandibles are vestigial, and the labial palpi (paraglossæ of Tillyard) are partially fused at their bases.

![Diagram](https://example.com/diagram)

This genus, which is accorded separate family rank by Tillyard, exhibits a tendency towards the development of suctorial mouth-parts and foreshadows the condition found in the lower Diptera.

The prothorax is very small, its largest region being the notum, which is divided by transverse lines into four areas. Both the meso- and metathorax are well developed. The legs are generally adapted for walking, the claws are usually paired and in *Panorpa* they are strongly pectinated. In *Bittacus* the claws are single, and the fourth and fifth tarsal joints are provided with fine teeth along their inner margins: the fifth joint is capable of closing on to the fourth after the manner of the blade of a pocketknife. The two pairs of wings are similar in form and nearly equal in size: in many species they are conspicuously spotted or banded. These organs are totally absent in the Californian *Apterobittacus*: in the males
of the Boreidae (Fig. 388) they are represented by two pairs of slender bristle-like vestiges, and in the females there is a single pair of scale-like lobes on the mesothorax. In the Nannochoristinae and Choristinae there is a definite wing-coupling apparatus with a well-developed frenulum (vide p. 31). Microtrichia are generally present, and macrotrichia occur on the veins and their branches, but not on the cross-veins; the latter type of setae is also often present on the wing-membrane. The venation is extremely archaic, the principal veins and their primary branches (excepting those of Cu1) frequently being present (Fig. 389). The wing tracheae, on the other hand, are highly specialized by reduction. The primary dichotomies of the veins usually occur fairly close to the bases of the wings, and cross-veins are numerous, but without definite arrangement. In their venational features the two pairs of wings are also very alike, the principal difference being the basal fusion of Cu1 and 1A in the hind-wing. A marked deviation from the primitive type is exhibited in Nannochorista in which R2 + 3 is unforked and M + Cu1 are fused for about half their length.

The abdomen is composed of 10 segments and, in the male of Panorpa, the hind margin of the 9th sternum is prolonged into a deeply cleft process, the two arms of which are styliform. The 9th tergum is prolonged into a subquadrate plate. Between the dorsal and ventral processes
thus formed there is a pair of laterally inserted 2-jointed claspers. The 10th segment is very inconspicuous, and bears a pair of short 1-jointed cerci. Between the basal joints of the claspers is the longitudinally cleft ædeagus. In the female the 7th to 10th segments are cylindrical, and each is telescoped into the preceding segment: at the apex of the abdomen is a pair of 2-jointed cerci.

**Internal Anatomy.**—The internal anatomy (vide Miyake, 1913) has only been very partially investigated. In *Panorpa* the alimentary canal is a tolerably straight tube, the only convolution present occurring in the hind-intestine. The œsophagus is curiously dilated at two points along its course to form what appears to be a kind of muscular pumping-apparatus. A short distance further backward there is an elliptical chamber which is regarded as the proventriculus: the latter is provided with longitudinal and circular muscles, and its inner lining is beset with numerous long setæ. The mid-intestine is an elongate tube of large calibre, and the commencement of the hind-intestine is marked by the insertions of 6 Malpighian tubes. A pair of tubular salivary glands is also present. The nervous system consists of the usual cephalic centres, 3 thoracic and 6 abdominal ganglia: the first of the latter is located in the metathorax, and the remaining abdominal ganglia lie in the 3rd to 7th segments respectively. The respiratory system is well developed: there are two pairs of thoracic and six to eight pairs of abdominal spiracles. The reproductive system in the male consists of a pair of testes, each composed of three follicles arranged side by side around a longitudinal axis: the vasa efferentia are densely convoluted, forming a kind of epididymis at the posterior end of the testis. The two vasa deferentia open separately into a large median vesicula seminalis which also receives a pair of accessory glands. Each ovary consists of 10–25 polytrophic ovarioles, the number varying according to the species. The two oviducts unite to form a common canal which opens into a kind of genital pouch: the latter also receives the opening of the duct leading from a small pyriform sac (spermatheca?) and that of the duct of a pair of colleterial glands. The genital pouch communicates with the exterior on the 9th abdominal segment.

**Life-history and Metamorphosis.**—The eggs of several species have been obtained by confining the adults in vessels containing damp soil. In the European and American species of *Panorpa* they are laid in small batches in crevices in the soil: in the Japanese *P. klugi* Miyake mentions nearly 100 eggs being deposited in a group. In form they are ovoid in *Panorpa* and more or less cuboidal in *Bittacus*. The life-history of *Panorpa* was first observed by Brauer (1863); Felt (1895) describes the larva of *P. rufescens*, but the most complete account is that of Miyake (1912) which refers to *P. klugi* (Fig. 390). The first-stage larva is yellowish-grey with the head testaceous. It is eruciform and bears a close resemblance to a caterpillar. The head is rather large with prominent 4-jointed antennæ and it bears a group of about 20–28 simple eyes on either side. The mandibles are sharply toothed, and the maxillae are divided in lobes apparently corresponding with a galea and lacinia: the maxillary palpi are 4-jointed. The labium is small and its palpi 3-jointed. The thorax bears 3 pairs of legs, each composed of 4 joints: the abdomen is 10-segmented and the first 8 somites each carry a pair of abdominal feet. A median dorsal chitinized shield is present on all the body segments. The first 9 abdominal shields each carry a pair of annulated processes, the last two pairs being considerably the larger: the 10th segment bears a single
median process of a similar character together with a curious retractor lobed vesicle on its ventral side. Nine pairs of spiracles are present: they are located on the prothorax and first 8 abdominal segments. After the first ecdysis the annulated processes practically disappear except those of the last three segments. The number of ecdises that occur has not been observed: Felt, from head-measurements, recognized seven stages in *Panorpa rufescens*. Pupation takes place in an earthen cavity below ground: the pupa is of the usual exarate type and is capable of movement when disturbed: according to Miyake it works its way to the surface prior to the emergence of the imago. The European species probably pass through a single generation in the year. The larva of *Boreus* is strongly curved: the thoracic legs are well developed but there are no abdominal feet. It lives among moss and, when about to pupate, constructs a vertical tube leading near to the surface.

**Classification.**—The order has been recently monographed by Esben-Petersen (1921), whose family divisions are adopted below.

1 (2).—Tarsi single-clawed and modified for raptorial use. *Bittacus*, *Apterobittacus*, **BITTACIDÆ**

2 (1).—Tarsal claws paired and not modified for raptorial use. **BOREIDÆ**

3 (4).—Wings vestigeal. *Boreus*.

4 (3).—Wings well developed. *Panorpa*, *Chorista*, *Taniochorista*, *Nannochorista*, **PANORPIDÆ**

In addition to the above, the two small families Notiothaumidae and Meropidae are represented each by a single genus and species from Chili and the United States respectively. They differ from the Panorpidæ in the shorter and broader wings which exhibit a more reticulated venation.

**Literature on Mecoptera**

Order 17. TRICHOPTERA (Phryganeidae: Caddis Flies)

Small to moderate-sized moth-like insects with setaceous antennae. Mandibles vestigial or absent: maxillae single-lobed with elongate palpi: labium with a median glossa and well-developed palpi. Wings membranous, more or less densely hairy and held roof-like over the back in repose. Fore-wings elongate, hind-wings broader with a folding anal area: venation generalized: cross-veins few. Tarsi 5-jointed. Larvae aquatic, more or less eruciform and usually living in cases: body terminated by hooked caudal appendages. Pupa exarate with strong mandibles: wing tracheation reduced.

The Trichoptera are weakly flying insects of moth-like appearance found in the vicinity of water (Figs. 391, 392). They are unfamiliar to the general student, whose acquaintance with the order is usually restricted to the case-bearing larvae which frequent ponds and streams. The imagines are mostly obscurely coloured, being generally some shade of brown, often with darker markings. They are not often seen on the wing unless disturbed, and they rest on herbage, trees, or stones: their flight is of short and uncertain duration. Many species are nocturnal: some are attracted to a light, others to the moth-collector’s saccharine mixture, and a few visit flowers. They have seldom been observed in the act of feeding: the mouth-parts are adapted for licking fluid nourishment, but probably a number of species take no food at all. In their general affinities they are very closely allied to the Lepidoptera-Homoneura and are only separable from the latter upon comparatively slight characters. In the Trichoptera, however, a thryridium is generally present on each wing, $M_4$ is separate from $Cu_{1a}$ in the fore-wing and broad scales are universally wanting. About 700 species of the order are known and, of these, rather more than 170 inhabit the British Isles. The principal work on the European forms is that of MacLachlan (1870–80), who has also monographed the British species (1865). The best modern introduction to the order is by Ulmer (1909).

Anatomy (Fig. 393).—The antennae are multi-articulate and setaceous, frequently several times the length of the wings: when in repose they are
held closely porrected in front of the head. The compound eyes are usually small, but occasionally they occupy nearly the whole of the head in the male. Ocelli are either three in number or wanting. The structure of the mouth-parts needs comparative study among representative genera. The clypeus is narrow and transverse, while the labrum is generally somewhat elongated. The mandibles are atrophied, or vestigial, in many genera such as *Phryganea*, *Limnophilus*, *Anabolia*, etc. (vide Lucas, 1893), but are better developed in certain others. The maxillaæ are small and closely associated with the labium: they are ordinarily provided with a single lobe or mala, the palpi are elongated and 5-jointed in the females, but in the males the joints are more variable. The labium consists of a well-developed mentum, a median glossa, and 3-jointed palpi. There is a prominent hypopharynx which receives the aperture of the salivary glands. In the Australian *Plectrotarsus* the labrum and labium are greatly elongated, forming a kind of rostrum, and the two pairs of palpi are carried forwards. According to Cummings (1913) in *Dipseudopsis* each maxillary lobe is in the form of a pendulous, annulated half-tube recalling the condition found in certain archaic Lepidoptera in which the two elements of the proboscis are not co-adapted.

The prothorax is small and ring-like; the mesothorax is the largest segment and the metathorax is somewhat shorter.

The legs are long and slender with large, strong coxae: a meron is present in relation to the two hind pairs of coxae, but is less completely developed than in most Lepidoptera. The tibie are often furnished with spines and movable spurs, the tarsi are 5-jointed, and between the claws there is either a pair of pulvilli or a cushion-like empodium. The wings are almost always fully developed, but the females of *Enoicyla* and *Philopotomus distinctus* are practically apterous. In *Anomalopteryx* (male) and *Thamastes* (both sexes) the hind-wings are reduced to scale-like rudiments. The extremely hairy nature of the wings, which is especially characteristic of the order, is due to the presence of macrotrichia both on the veins and wing-membrane. Certain genera, however, exhibit a tendency to a reduction of this clothing, and in some forms there is an almost general absence of hairs. Scattered scales of a primitive type are found on the wings of certain Trichoptera, but are narrow and acuminate, with few striae, and do not assume

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**Fig. 393.** *Limnophilus.* 1, Head, frontal view. 2, Maxillæ and Labium (inner aspect). 3, Maxilla. 4, Labium. 5, Tarsus and Apex of Tibia of 3rd Leg.

A, base of antenna; B, labrum; C, clypeus; F, galea; H, base of maxillary palp; L, prementum; M, mentum; S, glossa. *After Silvestri.*
the broadened form so characteristic of Lepidoptera. The fore-wings are denser than the hind-wings, and are often slightly more coriaceous. The wing-coupling apparatus is exhibited in a primitive condition in *Rhyacophila* in which there is a jugal lobe on the fore-wing resting on the costa of the hind-wing. There are neither jugal bristles nor frenulum, and the humeral lobe is suppressed or vestigial. In the majority of genera the jugal lobe is rudimentary or wanting, and an amplexiform type of coupling apparatus is developed. This is brought about by a fold along the whole length of the anal area of the fore-wing engaging the costa of the hind-wing. In some forms a row of costal hooks along the hind-wing grapple the anal margin of the fore-wing, and thus securely interlock the two wings of the side. The venation, as exemplified by *Rhyacophila fuscula*, is of an extremely generalized type (Fig. 394) and closely resembles that of the most primitive Lepidoptera. Almost all the veins are longitudinal, not more than two veinlets in the costal series are retained, and the cross-veins are reduced in number. Unlike the Lepidoptera, M₄ of the fore-wing is not fused with Cu₉. Between the R₄ and R₅ of both pairs of wings there is, ordinarily, a semi-transparent whitish spot generally devoid of hairs and known as the *thyridium*. It is possibly due to the presence of a gland or sensory organ and is wanting in Lepidoptera. The usual number of abdominal segments is 9. The genitalia in the male (vide Zander, 1901) consist of a pair of claspers and two lobes (parameres?) of the aedeagus: in the female the terminal segments are sometimes retractile and tubular, thus functioning as an ovipositor.

In the males of species of *Hydroptila* there is an elaborate apparatus of scent-brushes and scent-scales situated at the hinder region of the head and attached to tubes or membranes which are capable of being everted, presumably by means of blood pressure. When not in use these organs are withdrawn into the head (vide Eltringham, 1919).
The internal anatomy of Trichoptera has been very little investigated and only fragmentary accounts exist. The alimentary canal is relatively short with a small stomach, a tubular and slightly coiled intestine, and an expanded rectal chamber: six Malpighian tubes are present. The nervous system, in addition to the usual cephalic centres, consists of 3 thoracic and 7 abdominal ganglia. The testes are simple ovoid sacs and the ovaries consist of numerous polytrophic ovarioles (vide Stitz, *Zool. Jahrb. Anat.*, 20, 1904).

**Biology and Metamorphoses.**—The early stages of Trichoptera, almost without exception, are passed in fresh water. One or two species develop in brackish or salt water, while the larva of *Enoicyla* is terrestrial, living among moss at the bases of trees in woods. The eggs of caddis flies are laid in water, on aquatic vegetation, on overhanging trees or occasionally far from water (MacLachlan). They are deposited in masses covered by a mucilage which rapidly swells when wetted. The larvae are the familiar objects known as "caddis worms" and those of the greater number of species form cases or shelters within which they reside. These structures are composed of a basis of silk to which various foreign materials are added. They are commonly tubular in form with an opening at either end. The anterior aperture is wide and through it the head and legs of the contained insect can be protruded. The posterior aperture is usually smaller and is frequently protected by a perforated silken plate. As a rule the larva performs undulatory movements with the abdomen which maintain a current of water in contact with the body, flowing out through the posterior opening of the case. At its hinder extremity the larva is provided with a pair of grappling hooks and it is by means of these organs that it is able to maintain a firm hold of its case, dragging the latter along with it while it crawls about. The variety of cases made by caddis larvae is very great (vide Fig. 395) and their form and the materials used in their construction are in some cases characteristic of particular species, in others of genera or families. Almost all kinds of material which can be found in the water are utilized by one or other of the species. Leaves, pieces of leaves or stalks, straws, pieces of stick, etc., are often employed while other species select seeds, sand, particles of gravel or the shells of small molluscs. In addition to the case-bearing forms certain other Trichopterous larvae come under a different category and are, furthermore, structurally different in themselves. In these instances either no habitation is formed at all (ex. *Rhyacophila*) or a silken retreat is formed which is fixed and not portable. These retreats are often common to several larvae and may be coated with mud or particles of gravel. Species of *Hydropsyche*, *Philopotamus*, *Electronemia*, etc., which are carnivorous in habit, obtain their food by constructing nets or snares in the water around the mouths of their habitations (vide Wesenberg-Lund, 1911; Noyes, 1914). Such nets are
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composed of strong silken threads which are supported on some available framework such as fragments of leaves or twigs. Water flows freely through the net, but the latter holds back the organisms which serve as food for the caddis larva.

A typical Trichopterous larva has a well-developed chitinized head and very short antennae (Fig. 396). Biting mandibles are present and the maxillae are single-lobed with short 4- or 5-jointed palpi. The labium bears a small terminal median lobe and very much abbreviated palpi. The thoracic terga vary with regard to their degree of chitinization and, in case-bearing larvae, one or more of the segments bear chitinized dorsal plates. The legs are long and well developed with 1-jointed tarsi, each being terminated by a single claw. The abdomen is typically 10-segmented and generally covered with a membranous cuticle. The first segment, in many species, carries three prominent retractile papillae, one being dorsal and the remaining two lateral in position. They serve to maintain the insect in position in its case and thereby allow of an even flow of water through the latter. The anal segment in all larvae bears a pair of short and sometimes jointed appendages: each is terminated by a strong grappling hook and long flexible setae. The larvae are apneustic and live submerged, breathing, in most cases, by means of filamentous tracheal gills. The gills are wanting in newly hatched larvae and are not acquired until the first or second instar. More rarely gills are absent throughout life and respiration is cutaneous: in some genera a tuft of anal blood gills is present. Most case-bearing larvae bear a delicate longitudinal cuticular fold on either side of the abdomen: it is beset with fine hairs and is known as the lateral line.

Trichopterous larvae are divisible into two general types. In the first type (eruciform larva of Ulmer) the head is inclined at a marked angle with the rest of the body. Such larvae are cylindrical in form and construct portable cases. Papillae are developed on the first abdominal segment and the lateral line and tracheal gills are present. In the second type of larva...
(campodeoid larva of Ulmer) the body is compressed and the head not inclined at an angle. These larvae seldom construct transportable cases and both the lateral line and abdominal papillae are wanting: tracheal gills are seldom present.

The digestive system in Trichopterous larvae forms a straight tube from the mouth to the anus (vide Betton, 1902; Russ, 1908). The esophagus leads into a muscular crop which is followed by the stomach: the latter is the most extensive region of the gut and extends from the metathorax into the 6th abdominal segment. The hind intestine is extremely short and is divided into two successive, more or less globular chambers: six Malpighian tubes are present. There are two pairs of salivary glands belonging to the mandibular and maxillary segments respectively (vide Lucas, 1893): a pair of silk glands open on to the labium and these alone persist in the imago, becoming modified during pupation into salivary glands. According to Gilson (1894) the silk glands and associated structures closely resemble those of Lepidopterous larvae and the silk is produced in a similar manner. Metameric thoracic glands, known as Gilson’s glands, occur in many larvae (vide Henseval, 1896). In Phryganea they take the form of a pair of branched tubes in each segment of the thorax: the ducts of a pair unite and open by means of a cannula-like papilla on the mid-ventral line of their segment (Fig. 398). In Limnophilus there is a single pair of unbranched glands in the prothorax, those of the other segments being wanting. The thoracic glands have been variously homologized with coxal glands and with nephridia: functionally they are regarded as being accessory organs of excretion. The nervous system is very simple: there are 3 thoracic ganglia and 6 to 8 ganglia are mentioned as being found in the abdominal nerve cord.

Two distinct types of pupal shelter are prevalent. Before pupation a case-bearing larva shortens its habituation when necessary and fixes it to some object in the water. A silken wall is constructed across either end and these partitions are sometimes strengthened by the addition of minute stones or plant fragments. Due provision is always made for the ingress and egress of the water. The pupa lies free within the case, no cocoon being formed. Most caseless larvae (Rhyacophila, etc.) construct special pupal shelters which take the form of oval cavern-like structures constructed of small stones, sand or other particles. The pupae in these instances are enclosed in brownish cocoons.

A Trichopterous pupa breathes by means of the persistent larval gills or through the general body surface. It is provided with strong mandibles
which are used for biting through the case to allow of the pupa reaching the atmosphere prior to the emergence of the imago. The antennae, wings, and legs are quite free from the body, and the abdomen is armed with dorsal crochets or spines which enable the pupa to work its way out of its habitation. When the time for the emergence of the imago approaches, the pupa makes an upward passage through the water either by crawling or by swimming. In the former method the legs are clawed and the pupa is enabled to cling to vegetation or other objects. In the case of swimming pupae a degree of mobility is exhibited which is not attained by the pupae of any other insects. The middle pair of legs form oars and are provided with hair fringes adapting them to that usage. In some species the pupae are able to swim freely about at the surface until they find suitable objects to crawl out upon: with the inhabitants of swift streams the imago emerges almost as soon as the pupa reaches the surface.

Certain of the more important features in the biology of the different families may be summarized as follows:—

A. Larvae of the first type (eruciform)

**Phryganidae.**—Larvae mostly in standing water. Cases long and cylindrical, formed of fragments of leaves or fibres arranged in a spiral manner, and open at both ends.

**Molannidae.**—Larvae in ponds, lakes, or streams, living in shield-like or conical cases composed of sand particles.

**Leptoceridae.**—Larvae in standing or running water, living in straight or slightly curved cylindrical cases of fine sand, vegetable débris, etc.

**Odontoceridae.**—Larvae in mountain streams, living in slightly curved cylindrical cases of sand. Hind extremity of case closed by a blackish membrane with a central slit: before pupation the mouth is closed by a single stone.

**Limnophilidae.**—Larvae of varied habits, living in both standing and running water. Cases of sand, sticks, leaves, or shells, or of a mixture of several materials.

**Sericostomatidae.**—Larvae chiefly in running water: in cases of sand or stones.

B. Larvae of the second type (campodeoid)

**Rhyacophilidae.**—Larvae in swiftly flowing water: those of *Rhyacophila* live free beneath stones and are often provided with tracheal gills. In *Glossosoma* gills are wanting and the larvae live in transportable cases of small stones. The pupae in this family are enclosed in cocoons protected by a shelter composed of gravel or sand particles.

**Hydropsychidae.**—Larvae devoid of tracheal gills and living in standing or flowing water. Their cases are transportable, usually more or less seed-like, sometimes with sand or plant particles attached.

**Philopotamidae, Polycentropidae, Psychomyidae, Hydropsychidae.**—In these families the larvae live in silken non-transportable retreats. Tracheal gills are wanting, but anal blood gills are commonly present. Certain of these larvae are carnivorous and construct silken snares to secure their prey. The pupae are protected by cavern-like shelters composed of gravel or sand particles.

Among the chief writings on the metamorphoses of Trichoptera are
papers by Klapalek (1889-93), Ulmer (1903), Thienemann (1905), Siltala (1907), Lubben (1908), and Lestage (1921). The tables given by Ulmer (1909) for the identification of the larvæ and pupæ are particularly helpful.

**Classification.**—The following key to the families is adapted from Ulmer (1909): the small family Calamoceratidæ is not included and is unrepresented in the British Isles.

1 (2).—Minute species with long wing fringes: anterior wings closely covered with projecting clubbed hairs. Antennæ not longer than fore-wings: maxillary palpi 5-jointed in both sexes.

2 (1).—Seldom minute species with the wing fringes shorter than width of wing: anterior wings without or with solitary thickened projecting hairs. Antennæ usually longer than fore-wings: maxillary palpi variable.

3 (24).—Maxillary palpi 5-jointed.

4 (11).—Last joint of maxillary palpi ringed, flexible, usually much longer than the rest.

5 (6).—Ocelli present.

6 (5).—Ocelli absent.

7 (8).—Anterior tibiae with 3 spurs.

8 (7).—Anterior tibiae with 2 spurs.

9 (10).—R_{1+3} forked in both wings.

10 (9).—R_{1+3} fused in both wings.

11 (4).—Last joint of maxillary palpi not ringed, rarely flexible, sub-equal to other joints.

12 (17).—Ocelli present.

13 (14).—Anterior tibiae with 1 or no spur: middle tibiae with 2 or 3 spurs.

14 (13).—Anterior tibiae with 2 or 3 spurs: middle tibiae with 4 spurs.

15 (16).—Two basal joints of maxillary palpi short and thick, third joint much longer and thinner.

16 (15).—Second joint of maxillary palpi much larger than first.

17 (22).—Ocelli absent.

18 (19).—Discoidal cell absent in both wings.

19 (18).—Discoidal cell present in fore-wing.

20 (21).—Only upper branch of Rs forked.

21 (20).—Both branches of Rs forked.

22 (23).—Cross-vein between R_{1} and R_{2} in fore-wing: antennæ much longer than fore-wing.

23 (22).—No cross-vein as in 22: antennæ not much longer than fore-wing.

24 (3).—Maxillary palpi with less than 5 joints.

25 (26).—Maxillary palpi 4-jointed: ocelli present.

26 (25).—Maxillary palpi 2- or 3-jointed.

27 (28).—Maxillary palpi scarcely pubescent: ocelli present: anterior tibiae at most with one spur.

28 (27).—Maxillary palpi very pubescent: ocelli absent: anterior tibiae with 2 spurs.

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Also various papers on British Trichoptera by Morton.
Order 18. **LEPIDOPTERA** (Butterflies and Moths)

**INSECTS WITH TWO PAIRS OF MEMBRANOUS WINGS; CROSS-VEINS FEW IN NUMBER. THE BODY, WINGS, AND APPENDAGES CLOTHED WITH BROAD SCALES. MANDIBLES ALMOST ALWAYS VESTIGIAL OR ABSENT, AND THE PRINCIPAL MOUTH-PARTS GENERALLY REPRESENTED BY A SUCTORIAL PROBOSCIS FORMED BY THE MAXILLÆ. METAMORPHOSIS COMPLETE. LARVÆ ERUCIFORM, PERIPNEUSTIC, FREQUENTLY WITH EIGHT PAIRS OF LIMBS. PUPÆ USUALLY MORE OR LESS OBTUSE, AND GENERALLY ENCLOSED IN A COCOON OR AN EARTHEN CELL; WING TRACHEATION COMPLETE.**

Lepidoptera are the most familiar and easily recognizable of all insects, and it is in this order that coloration has reached the highest degree of specialization. These insects have always been popular objects for study, and probably not far below 80,000 species have been described. Staudinger and Rebel (1901) enumerated over 9,500 palrearctic species which are represented by more than 2,000 in the British Isles.

On the whole the imagines exhibit a remarkable constancy as regards their fundamental structure, and this uniformity has led to great difficulties in evolving a division of the order into major groups for classificatory purposes. On the other hand, the more superficial or adaptive characters exhibit almost endless variation in the larvæ. As might be anticipated from this structural similarity, the habits of these insects are remarkably uniform. The imagines live entirely upon the juices of flowers, overripe fruit, honey-dew and other liquid substances; in a considerable number of species the mouth-parts have atrophied. The larvæ possess masticatory mouth-parts and differ from those of other orders in feeding, with but few exceptions, entirely upon phanerogamic plants.

Economically Lepidoptera are of a great importance in the larval stage. The majority of injurious species devour the foliage and shoots of trees and crops; a smaller number bore into the stems or attack underground parts, and several species are injurious to timber; others attack manufactured goods such as carpets, clothing and their like, while a few are extremely destructive to stored products, including grain, flour, etc. Several predaceous species are enemies of *Tachardia lacca*, and are thereby injurious to lac cultivation, and one or two species live in bee-hives, destroying and fouling the combs. The Saturniidae and *Bombyx mori*, on the other hand, confer a direct benefit upon man from the fact that they yield silk of commercial value.

Among the more recent general works on the order are those of Seitz (1906 et seq.) on the larger Lepidoptera of the world, and Spuler (1901-10) on the European forms. The world's species are listed in the catalogue edited by Wagner (1911, etc.) and those of the palrearctic region by Staudinger and Rebel (1901). The leading treatises on the British species are those of Meyrick (1895), Barrett (1893-1907) and Tutt (1890-1909). The work of the last-mentioned author contains a great deal of biological information but was not completed. Works on the Papilionina are particularly...
numerous; the species of Europe have been monographed by Lang (1881-4) and other writers; those of North America by Edwards (1868-97) and Scudder (1888-9), both works also containing much general information. Among others, the "Biologia Centrali Americana," volumes by Bingham and by Moore on the oriental species, by Distant on those of Malaysia, and Trimen on those of S. Africa, are important.

The Egg

The eggs of Lepidoptera (vide Tutt, 1899) are roughly divisible into two forms: (1) ovoid or flattened, with the long axis horizontal: in this type the shell is usually only ornamented with rough pittings and rarely with longitudinal ribs; (2) upright and either fusiform, spherical or hemispherical, with the axes either equal, or the vertical axis the longest. The ornamentation is usually more complex and often exhibits a cell-like structure divided by longitudinal ribs.

The micropyle is usually placed in a slight depression at one extremity of the horizontal axis of an ovoid type of egg, and at the summit in the upright form. It consists of a number of minute radiating microscopic canals by means of which the spermatozoa gain access into the interior of the egg.

The average number of eggs laid by many species is high, sometimes exceeding 1,000 (Agrotis fimbria, Zeuzera pyrina), and they are deposited in a great variety of ways and positions. Certain Hepialids, and also Chareas graminis, drop their eggs at random among the herbage on which the larvae feed. Others, such as Malacosoma neustria and Anisopteryx ascularia, deposit them in orderly necklace-like rings around the twigs of their respective food-plants. Certain Geometridae lay them in imbricate groups, while the Adelids are provided with a complex cutting apparatus with which they excise pockets in a leaf. The duration of the egg stage is subject to great variation: in Acidalia virgularia it may be as short as two days, but for species which hatch out during the year of deposition 10-30 days may be taken as the usual developmental period. A number of species hibernate in this stage, which is then often of longer duration than the combined larval, pupal, and imaginal periods.

The Larva

Lepidopterous larvae have a well-developed head, 3 thoracic and 10 evident abdominal segments. Nine pairs of spiracles, borne respectively on the prothoracic and first 8 abdominal segments, are present. In the head (Figs. 399, 400) the median epicranial suture is well developed and the frons is usually separated therefrom by a pair of narrow oblique plates or adfrontals. Both clypeus and labrum are evident and the typical number of ocelli is 6 which are situated just behind, and a little above, the bases of the short 3-jointed antennae. The mandibles are powerful and adapted for mastication; in sap-feeding larvae, however, they are concerned with the laceration of tissues and may even be wanting (Phyllocnistis). The maxilla consists of a cardo and stipes; there is usually a single maxillary lobe and the palpi are 2- or 3-jointed organs. The ventral region of the head, between the proximal portions of the maxillae, is occupied by the labium. The mentum is relatively very large and lightly chitinized; the submentum is usually divided into a pair of triangular sclerites. Dist-
ally, the prementum carries a median process or spinneret. The labial palpi usually each consist of a principal cylindrical joint and a minute apical joint. On the oral surface of the labium is a median pad or hypopharynx. Paired lobes, which have been interpreted as superlinguae, overlie the sides of the hypopharynx and have been recognized in *Mnemonica* by Busck and Boving (1914), and by De Gryse (1915) and Heinrich (1918) in other lepidopterous larvae.

The thorax carries a pair of legs on each segment; these are 5-jointed and the terminal joint or tarsus is provided with a single curved claw. The abdomen commonly bears five pairs of so-called "prolegs" which are present on segments 3 to 6 and on 10: the first 4 pairs may be termed the abdominal feet and remaining pair the claspers. A typical abdominal leg is a fleshy, more or less conical, retractile projection whose apex or planta is rounded or flat. The latter is provided with a series of hooks or crochets which aid the larvae in locomotion, and to the centre of the planta is attached a muscle by means of which it can be completely inverted.

The arrangement of the crochets is diverse and the variations present afford important classificatory characters (Fig. 401).
In the detailed studies of Fracker (1915) the following terminology is adopted with reference to the arrangement of the crochets. In the most generalized forms the planta bears a complete circle of well-developed hooks, surrounded by several circles of smaller ones. This arrangement is a *multiserial circle* and is found in the *Hepialidæ*, *Hyponomeutæ*, etc. When the crochets are absent from the mesial and lateral parts of the circle, as in *Adela*, two transverse *multiserial bands* are formed. When the outer circles of smaller crochets disappear we get a *uniserial circle*. The latter occasionally has crochets of uniform length (*uniordinal*), but more usually they are of two lengths alternating (*biordinal*). When a portion of a uniserial circle is wanting, and the remainder is more than a semicircle in extent, we get a *penellipse* as in the *Psychidæ*; the gap, moreover, is variable in position. Frequently more than half the circle may be absent, and a *mososeræ* results, as in nearly all the higher *Lepidoptera* excepting the *Hesperidæ*.

Departures from the usual number of abdominal limbs are the rule in certain families. Thus in the *Geometridæ* they are generally present only on the 6th and 10th segments. In the early instars of many *Noctuæ* the abdominal feet on the 3rd and 4th segments are rudimentary, and the method of progression resembles that of *Geometrid* larvae: the limbs of those segments generally attain their full development in a later instar. In the *Plusiinæ* and several other sub-families, however, they are permanently absent and the looping habit is maintained throughout life. *Larvae* of the *Micropteryx* are exceptional in possessing 8 pairs of abdominal limbs. At the opposite extreme are certain leaf-mining larvae, including those of *Phyllocoenitis* and *Eriocrania*, which are totally apodous.

The armature of the body consists of simple hairs or setæ, tubercles of various types, and *verrucae*: the latter are somewhat elevated portions of the cuticle bearing tufts of setæ. More rarely the body-wall is produced into spinous processes or *scoli* as in the *Saturnidæ*, or into a median dorsal horn as in the *Sphingidæ*: other modifications are dealt with under the respective families. The setæ are arranged in a definite manner, and have been extensively studied by Dyar (1894) and Fracker (1915). According to the latter author, the setæ arrangement of the body segments has been derived from a common ancestral type which included 12 primary setæ to each segment. These primary setæ are usually retained in the first instar, but undergo subsequent modifications which afford important taxonomic characters.

*Repugnatorial glands* are a common feature and there is an extensive literature on the subject. In the *Papilionidæ* there occur very characteristic organs known as *osmeteria*. An osmeterium consists of a bifurcate pro-
trusible sac which is thrust out through a slit in the 1st thoracic segment. It exhales a distinct odour varying according to the species and in some cases is extremely disagreeable. In many larvae, including those of the Nymphalidæ, certain Noctuidæ and Notodontidæ a ventral defensive gland is present in the form of an internal sac opening on to the prothoracic sternum, and is capable of discharging a jet of spray. In the Lymantridæ a pair of eversible glands is present on the dorsum of the 6th and 7th abdominal segments. In many Lycenidæ also there is a dorsal gland on the 7th abdominal segment, its presence being indicated by a transverse slit through which a minute globular vesicle may be protruded. In the Megalopygidae there are lateral abdominal glands permanently everted, and metamERICally arranged (Packard). Many larvae obtain protection through the possession of urticating hairs which bristle with minute lateral points. Whether their irritating properties are due to mechanical action alone, or to the presence of a poisonous secretion, has not been satisfactorily ascertained. These urticating hairs are known to most entomologists who have handled larvae pertaining to the Lymantridæ, Lasiocampidæ or Arctiidæ. Such structures evidently produce marked irritation if they come into contact with the epithelial lining of the digestive tracts of an insectivorous bird or mammal. Glandular hairs are present in some larvae and take the form of hollow, smooth setæ. Being filled with a poisonous secretion and extremely liable to fracture, they are capable of causing great irritation and smarting when a larva bearing such setæ is handled. In certain Megalopygidae these setæ are developed into spines and, according to Packard, the secretion is formed in specialized hypodermal cells situated at their bases.

A very large number of larvae obtain protection by other means which may be grouped under three chief headings: (1) Concealment. This is evident in case-bearers such as Coleophora, the Psychidæ, etc., while in Nepticula, Lithocolletis, and other Tineina, the larvae are leaf-miners, and in numerous Tortricidæ they are leaf-rollers. Others construct silken galleries or spin together adjacent leaves as in Gelechia, Pyrameis, and Drepana; in certain Lymantridæ, and species of Hyponomeuta, the larvae live gregariously in dense silken webs. (2) Protective resemblance. This extensive subject has received a good deal of attention from Poulton and other observers. Protection is attained owing to the remarkable resemblance which many larvae exhibit to portions of their food-plant, or other objects in their immediate environment. Perhaps the most striking instances are afforded by Geometrid larvae which bear such a close resemblance to twigs as to render detection often a matter of very great difficulty. The fully-grown larva of Stauropus fagi resembles a withered and irregularly curled-up leaf of its food-plant (Fagus). Tutt (1899) states that the larva of Smerinthus ocellatus bears a remarkable resemblance to a curled apple leaf, its lateral stripes giving an idea of light and shadow on the supposed leaf. The larva of Anarta myrtilli with its intricate green pattern is hardly discernible while resting on a twig of heather. A very long list of such instances of protective resemblance might be drawn up, and the phenomenon has probably been induced in the first instance by the presence of chlorophyll in the food-plants, derivatives of which are utilized in the larval coloration. In certain cases the experiments of Poulton tend to show that larval coloration may be due to "phytoscopic," rather than phytophagic influences. In other words, it is the superficial colour of a leaf, for example, rather than its pigmentary substance, that functions as
a stimulus in producing differences of coloration under varying environmental conditions. Larvae of *Catocala*, when subjected to green surroundings, become bluish-green, and in a darkly-coloured environment become bluish-grey. Similarly it has been found that those of *Rumia luteolata* and other Geometridae tend to exhibit responses of a like nature. We are unacquainted with the mechanism that produces this result, but it is suggested by Poulton that the reflection of light, from the immediate environment of a susceptible larva, produces a nervous response resulting in a physiological change in the accumulation of pigment within the hypodermis. In addition to the writings of this authority an admirable discussion of the subject is given by Tutt (1899). (3) Warning coloration. This is evident in striking colours or patterns which readily catch the eye and their possessors usually feed openly and are distasteful to insectivorous vertebrates.

It has already been mentioned that Lepidopterous larvae feed almost entirely upon Phanerogamic plants. There is probably not a single family of the latter that is not resorted to by one or more species of these insects. In N. America Scudder states that 52 families are represented in the food-plants of butterflies alone. Exceptions to the habit of feeding upon Phanerogamic plants do occur, but they are not numerous; references thereto will be found in the sections devoted to the Noctuidae and Tineina.

The number of ecdyses passed through varies greatly in different species and, in some instances, even within the limits of a single species. Edwards (*Psyche*, 1880) finds that four moult is the usual number in N. American butterflies, with an additional moults in hibernating larva. Buckler records nine moult in *Nola centonalis*, while in *Acronycta* five is the usual number; Gosse (*Entom.* 1880) finds the same in *Attacus atlas*, and Soule (*Psyche*, 7, p. 191) records a similar number in other Lepidoptera. Species of *Smerinthus* undergo three or four moult, *Sphinx ligustri* six, and three occur in *Callosamia promethea*. *Arctia caia*, on the other hand, may moults seven times—four before hibernation and three after; the number, however, varies between five and eight (Tutt). In a few cases a sexual difference has been noted, the female larva undergoing one more moults than the male, as in *Orgyia*. Chapman observes (*Ent. Month. Mag.* 23) that, in *O. antiqua*, larvae which moults three times produce males, those which moults five times produce females, and those which moults four times give rise to imagines of both sexes.

The *Internal Anatomy* of Lepidopterous larvae is relatively simple. The digestive canal is a straight or almost straight tube, from the mouth to the anus (Fig. 402). The oesophagus is short and frequently enlarged posteriorly (in the mesothorax). The stomach is a tube of wide calibre, extending to the hind margin of the 6th abdominal segment or to the middle of the 7th segment, and is lined by a peritrophic membrane. It is provided with conspicuous muscle bands and, in *Protoparce* for example, its walls are transversely constricted by means of the circular fibres and further divided by six bands of longitudinal muscles. Enteric ceca are rare, but in some species small diverticula are present near the anterior end of the stomach. The hind intestine is always extremely short and devoid of convolutions: in some cases it is divisible into three more or less globular chambers separated by constrictions and probably corresponding to the ileum, colon and rectum. In other larvae two dilatations (colon and rectum) only are present, while in further examples the hind-gut consists of a single large chamber (vide Bordas, 1911). With very few exceptions,
six Malpighian tubes are present, and they open, on either side, by means of a common duct into a small excretory chamber communicating with the hind-intestine. The common duct bifurcates and one branch subdivides, thus giving rise to three tubes to a side. The silk glands are the most conspicuous appendages of the digestive system (Fig. 403). Morphologically they are labial glands homologous with the true salivary glands of other insects. Each gland is in the form of an elongate cylindrical tube of exceedingly variable length, and it lies partly at the side of and partly beneath the digestive canal. These glands are longest in the Saturniidae and Bombycidae: thus in *Telea polyphemus* they measure about seven times the length of the body and are complexly folded, while in *Bombyx mori* they are four times the body length, and folded so as to envelop the hinder region of the gut. Anteriorly, each gland is prolonged to form a duct, and the two latter converge and unite to open at the apex of a median cylindrical organ known as the spinneret. The morphology of this structure has not been satisfactorily ascertained, but it appears to be the highly modified ligula. It will be recalled that the labial glands of insects normally open on the hypopharynx, but in Lepidopterous larvae their aperture has been carried beyond that organ on to the anterior margin of the labium. Histologically, silk glands consist of a single layer of extraordinarily large secretory cells disposed around a central cavity. The cells have large characteristically branched nuclei, and are limited exteriorly by a peritoneal membrane; internally the gland cavity is lined by chitin, spirally thickened as in tracheæ. The silk ducts possess the same essential histology as the glands, but the epithelial cells are more flattened, and the chitinous lining is closely striated radially (Fig. 143). The spinning apparatus is divisible into two portions, a hinder part, or *thread-press*, and an anterior division known as the *directing tube*. The fluid silk passes into the press which is provided with three pairs of muscles. Action of the latter forces the silk through the directing tube, very much as wire is made by molten iron
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being driven through an iron plate, perforated by two fine holes (Packard). The entire spinning apparatus lies within the spinneret, and the thread as it issues from the aperture of the latter is in the form of a double ribbon-like band. Associated with the silk glands in most species is a pair of accessory glands, often improperly termed Filippi's glands, notwithstanding the fact that they were recognized by Lyonnet so long ago as 1762 (Bordas). They are paired organs, often voluminous, and each opens by a separate duct into the silk duct of its side. In Arctia caia and Cydia pomonella they are rudimentary, and reduced to a group of follicles surrounding the silk duct. Among the Sphingidæ they are also rudimentary or entirely absent. The function of these glands is to secrete a substance of a liquid or viscid nature which enables the two threads to adhere and, at the same time, facilitates the process of hardening. Mandibular glands (Fig. 141) are present in almost all Lepidopterous larvae, and are situated in the thorax on one side of the fore-intestine. They communicate with the buccal cavity by means of a pore placed on the inner side of the base of each mandible. As a rule they are tubular and often of considerable length, but in Papilio alexenor and Stauropus fagi they are short and sac-like. Histologically they consist of the same layers as the silk glands and their nuclei are lobed or irregular in form. Functionally they are salivary glands and, in some cases, according to Bordas, they may exercise a defensive rôle also.

The nervous system is subject to but little variation. In addition to the usual cephalic ganglia the central nervous system consists of three thoracic and seven or eight abdominal ganglia. The connectives between the meso- and meta-thoracic ganglia are, typically, double and widely separated, but those uniting the remaining ventral ganglia appear as single cords. As a rule, the 7th and 8th abdominal ganglia are intimately united owing to the elimination of the connective between them. In Sphida the number of paired nerves arising from the terminal ganglion suggests that three or more nerve centres have undergone coalescence (Du Porte): in Cossus the 7th and 8th abdominal ganglia are separate and united by a short connective (Brandt). The dorsal vessel extends from the 8th abdominal segment into the 1st segment, or the commencement of the metathorax, and from there it is continued as the aorta into the head. According to Newport there are nine chambers separated by eight pairs of lateral ostia. The reproductive organs take the form of a pair of small ovoid bodies situated in the 5th abdominal segment and in close relation with the dorsal vessel on either side. They are present in the newly hatched larvae and undergo a certain amount of differentiation during later instars. The ovaries are slightly larger than the testes and may also be recognized histologically by the rudiments of ovarioles.
The Literature on lepidopterous larvae is very extensive: larvae of the British species are illustrated by Buckler (1885-99), while for the European species reference should be made to the work of Hofmann (1893). For a general account of the external structure of the larvae of the order the works of Tutt (1899) and Forbes (1910) are useful: for the Papilionina vide Scudder (1889). For the larval characteristics of the different families and diagnostic keys, vide Dyar (1894), Forbes (1910) and Fracker (1915). The internal anatomy has been mainly studied in isolated species, notably in *Cossus* by Lyonnet (1762), *Bombyx mori* by Blanc (Trav. Lab. Soie, 1889-90) and others, and *Protoparce* by Peterson (1912). The digestive system and Malpighian tubes have been extensively studied by Bordas (1911); and many investigators, more especially Helm (1876), Gilson (1890) and Bordas (1910), have devoted attention to the silk and other glands. The nervous system has been studied by Newport (1832), Brandt (1879), Cattie (1881) and Du Porte (1915).

The Pupa

The change from the larva to the pupa usually first becomes evident by cessation of feeding. In many cases the larvae desert the food-plant and wander in search of a suitable site in which to undergo the transformation. The contents of the digestive canal are voided and the larval skin loses much of its characteristic colour, becoming darker and wrinkled. The body becomes contracted and distended, the hypodermis secretes a fresh layer of chitin beneath the old cuticle, and ecdysis is greatly aided by the secretion of the exuvial glands which gradually loosens the two layers. When the latter process is complete, dehiscence of the larval skin takes place along the middle of dorsal aspect of the thorax, and the exuvia is gradually slipped off from behind, thus liberating the pupa. In the majority of species pupation takes place in a cocoon of some description, which is constructed by the larva. It may be composed of silk as in Bombycidae, Saturniidae, Lasiocampidae, etc.; or of leaves drawn together by a silken meshwork, or of a mixture of silk and various foreign particles. In other cases, as in *Diceranura* and *Cerura*, the cocoon is formed of gnawed fragments of wood agglutinated together by means of a fluid secretion which quickly hardens. Also, in the construction of the earthen cells of many Noctuidae the soil particles are cemented together by a fluid secretion, and no silk appears to be utilized. Among the Papilionina the pupa is very frequently naked and protectively coloured, and suspended by the caudal extremity which is hooked on to a small pad of silk: the latter, and the silken girdle which is often present, may possibly represent the last vestige of a cocoon. The usual division of the body into head, thorax and abdomen is easily recognized in the pupa and the general external structure has been studied by Poulton (1890-91), Packard (1895). Chapman (1893-96), Mosher (1916) and others (vide Figs. 190 and 404).

The Head.—The vertex forms the dorsal area of the head behind the epicranial suture while the region anterior to the latter is the fronto-clypeus. In a few generalized forms, however, the frons and clypeus are separately demarcated. Invaginations of the anterior arms of the tentorium are evident as small pores or slit-like openings associated with the lateral margins of the clypeus. The labrum is usually very distinct but a clypeolabral suture appears seldom to be developed: in many families the labrum bears lateral projections or pilifers and according to Mosher they are
particularly conspicuous in the Pyralina and Papilionina. Definite \textit{genae} are rarely evident except among the Homoneura. The \textit{eyes} are always prominent and are divided into smooth and sculptured portions, the former being regarded as the true pupal eye. The \textit{antennae} exhibit less marked sexual differences than in the imago and, in \textit{Saturnia pavonia} for example, the pupal differences are extremely small in the two sexes, notwithstanding their divergence in the imago. \textit{Mandibles} are only functional among certain of the Micropterygidae: in \textit{Eriocrania} they are very large and are used by the pupa to cut its way through the cocoon. In other families they are only represented by small elevated areas. The \textit{maxilla} are exceedingly variable, and attain their greatest development in certain Sphingidae where their great length is accommodated by their becoming looped to form the familiar "jug-handle" appendage. \textit{Maxillary palpi} are wanting in certain groups, notably in the Cossidae, Hepialidae and the Papilionina. \textit{Labial palpi} are visible in many pupae but, in others, they are almost entirely concealed by the maxilla.

**The Thorax.**—The three segments are distinct on the dorsum but ventrally they are concealed by the appendages. The anterior pair of wings almost entirely conceals the posterior pair, except for a narrow strip along the dorsal margin of the latter. Among the apterous or subapterous females of certain genera the pupal wings are likewise less developed than in the male. In \textit{Hybernia defoliaria} and \textit{Nyssia zonaria} the sexual divergence is but little marked in the pupa, although the female imagines are almost apterous. In such forms as \textit{Orgyia}, and the Psychidae, the degeneration appears to be sufficiently ancient to have caused a corresponding reduction of the wings of the female pupae. The thoracic \textit{spiracles} consist of a single pair placed between the pro- and meso-thorax, towards the dorsal aspect.

**The Abdomen.**—Ten abdominal segments are present and a certain number are always fixed and immovable. The greatest number of free segments are found in the more generalized forms, thus in \textit{Mnemonica} all the segments are movable excepting the last three (Mosher). In the Hepialidae and Psychidae the 1st segment is fixed and segments 2 to 7 are free in the male and 2 to 6 in the female; in the Cossidae the first two abdominal segments are fixed and consequently the movable segments are 3 to 7 in the male and 3 to 6 in the female; in the Noctuidae, Geometridae, Sphingidae, etc., the only free segments are the 4th, 5th and 6th in both sexes, while among certain of the Papilionina all the segments are immov-
able. *Spiracles* are present on the first eight segments: the first pair is usually covered by the wings and the last pair is vestigial. In male pupae the genital aperture is situated on the 9th sternum and in the female there is either a single common aperture on the 8th sternum (9th sternum in *Micropteryx* according to Chapman) or, more usually, two apertures which are associated with the 8th and 9th sterna. These openings in some cases become confluent and represent those of the bursa copulatrix and oviduct respectively. The anus is carried on the caudal margin of the 10th segment, and this somite is produced to form the *cremaster*, which is the homologue of the suranal plate of the larva. It is an organ of attachment and exhibits many modifications: it may take the form of a pointed spine or of hooklets, and the latter may be grouped together, or scattered irregularly over the surface of the anal segment. In many of the more generalized families the cremaster is absent, while among the Papilionina, with their suspended pupae, it is particularly well developed.

**Internal Structure.**—The internal anatomy differs in important features both from that of the larva and imago but more closely approaches the latter. The digestive system has undergone extensive modifications as compared with that of the larva; the oesophagus is long and narrow and the stomach greatly reduced in size. The food-reservoir is undeveloped and the hind-intestine less convoluted than in the imago. The larval silk glands have atrophied, and the salivary glands of the imago replace them. The changes undergone by the nervous system have been studied in great detail by Newport, and briefly it may be said that it undergoes a gradual process of concentration during about the first 60 hours of pupal life. By that time its whole arrangement is very nearly as it exists in the imago. The developmental changes undergone by the genital system are dealt with on a later page.

**Types of Pupae and Method of Emergence from the Cocoon.**—Chapman (1893) divides Lepidopterous pupae into two main groups, the Incomplete and Obtectae. The *pupae incompletae* have the appendages often partially free and more than three of the abdominal segments are mobile. Dehiscence is accompanied by the freeing of segments and appendages previously fixed, and the pupae exhibit considerable power of motion, usually emerging from the cocoon to allow of the escape of the imago. They are provided with a varied armature of hooks, processes and spines to facilitate the process. Many species also work their way to the surface of the ground, or to the entrance of the larval gallery in the case of those whose larvae are internal feeders. In the Micropterygidæ the pupæ have a larger number of free segments than in any other family and are *pupæ liberae*. *Eriocrania, Sabatina* and *Mnemonica* are also unique among Lepidoptera in possessing mandibles for cutting through the cocoon. These organs, assisted by the mobility of the abdominal segments, enable the pupa to free itself and pass through any superincumbent earth to the surface. Most other pupae incomplete possess some kind of hard process adapted for tearing open the cocoon. This *cocoon cutter*, as it may be termed, is well seen in *Lithocolletis hamadryadella* and according to Packard there are rough knobs or slight projections answering the same purpose in the *Hepialidae, Megalopyge, Zeluzera* and in *Dalana*. The *pupae obtectae* represent a more highly specialized type: they are smooth and rounded and the only free segments in both sexes are the 4th, 5th and 6th. Dehiscence takes place by an irregular fracture, the pupa rarely emerges from the cocoon, and a cremaster is generally present. This pupa is prevalent
in all the higher Lepidoptera, and exhibits a hard exterior, the appendages being all soldered down to form a smooth surface. The areas which are hidden are covered by a delicate pellicle and there is no separation of the appendages after emergence. Certain species (Saturnia pavonia, Charocampa elpenor) have retained the habit of pupal emergence, but in other forms the presence of the cremaster and the reduced mobility of the abdominal segments usually preclude it. Many different methods have been adopted to allow of the freeing of the imago. These may consist of weak places in the cocoon, a particular arrangement of the silk to allow of easy egress (Saturnia pavonia), a softening fluid applied by the emerging insect (certain Saturniids, Dicranura), provisional imaginal spines (Attacine moths), etc.

THE IMAGO

External Anatomy

THE HEAD (Fig. 405).—The greater part of the head is formed by the epicranium which carries laterally the large globular compound eyes. The *ocelli* are two in number and lie close behind the latter; they are seldom conspicuous, and generally much concealed by scales or often absent. The anterior region of the head is occupied by the *fronto-clypeus* which is frequently demarcated from the epicranium by means of a transverse suture. In a few cases (*Acherontia* according to Berlese) the clypeus is separately differentiated from the frons as a narrow band-like sclerite. The *labrum* is narrow and pointed in *Micropteryx* and its allies but forms a short transverse plate in other Lepidoptera. It is provided with a small pointed median projection which is usually regarded as an extension of the *epipharynx*. Between the fronto-clypeus and the eyes are the narrow *genae* and, when mandibular rudiments are present, they either articulate or fuse with the latter sclerites. The *antennae* (vide Jordan, *Novit. Zool.* 5) are composed of an indefinite number of joints and vary greatly in length and structure. In the male they frequently show an increased development as compared with the female which is particularly well exhibited in the Saturniidae. They are generally scaled dorsally and very often ventrally also: in some cases scales are absent as in the Saturniidae and many Papilionina.

MOUTH-PARTS.—In the majority of Lepidoptera, mandibles are totally wanting and the maxillae are highly modified to form a suctorial proboscis. The latter is composed of the two greatly elongated Galea, each being channelled along its inner face, and the two are held together by means of hooks and interlocking spines. In this manner the combined grooves form a tube through which liquid food is imbibed. The *laciniae* are either entirely atrophied or, according to Berlese, rudiments thereof may be embodied in the base of the proboscis. When fully developed, the maxillary palpi are 5- or 6-jointed and usually more or less folded, as in the Tineidae; in the great majority of Lepidoptera they are either much reduced or want-
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ing, their functions presumably being assumed by the labial palpi. Among Noctuidae they are 2- to 3-jointed, and in the Sphingidae, Papilionina and most Geometridae they are single-jointed (Walter, 1884). The labium is reduced to a small plate on the ventral aspect of the mouth: its palpi are normally 3-jointed and vary greatly in size, shape and scaling. A hypopharynx is present on the floor of the mouth and in Danais it is provided with gustatory papillae.

When not in use the proboscis is spirally coiled and stowed away beneath the thorax: it presents an extraordinary variation in length, attaining its maximum in the Sphingidae. In Danais, according to Burgess (1880), each half of the proboscis is seen to be composed of an immense number of chitinous rings, which are incomplete since they are absent from its inner or grooved aspect. These rings are separated by intervening bands of membrane which admit of the spiral coiling of the organ. Each ring is made up of a row of quadrangular plates which are provided with spine-like processes directed towards the proboscis channel, hence the plates are somewhat nail-like in form. Scattered over the surface of the proboscis, and more especially at the apex, are small circular plates each bearing a minute central papilla, which are perhaps tactile in function. According to Breitenbach they are often developed into denticulate spines which enable the proboscis to lacerate the tissues of fruit and imbibe their juices: this condition is particularly well exhibited in Aletia xylina. The interior of each half of the proboscis is hollow and occupied throughout its length by a nerve and a trachea, but the bulk of its cavity accommodates two sets of muscles which diagonally cross it. From their attachment the action of these muscles would result in shortening the posterior wall of the maxilla and produce the spiral coiling of the organ. The method of extension of the latter does not appear to be clearly understood, and it has been variously suggested to take place by means of its own elasticity or by blood pressure. Burgess suggests that we have failed to interpret some muscular mechanism for the purpose.

In some Lepidoptera (Orgyia, Zeuzera, etc.) the proboscis is reduced and non-functional, the two galeae remaining separate; in many others the galeae are represented by two minute papillae (Hepialus) or entirely atrophied. In the reduced or atrophied condition it is evident that no food can be imbibed and the mouth may be wanting also (Saturniidae), but the subject is in need of fuller investigation.

The mouth-parts are exhibited in their most primitive form in Sabatinca (Tillyard, 1923) where they are clearly of the mandibulate rather than the haustellate type. The mandibles are functional dentate organs, with evident ginglymus and condyle, and movable by means of well developed abductor and adductor muscles. The maxillae are entirely in conformity with the mandibles: both cardo and stipes are evident, the galea is short and 2-jointed, the lacinia blade-like, and the palpi are long and 5-jointed. In the labium, however, there is no ligula and lobes formerly regarded as paraglossae are in reality processes of the palpi (Tillyard): the basal sclerites are represented by a single mental plate. The hypopharynx in M. ammamentella is laterally provided with small accessory pieces which are regarded by Busck and Boving as the superlinguae. In Eriocrania the mandibles are non-dentate and in Mnemonica they are unchitinized with the ginglymus and condyle rudimentary: proof that these are true mandibles is afforded by the fact that they lie within those of the pupa. In both the above genera the laciniae are lost, and the 2-jointed galeae are greatly elongated. The terminal joint of the galea of either side is apposed to that of its fellow, thus exhibiting the first step in the formation of the Lepidopterous proboscis. In addition to the Micropterygidae, vestigial mandibles are stated to be present by Petersen in Hepialus; they also occur in various Tineoids including Argyresthia, Tinea, Tineola and Hyponomeuta (Walter, 1885).
According to Kellogg (1895) in *Protoparce carolina* conspicuous mandibular rudiments are present, being strongly chitinized and slightly dentate at their apices. They plainly arise from the genae and a faint articulating suture is visible. The so-called mandibular rudiments of *Danais*, and other of the higher Lepidoptera, are lateral projections of the labrum and are termed by Kellogg the pilifers: as that authority has pointed out, both mandibles and pilifers may occur together as in *Protoparce*. The maxillae of *Protoparce* are exceptional in exhibiting sexual dimorphism: in the male they are normal but the galeae are quite separate, and in the female there is an elongate inner lobe often known as the maxillary tentacle. The two latter organs are adapted for holding a large mass of pollen beneath the head: their morphology is doubtful and it has been suggested that they are the greatly produced palpifers.

In the thorax (Fig. 406) the prothorax is evident in the lower forms but compressed and reduced in all the higher families where it assumes the form of a collar. It frequently carries a pair of small lateral processes or *patagia* which are peculiar to Lepidoptera and appear as thin, lobe-like, erectile expansions, well developed in many Noctuidae (e.g. *Agrotis*). These structures are often confused with tegulae but the latter are never borne on the prothorax. The mesothorax is the largest and most prominent segment of the three; its tergum consists of a narrow band-like prescutum, a very large, longitudinally divided scutum and a well-developed more or less rhomboidal scutellum. Tegulae are particularly well developed and very characteristic of the order; each is carried on a special tegular plate of the notum supported by means of a tegular arm arising from the base of the pleural-wing process (Snodgrass). The metathorax is relatively small as compared with the previous segment; Snodgrass finds that in *Phasis* (Cossidae), however, it is larger and more like the mesothorax than is usual among the higher insects. In most other Lepidoptera it is much shortened anteroposteriorly and greatly reduced. A post-scutellum is present in both the meso- and meta-thorax but largely concealed.

With regard to the legs a meron is present in relation with the meso- and meta-thoracic coxae and, as a rule, the coxae have but little mobility upon the pleuron, the principal movement of the base of the leg being in the articulation between the coxa and trochanter (Snodgrass). The anterior legs exhibit special features in certain families of the Papilionina, and are reduced and modified so as to become useless for walking, either in the male only (Erycinidae) or in both sexes (Nymphalidae). The anterior tibiae are comparatively short in most Lepidoptera and in certain families they are provided on the inner surface with a peculiar lamellate spur ("epiphysis") which is regarded by Haase as the vestige of an organ formerly developed for cleaning the antennae. Frequently in the male the posterior tibiae (more rarely the middle pair) are provided with an expansile tuft of hair which is located in a groove and functions as a scent-producing organ. The tarsi are normally 5-jointed, the first joint being much the longest and in the males of certain Lycænidae it is conspicuously swollen. In the Pieridae the claws are exceptional in being cleft or bifid, and among...
THE WINGS

Lycænidæ either one or both claws are wanting in the male. In the degenerate females of the Psychidæ the legs have atrophied.

WINGS.—The most characteristic feature is the covering of overlapping scales which are, morphologically, flattened and highly modified macrotrichia. Transitional stages between the latter and short broad scales are readily observable and the identity of the two types of structures is clearly established. Thus, in Prototheora Meyr. Tillyard mentions that macrotrichia remain in an unmodified condition on the veins. The scales on the wing membrane lying closest to the veins are linear and narrow, becoming shorter and broader the further they are away from a vein. Microtrichia (fixed hairs of Kellogg; aculei of Busck) are present on the wing-membrane in the Homoneura as well as in the more archaic families of the Heteroneura.

The innervation of the wings has been studied by Vogel (1911) who finds that each wing is supplied by three nerve branches whose fibres are ultimately distributed to the various sensory organs present. Vogel (1912) recognizes four types of the latter, each organ having a sensory cell at its base. Possibly tactile are sensory scales and setæ, while certain papillæ suggest, on account of their structure, an orienting function. At the bases of the wings are still more problematical structures which are termed chordotonal organs and, in some cases, a well developed "tympanal area" is associated with them, which suggests that they may have some concern with the perception of sound. The scales of Lepidoptera do not strengthen the wings or aid the insects in flight. The vast majority of these structures are simply colour-bearing organs which have been developed under the influence of natural selection. They are secreted by evaginated and greatly enlarged hypodermal cells—the formative cells of Semper (Fig. 407). Their structure and development have been studied in considerable detail, more especially by Mayer (1896). Each scale is provided with a short pedicel which fits into a minute socket in the wing membrane. In the more primitive forms they are irregularly scattered but in the Papilionina, for example, a regular arrangement is very noticeable. On its exposed or outer surface, each scale is ornamented with longitudinal ridges or striæ, often with transverse trabeculae between them. These ridges are in the form of longitudinal thickenings of the outer scale-wall, and their presence imparts rigidity very much after the manner of the

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corrugations on a sheet of roofing iron. In many cases these striae are extremely fine, and Kellogg (1894) found that in a species of Morpho they are placed from 0.0007 to 0.00072 mm. apart, or at the rate of 35,000 to the inch, and are responsible for producing beautiful iridescent colours (vide p. 9). Seen in microtome sections scales are greatly flattened hollow sacs (Fig. 409) strengthened by minute transverse bars. Although they may only contain air, in the majority of cases a layer of pigment is enclosed between the two walls. In surface view they exhibit a wide range of variation of both form and sculpturing. In the males of various Lepidoptera groups of more specialized scales or androconia (plumules) occur on the upper surface of the wings and likewise assume very varied shapes (Fig. 408). They are found either scattered over portions of the wings, or in limited areas such as the "brand" or discal patch of Parnphila, the discal patch of certain Lycaenids, as well as on folds of the wings and other situations. Physiologically they are scent scales which serve as the outlets of odoriferous glands (Thomas, Amer. Nat. 1893); they are often fringed distally, with each tip of the fringe finely divided, thus probably ensuring the ready diffusion of the odour so characteristic of many Lepidoptera. Among the Danaine butterflies (Nymphalidae) a glandular scent patch is present on each hind-wing and the odoriferous secretion is exuded at the surface of the wing by means of cuticular "cups." These latter are provided with a covering membrane pierced in the centre by a minute pore. Each cup is protected by a small scale differing from normal wing scales in size and shape (Eltringham, 1915). In Amauris niavis the insect has been observed to brush the odoriferous area with the anal tuft of hairs which thus acquires some of the characteristic odour. Included in the anal tuft are numerous delicate chitinous filaments having the property of breaking up transversely into minute particles thus forming a kind of dust which presumably assists in the diffusion of the scent. It is noteworthy that Dixey has shown that in certain Pieridae an alcoholic extract may be made from the wings and it possesses the same odour as the species concerned.

With regard to the venation (Figs. 411, 412) wherever specialization is evident it has been the result of the atrophy or coalescence of veins and not by addition. Throughout the order the principal cross veins are few in number and vein M4 is distally fused with CuA. The researches of Tillyard (1919) provide strong evidence indicating that 1A of Comstock is in reality CuA, a conclusion which has been adopted in the present work. One of the most characteristic features of the lepidopterous wing is the trigamma or 3-pronged fork, whose prongs
are represented by M₃, Cu₁₉ and Cu₁₀ and whose base completes the closure of cell M or its regional equivalent. Among the Cossidre the stem R₁₄₅ (chorda of Turner, 1918) divides the cell R into the basal cell 1st R, and an apical cell 2nd R (areole of Turner). In the vast majority of Lepidoptera, however, the stem R₁₄₅ has atrophied and also the main stem M. This condition has resulted in the formation of a single enormous discal cell on account of cells R+M+1st M₂ thus becoming confluent.

The most primitive type of venation is found in the family Micropterygidae of the Homoneura where that of both pairs of wings is closely alike (Fig. 411). Most of the archaic features are exhibited in Ménéonica Meyr. in which Sc and R₁ are separate in both pairs of wings, and bifurcated in the fore-wings; Rs is 3-branched in the hind-wings and the three branches of Cu are complete. In the family Hepialidae both Sc and R₁, although almost always distinct, are typically unbranched and there is a considerable reduction or partial atrophy of Cu₂ in one or both pairs of wings.

Among the Heteroneura there is a marked divergence in the venation of the two pairs of wings, but no annexent type has yet been discovered which serves to connect the most primitive forms with their homoneurous ancestors (Fig. 412). The most ancient type of venation is found among the Cossidre (Turner) which, however, exhibits the characteristic heteroneurous features in the hind-wing, viz:—the fusion of Sc and R₁, the reduction of Rs, and the coalescence of 1A and 2A. As we ascend the lepidopterous series the vein Cu₁ disappears from both pairs of wings.

The wing-coupling apparatus attains a high degree of specialization
among various Lepidoptera (Griffiths, 1898; Tillyard, 1918). Among Homoneura two distinct types are found, viz: the jugo-frenate and the jugate. The former method is found in the Micropterygidae and the mechanism consists of both frenulum and jugum. The frenulum is usually composed of 3 or 4 bristles inserted on the costal border of the hind-wing. The jugum is present on the hind margin of the fore-wing but instead of passing backwards beneath the hind-wing, as is usually the case, it is folded forwards beneath the fore-wing. The frenulum becomes engaged in the space between the jugum and the lower membrane of the fore-wing and in this manner the two wings of a side are held together. In the Hepialidae and Prototheoridae the frenulum is wanting. The jugum is a finger-like process arising from the hind margin of the fore-wing near the base. It projects well beneath the costa of the hind-wing which becomes firmly held in the incision between the jugum and the hind margin of the fore-wing.

Among Heteroneura two main types of wing-coupling apparatus are also evident, viz:—the frenate and the amplexiform. In the frenate type a sexual difference is very noticeable; thus in the male the frenulum consists of a single stout bristle which, however, can be clearly seen to be composed of several setae fused together; in the female the bristles remain separate and vary from 2 to 9 in number. In strongly flying males the frenulum is often large and powerful, while among species in which the females are weak fliers or fly but little the frenulum is correspondingly reduced. In both sexes it arises from a small swelling at the humeral angle of the hind-wing, and passes beneath the fore-wing where its apex is retained in position by a locking mechanism or retinaculum, and in this manner the wings are held together. The retinaculum similarly exhibits sexual differences. In the female it is very simple, being nothing more than a group of somewhat stiffened hairs or scales arising in the neighbourhood of Cu1. In the male it arises near the base of Sc and consists of a strong curved chitinous hook developed from the wall of that vein. In Synemon (Castniidae) both types of retinaculum are present in the male; the typically male hook-like organ is represented by the overlapping margin of a portion of Sc and is therefore less specialized than in other families. Tillyard, on the authority of Turner, states that this double type of retinaculum is widely spread among the males of many Lepidoptera.
Sesiidæ, in which both sexes are swift fliers, the females exhibit the male type of frenulum and possess the hook-like retinaculum. In the *amplexiform type* the frenulum is lost, and the two wings of a side are maintained together owing to their overlapping to a very considerable degree. This condition is met with for example in the Saturniidæ, Lasiocampidæ, and in all the families of the Papilionina. The humeral lobe of the hind-wing is enlarged and often strengthened by the development of one or more short humeral veins, and projects far beneath the fore-wing. In the Castniidæ both the frenulum and humeral lobe are well developed, and from such a condition as this it is evident that the amplexiform type may have been derived through the loss of the frenulum. The course which necessitated the change is obscure but may perhaps be correlated with a change in the manner of flight. Intermediates between the above two types of wing-coupling apparatus are to be met with; thus in *Bombyx mori*, the frenulum is vestigial and the humeral lobe well developed; this same condition is found among other frenulum-losers such as the Perophoridæ.

In the females of certain Geometridæ and Tineidæ and also those of the Psychidæ, *Orgyia*, etc., wings are either totally wanting, or reduced to small non-functional vestiges. This flightless condition evidently confines the females to a great extent to their larval food-plants and it is noteworthy that the latter are almost always very common and generally distributed species. The fact that the flightless females of the Geometridæ and Tineidæ belong to forms which occur during the colder months of the year has often been commented upon. This peculiarity has been explained as being an adaptation to prevent their leaving the food-plant and perishing owing to inclement weather. Some other explanation, however, needs to be formulated to account for the flightless condition of such eminently summer insects as *Orgyia* and the Psychidæ. It appears not unlikely that the loss of wings may be a mutation and is not to be accounted for on teleological grounds.

The *Abdomen* consists of ten segments; the 1st segment is reduced and its sternum wanting or wholly membranous, the 7th and 8th are sometimes slightly modified in relation to the genitalia and the 9th and 10th segments are greatly modified in the latter respect. On either side of the metathorax or the base of the abdomen in many Lepidoptera there is a complex organ, the *tympanum*. This structure is well seen in the Geometridæ and appears as a bladder-like vesicle closely associated with the 1st abdominal spiracle of its side and certain of the neighbouring tracheal air-sacs. It is innervated from the last thoracic ganglion and, from its general structure, is presumed to be an auditory organ (Eggers, 1919).

The morphology and nomenclature of the male genitalia have become much involved but the work of Zander has contributed towards a better understanding of the subject (Fig. 413). The 9th segment is in the form of a narrow ring encircling the apex of the body and its sternal region is invaginated to form a median chitinized pocket or *sacculus* which extends into the preceding segment. A pair of *claspers* or valves (harpes of Pierce, harpagones of White) are hinged to the sides of the segment and form the most prominent organs of the external genitalia. The *harpes* are spine-like structures often present on the inner aspect of the claspers. Attached to the hind margin of the 9th tergum is a median process or *uncus* which is usually hook-like or bifid and in many Lepidoptera there is a median ventral sclerite or *scaphium* lying a short distance below it. The uncus and scaphium
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have usually been regarded as the tergum and sternum of the 10th segment, but according to Zander they are secondary processes, the segment itself remaining membranous. The anus opens just beneath the uncus and between that sclerite and the scaphium. The adeagus is situated below the scaphium and is enclosed in a sheath and at the point where the latter joins the body there is a chitinized support or ring-wall (penis-funnel or juxta). For further information on the male genitalia reference should be made to the writings of Zander (1903) Pierce (1909-22) and Bethune-Baker (Proc. Ent. SOC. 1914).

In the female the terminal segments of the abdomen are sometimes attenuated and telescoped, thus functioning as a retractile ovipositor. An exerted chitinized ovipositor is rarely present (vide Wood, Ent. Month. Mag. 189).

Internal Anatomy

The digestive system.—The cavity of the proboscis communicates with the pharynx and we owe to Burgess (1880) an account of the structure of the latter organ in Danais. It is an ovoid chamber provided with powerful muscular walls and issuing from between the fibres of the latter are five radial muscles, which pass outwards to be attached to the head capsule. When the latter muscles contract the pharyngeal cavity enlarges and a partial vacuum is created; this becomes filled by an ascent of fluid through the proboscis. The walls of the pharynx then contract, thereby forcing the food backwards into the cesophagus, and the closure of a pharyngeal valve precludes the return flow down the proboscis. The cesophagus is a long tube of very narrow calibre and, in the more primitive forms, expands distally into a well-developed crop (Homoneura, Cossidæ, Psychidæ, many Tineina, Attacæus, Phigalia). In other species the crop takes the form of a lateral dilatation connected with the cesophagus by means of a wide-mouthed channel (Adela and other Tineina, Zygenidæ, certain Saturniidæ, Enaturga, etc.). In the majority of Lepidoptera the crop forms a large food reservoir connected with the fore-intestine by a short narrow duct. The stomach is a straight tube of relatively small capacity, and the hind-intestine consists of a narrow coiled ileum, a distended chamber or colon, and a short muscular rectum. Salivary glands take the form of a long filamentous tube on either side, the silk glands of the larva degenerating in the pupa and being no longer evident. The Malpighian tubes are six in number, three of a side opening by a common duct into the commencement of the ileum. Exceptions are found in certain Tineina (Tinea pellionella and T. biselliella and Blabophanes rusticella) which possess only a single pair, and in Galleria mellonella there are similarly two-vessels but each is irregularly ramified (vide Cholodkovsky, 1887).

The nervous system (vide Newport, 1834; Brandt, 1879; Peterson,
1899; Buxton, 1917) exhibits a certain amount of concentration with regard to the ganglia of the ventral nerve cord. The most primitive condition is found in *Hepialus* in which there are three thoracic and five abdominal ganglia. In the *Micropterygidae* and also *Tinea pellionella*, *Cossus*, *Sesia*, *Zygæna*, *Phaleria* and *Ematurga* the 4th and 5th abdominal ganglia are fused into a large common centre. The majority of Lepidoptera, however, are characterized by two thoracic and four abdominal ganglia; those of the meso- and meta-thorax are fused and the abdominal ganglia lie in the 2nd to 6th segments. The *Psychidae* are primitive but variable: thus Petersen records three thoracic and six abdominal ganglia in the female *Psyche unicolor* Hfm., while in *Fumea intermedia* and other species there are four abdominal ganglia in both sexes.

The **DORSAL VESSEL** has been very little investigated: Newport states that in most Lepidoptera there are eight pairs of lateral ostia, and in *Danais* Burgess states that slight constrictions divide the heart into a number of segments corresponding to those of the abdomen. In *Protoparce*, as Brocher has pointed out, the aorta makes a sharp loop in the thorax and at the apex of the bend it is connected with a pulsatile organ. This condition is probably general but it needs further research.

The **MALE REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS** (Fig. 414, A) have been studied by Cholodkovsky (1884) in many species, and also by Stitz (1900), Petersen (1899) and Ruckes (1919). Typically each testes consists of four follicles exhibiting varying degrees of coalescence while among the higher Lepidoptera the two organs are intimately fused into a single median gonad. *Nematois* is exceptional in that each gonad consists of twenty follicles. Two principal types of reproductive system are distinguishable (1).—The testes are paired and each is enclosed in a separate scrotum. In *Hepialus* the follicles are separate and the gonad presents a digitate appearance: this condition is evidently the most primitive found in the order. In other cases the follicles are compressed together and surrounded by a common scrotum. This type is met with in the *Micropterygidae*, certain Saturniidae, *Bombix mori*, *Lycæna arion*, *Parnassius* and a few others. (2).—The testes are fused and enclosed in a common scrotum: in some cases the paired nature of the
gonad is still evident while in others the fusion is complete. This type (no. 2) is the prevalent one, and usually the follicles are spirally wound around the longitudinal axis of the gonad. The organs in *Samia cercopia* L. have been studied by Ruckes and in *Bombyx mori* by Verson. The testes lie in a dorso-lateral position, close to the alimentary canal and just beneath the 5th and 6th abdominal terga. The vasa deferentia are narrow tubes which enlarge proximally to form the vesiculae seminales. Each receives a long filamentous accessory gland but, according to Ruckes, the structure of the latter is not markedly glandular, its walls being provided with longitudinal muscle fibres and it appears probable that the gland serves, along with the vesiculae seminales, as a receptacle for storing the spermatozoa. The vesiculae seminales unite to form a common ductus ejaculatorius which terminates in a bulbous ejaculatorius at the base of the ăedeagus.

The female reproductive organs (Fig. 414, B). Each ovary consists typically of four polytrophic ovarioles but a certain number of exceptions to this rule are known among the lower members of the order. Thus, there are six ovarioles to each ovary in *Psyche helix*, 10 to 12 in *Adela*, 14 in *Sesia scoliaformis*, and 12 to 20 in *Nematois*. Two principal types of reproductive system are prevalent (Fig. 415). In the primitive type (*Hepialidae, Micropteryx, Adela, Nepticula, Incurvaria*, certain Psychidae, etc.) there is a single genital aperture on the 9th abdominal sternum which communicates with a median vestibule. The latter chamber is the terminal portion of the common oviduct, and receives the duct of the receptaculum seminis dorsally, and that of the bursa copulatrix ventrally. In the more specialized, and generally prevalent type, there are two reproductive apertures, viz. —an aperture opening on to the 8th sternum which is that of the bursa copulatrix, and the aperture of the common oviduct situated on the 9th sternum. The separation of the bursa copulatrix from the rest of the genital system is exhibited in the least modified condition in certain of the Psychidae. In these instances the canal of the bursa copulatrix communicates with the common oviduct by an extremely short tube which is little more than an aperture in their intervening walls. In other Lepidoptera a definite canal or ductus seminalis is evident, and in the highest forms it is considerably lengthened and of exceedingly narrow calibre.

A pair of ramified or filiform colleterial glands open into bladder-like ducts which communicate with the common oviduct just behind the aperture of the receptaculum seminis. In many species (*B. mori*, etc.) an accessory gland is also present in relation with the latter structure, and the
whole organ then resembles a collet erial gland in general appearance, and has often been referred to as such. We owe to Hatchett Jackson (1890) the first elucidation of the morphology and development of the female genital system in Lepidoptera. The bursa copulatrix is a secondary invagination of the ectoderm, but its aperture corresponds with the vaginal aperture in other orders. The opening of the common oviduct, on the other hand, has migrated backwards and taken up a secondary position on the 9th sternum. According to Balbiani (Comp. Rend. 1869) the bursa copulatrix receives the spermatozoa during copulation. Owing to the absence of muscles in the walls of that chamber, the spermatozoa migrate by their own motility into the ductus seminalis. They subsequently enter the oviduct and then pass up the duct leading into the receptaculum seminis, and are stored in the latter organ until the eggs enter the oviduct for fertilization. For detailed information on the female genital system reference should be made to the works of Cholodkovsky (1885A), Petersen (1899, 1904) and Stitz (1901).

The tracheal system communicates with the exterior by means of usually nine pairs of spiracles, two being thoracic and the remainder abdominal in position: the pair on the 8th segment of the abdomen, although present in the larva, is aborted.

The general literature dealing with the morphology of adult Lepidoptera is relatively small. The principal anatomical treatise is that of Petersen (1899) and a good deal of information on the external structure will be found in Rothschild and Jordan's monograph (1903). The most completely investigated species is *Bombyx mori* whose anatomy has been studied by many workers including Blanc, Verson, Tichomirow and others: for the general structure of Danais, vide Burgess (1880), while Brandt has dealt with that of *Hepialus* (1880) and the Sesiidæ (1890), and Nigmann (1908) with *Acentropus*.

**CLASSIFICATION**

The familiar division of the Lepidoptera into Rhopalocera (butterflies) and Heterocera (moths) has little to recommend it other than convenience founded upon usage. The main objection to its adoption is that the Rhopalocera, although they are of no higher rank than a superfamily, are elevated to a sub-order of equivalent value to the whole of the rest of the Lepidoptera. Again, the old divisions of Macro- and Micro-lepidoptera were founded mainly upon the size criterion. The adoption of these two groups led to the inclusion of certain families among the Macro-lepidoptera, whereas their true affinities lay with the division which comprised the "micros" in a literal sense. Nevertheless, after making the necessary adjustments in this respect, the retention of these two expressions does admit of certain convenience of reference, although they do not represent definable natural groups. As generally understood, the "Microlepidoptera" include the Homoneura and the superfamilies Tortricina, Pyralidina and Tineina of the Heteroneura in the present work. Chapman (1893) provided a tentative grouping of the Heterocera based upon important pupal characters and suggested the divisions Obtecta and Incompleta (vide p. 411). About the same time Comstock brought forward a classification founded upon the venation and wing-coupling apparatus. He recognized two sub-orders, the Jugatae and Frenatae—the former possessing a jugum and the latter a frenulum. The presence of a frenulum, however, is too variable.
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even within the limits of a single family to have very much classificatory value. In 1895 Packard laid stress upon Walter’s researches on the mouthparts and separated the order into the Lepidoptera Laciniata (or Protolepidoptera) and the Lepidoptera Haustellata, the main feature being the presence of biting mouth-parts in the former sub-order (which includes Micropteryx) and their absence in all other Lepidoptera. The Haustellata he further divided into the Palæolepidoptera (which includes the Eriocrane) and the Neolepidoptera. The latter he divided into two sections corresponding in the main to the Pupæ Incompletæ and Pupæ Obiectæ of Chapman. In the same year Meyrick brought out a classification based upon the venation in conjunction with other features and in 1895 Hampson published a revision of his earlier scheme (1892) also founded upon the venation. In addition to the above-mentioned systems, the eggs have been examined by Chapman (1896) and Tutt (1899), while classifications based upon larval characters have been advanced by Dyar (1894), Forbes (1910), Fracker (1915) and others. Mosher (1916) has re-examined the pupa from the same standpoint. Although no scheme based upon a single series of characters selected from one stage in the life-history can be regarded as anything approaching the ideal one, the venation on account of its constancy, affords the best features to work upon. For the primary division into sub-orders those suggested by Tillyard (1918) have been adopted. His sub-order Homoneura includes Meyrick’s division Micropterygina and his Heteroneura the remainder of the order. The separation of the numerous families of the latter into major groups is extremely difficult, and the system of Meyrick has been followed. The latter author’s eight main divisions have been adopted with the substitution of the expression Noctuina for his Caradrinina. The family keys are based upon those given by Fracker (1915) and Mosher (1916) respectively.

Key to the major groups of Lepidoptera.

1 (2).—Venation of fore- and hind-wings almost identical. Homoneura.
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2 (1).—Venation of fore- and hind-wings with evident differences. Heteroneura
   (p. 427)
3 (14).—Hind-wings with Cu₂ absent. PAPILIONINA
   (p. 438)
4 (5).—Antennæ clavate, no frenulum. TINEINA (part)
   (p. 427)
6 (8).—Venation much degraded. TORGICINA (part)
   (p. 429)
7 (6).—Venation not much degraded. NOTODONTINA
   (p. 444)
10 (11).—Fore-wings with M₁ parallel to M₃ or approximated to M₁. NOCTUINA
   (p. 450)
12 (13).—Sc + R₁ of hind-wing remote from Rs: frenulum present. LASIOCAMPINA
   (p. 437)
13 (12).—Sc + R₁ of hind-wing approximated to Rs beyond the cell, or the frenulum wanting.
14 (3).—Hind-wings with Cu₂ present. PSYCHINA (part)
15 (16).—Middle spurs of hind tibiae very short or absent.
16 (15).—Middle spurs (or at least one) well developed.

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17 (18).—Wings divided distally into segments.

18 (17).—Wings not so divided.

19 (20).—Hind-wings with Sc + R1 approximated to cell and anterior half of Rs, often anastomosing with Rs, never connected with cell.

20 (19).—Hind-wings with Sc + R1 remote from Rs, sometimes connected with cell.

21 (22).—Hind-wings with Sc + R1 anastomosing with cell.

22 (21).—Hind-wings with Sc + R1 not anastomosing with cell.

23 (24).—Labial palpi obtuse.

24 (25).—Labial palpi more or less pointed.

Sub-Order HOMONEURA

VENATION OF FORE- AND HIND-WINGS ALMOST IDENTICAL. IN BOTH PAIRS OF WINGS RS IS 3- OR 4-BRANCHED. A SPIRAL PROBOSCIS IS NEVER DEVELOPED.

FAM. MICROPTERYGIDÆ. MOUTH-PARTS WELL DEVELOPED, TIBIAL SPURS PRESENT, WING-COUPLING APPARATUS OF JUGO-FRE-NATE TYPE CONSISTING OF JUGAL LOBE, HUMERAL LOBE AND FRENULUM.

This family is of great importance from the standpoint of phylogeny as it includes the most primitive of all Lepidoptera. They are small diurnal moths with a wing-expanse sometimes less than 7 mm., and rarely exceeding 15 mm. The fore-wings are ovate-lanceolate with metallic colouring. Like many ancient groups, they enjoy an extremely wide distribution, but the family has probably yet to be identified in many parts of the world. Well known British genera are Micropteryx Hb. (Eriocaphala Curt.) and Eriocrania Zel. (Micropteryx aut.); M. cathella L. is a common insect during late spring in many parts of the British Isles. The New Zealand genus Sabatinca Walk exhibits the most primitive venation, which is almost identical with that of the Trichopteron Rhyacophila.

The sub-family Micropteryginae includes Micropteryx, Sabatinca, and two doubtful genera. Functional mandibles and laciniae are present and the galeae are free (Fig. 416), there being no proboscis. As in all members of the family the ligula is atrophied and the labial palpi are 3-jointed organs. These insects are pollen feeders and use their maxillae for the purpose. The larva of Micropteryx occurs in wet moss and is characterized by the presence of eight pairs of abdominal limbs (vide Chapman,
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Trans. Ent. Soc., 1894). These appendages closely resemble the thoracic legs in being jointed and each is terminated by a claw. The body bears eight rows of metamerically arranged globose processes. The larva of Sabatinca (Tillyard, 1922) lives among liverworts and has a similar number of reduced abdominal limbs: the pupa is characterized by the possession of functional mandibles.

The Eriocraniidae have lost the laciniae and the galea are adapted to form a short proboscis. Mandibles are frequently erroneously stated to be absent: they are reduced though distinct, and are non-denticulate (Walter, 1885). They are visible within the bases of the pupal mandibles and possess strongly developed abductor and adductor muscles identical with those of the pupa (Busck and Boving). The larvae of Eriocrania are apodous leaf-miners in birch, hazel, oak, and chestnut: the head is very small and partly hidden by the large prothorax and the usual number of spiracles are present. Pupation takes place in a tough cocoon of silk and earthen particles and the pupa closely resembles that of a Trichopteron. It is of the typical exarate type, with the appendages free and the abdominal segments moveable. The most conspicuous organs are the long curved serrated mandibles which are used to rupture the cocoon and aid the pupa in making its way to the surface of the soil. For the metamorphosis and detailed structure of all stages of Mnemonica, vide Busck and Boving (1914); and for the pupa of Eriocrania, vide Chapman (1893A).

The Mnesarchiidae include the most specialized members of the family and are represented by the New Zealand genus Mnesarchea. Mandibles are wanting, the maxillary palpi are 3-jointed only, laciniae are absent and the galea form a rudimentary proboscis used as a sucking-organ. Their metamorphoses are unknown.

Much difference of opinion has been expressed with regard to the systematic position of the Microptyrygidae, and their affinities are fully discussed by Tillyard (1919). Both the latter observer and Meyrick regard these insects as being true Lepidoptera, Comstock considers that they are terrestrial Trichoptera while Chapman (1917) takes the extreme step of separating the genus Microptyryx into an independent order—the Zeugloptera. Tillyard enumerates four salient differences between this family and the Trichoptera, viz. M4 is not present as a separate vein in the fore-wing whereas it exists in archaic Trichoptera; the pupal wing-tracheation is complete whereas in Trichoptera it is reduced to two tracheae only; the characteristic Trichopterous wing-spot is absent: and broad scales with numerous striae are present, whereas scales only appear in a few isolated and highly specialized Trichoptera, and then only of narrow primitive form with few striae. The order Zeugloptera cannot stand owing to Tillyard's discovery of a frenulum in Microptyryx. Furthermore, the single female genital aperture upon which a good deal of stress is laid occurs in other primitive Lepidoptera (vide p. 422).

FAM. HEPIALIDÆ (Swift-Moths). Antennæ very short, mouth-parts vestigial. Wing-coupling apparatus of jugate type, the jugal lobe elongate and usually passing beneath the hind-wing. Tibial spurs absent. A family comprising about 200 species which are widely distributed but best represented in Australia. It is a peculiarly isolated group and although primitive in many features of the external and internal anatomy it is specialized in certain others. The species are extremely rapid fliers and vary greatly in size: some are relatively gigantic, attaining a wing expanse of about 180 mm. Although the five British representatives are sombre-coloured insects certain of the great Australian and S. African forms are magnificently decorated with green and rose or adorned with metallic markings. The European species are crepuscular, or fly before dusk, and in two cases at least the mating habits are exceptional in that the female seeks the male. In Hepialus humuli the male is commonly white and is readily sought out by the female: in H. hectus the female discovers the male by means of an odour diffused by the latter. The larvae are subterranean, feeding upon roots, or are internal wood feeders. Those of several European species are described by Fracker (1915), and Quall (Trans. Ent. Soc., 1900) has contributed observations on the metamorphoses of certain Australian forms. They are elongate, devoid of colour pattern and both tufted and secondary setae are wanting. The crochets are disposed in a complete multiserial circle. The pupae are unusually elongate and active and are armed with spines, toothed ridges, and cutting plates on the abdominal segments, which are special adaptations for making their way to the surface. The 2nd to 6th abdominal segments are free in the female, and the 7th also in the male. For a discussion of the early stages and affinities of the family, vide Packard (1895).

The small family Prototheoridae from S. Africa is related to the Hepialidae. The Australian families Anomoetidae and Palaeosetidae are imperfectly known but are also related to the Hepialidae.
Sub-Order HETERONEURA

VENATION OF FORE- AND HIND-WINGS MARKEDLY DIFFERENT: HIND-WINGS WITH Rs REDUCED TO A SINGLE VEIN. A SPIRAL PROBOSCIS PRESENT EXCEPT IN GROUPS WHERE IT HAS ATROPHIED.

Superfamily Tineina (Fig. 417)

MAXILLARY PALPI OFTEN PRESENT, TERMINAL JOINT OF LABIAL PALPI MORE OR LESS POINTED. TIBIAE WITH ALL SPURS PRESENT, LONG. FORE-WINGS WITH 1A AND 2A FORMING A BASAL FORK, Cu4 MORE OR LESS DEVELOPED, M2 NORMALLY NOT MORE APPROXIMATED TO M3 THAN M1. HIND-WINGS WITH A FRENULUM: Cu2 PRESENT, Sc + R1 SOMETIMES CONNECTED WITH MIDDLE OF UPPER MARGIN OF THE CELL, THENCE DIVERGING, Seldom Absent. NOT INFREQUENTLY THE VENATION IS DEGENERATE.

FAM. SESIIDÆ (Egeriidae: Clear wings).—This family is distinguishable from all other Tineina by the absence of Sc + R1 from the hind-wings. Their most striking character, however, is the absence of scales from the greater part of both pairs of wings: the antennae are often dilated or knobbed and the abdomen is terminated by a conspicuous fan-like tuft of scales. The fore-wings are extremely narrow owing to the great reduction of the anal area and in most species the bristles of the frenulum in the female are consolidated as in the male. The family is characteristic of the northern hemisphere, and the species are diurnal, flying rapidly during warm sunshine. Many resemble wasps, bees, ichneumons, etc. in appearance, which is largely due to their clear wings, slender bodies and often bright colours. They are in many ways an aberrant group, especially as regards the internal anatomy (vide Brandt, 1890). The larvae feed in the wood of trees and bushes or in the root-stocks of plants. They are colourless with greatly reduced setae; the abdominal feet bear two transverse bands of uniodinal crochets, and a single row on the anal claspers. Among other characters Fracker states the spiracles of the 8th segment are much larger and higher up than on other abdominal segments. Pupation takes place in the larval gallery and the pupa are provided with various forms of cutting plates for working their way to the surface: these are mostly situated on the head which is heavily chitinized. There are two rows of spines on most of the abdominal segments which extend around to the ventral surface, and a definite cremaster is wanting. Owing to their internal feeding habit several species have attracted the notice of economic entomologists, particularly the European and American Currant Borer (Sesia hypuliformis) and the Peach Tree Borer (Saminnoidea exitiosa Say) of the latter continent (vide Bull. 329 Ohio Exp. Sta.). Over 100 species of the family are palaeartic and no less than 90 belong to the genus Sesia: 14 species have been found in the British Isles but several are rare and local.

TINEINA VERA.—The remainder of the Tineina for the sake of convenience are here included into a single group which includes an enormous number of species, over 700 being British. The majority are easily recognizable as narrow-winged insects bordered with long hair fringes: the larger and broader winged forms have shorter fringes and can usually be identified by the venational characters previously
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enumerated. The classification of the group presents great difficulties owing to the fact that notwithstanding the marked differences of the structure found in the extreme forms, the latter are closely interconnected by numerous gradational genera. The leading authorities are at variance as to the number of families that exist, and recent research has tended towards the recognition of an increasing number. Among this vast assemblage greater variation of larval habits and structure is found than in any other group of Lepidoptera.

The Gelechiidae are a very large family represented by over 130 British species, most of which can be recognized by the pointed anterior angle of the hind-wings. Their larvae usually feed between spun leaves or shoots, sometimes in seed-heads or roots, and are seldom leaf-mining, or case-bearing (Meyrick). One of the best known species is the nearly cosmopolitan Angoumois grain moth (Sitotroga cerealella Oliv.) whose larvae are exceedingly destructive to grains of wheat, maize, etc. Gelechia gossypiella Sand. is a destructive pest of cotton, its larva being known as the pink Boll worm and Hypatima pulversa Meyr. is one of the chief enemies of Tachardia lacca in India, its larva being predaceous upon the latter insect.

The Ecophoridae are widely distributed but particularly dominant in Australia, where about 1,000 species are already known. The extensive genus Depressaria is largely European, its larvae living in rolled or spun leaves, especially of Umbelliferae and Compositae.

The Elachistidae have extremely narrow wings and the venation is much reduced in consequence. The genus Coleophora is represented by over 70 British species and their larvae are leaf-miners in the earlier instars, afterwards inhabiting portable cases. The latter are attached to leaves, etc. into the interior of which the larvae feed, producing a pale blotch of destroyed tissue; pupation usually occurs in the larval case.

The Plutellidae are a moderate-sized family with rather undefined characters. The Small Ermine moths (Hyponomus) are nearly cosmopolitan and their larvae live gregariously in dense webs on shrubs and fruit-trees. The Diamond-back moth (Plutella cruciferae L.) is very destructive to cruciferous vegetables and, owing to its ability to flourish in almost all climates, is now very nearly world-wide (Fig. 418).

The Tineidae, as defined by Meyrick, constitutes the largest family of the group: about 1,000 species are palearctic and nearly 300 are included in the British fauna. Nepticula and its allies include the smallest known Lepidoptera, N. microthierella St. having a wing-expanse of only about 3 mm. In certain primitive members of this, and other genera, a jugum is present on the fore-wings in the female, and a series of hooked spines on the hind-wings: in the male a true frenulum is present (Braun, 1919). The larvae are leaf-miners devoid of jointed thoracic legs and of crochets. Two pairs of leg-like swellings, however, are present on the thorax and similar structures are found on the 2nd to 7th abdominal segments. Opostega Z. represents the extreme condition of venational reduction and its larva is in some respects highly specialized (Heinrich, 1918). Lithocolletis Hb. is an extensive genus whose mining larvae cause leaf-blotches on various plants. One surface of the mine is silk-lined and caused to contract thus producing a hollow chamber (Meyrick). Thoracic legs may be wanting and the abdominal feet are reduced. Larvae of Gracilaria, Lyonetia, Phylocoptes, etc. are also leaf-miners, those of the last named being apodous. Tinea L. is universally distributed, its larva exhibit diverse habits and sometimes live in portable cases. Those of most European species feed on dry refuse, dead wood, clothes, etc. That of Tinea vastella feeds on a variety of substances including dried fruit, fungi, horns of antelopes, etc. The clothes moths Tinea pellionella L. and biselliei St. and Trichopha高兴 tapetzella L. are destructive in houses, their larvae attacking wool, hair, clothing,
carpets, feathers and dried skins. In *Melasina energa* Meyr. (Ceylon) the larva inhabits a tubular tunnel of earth and vegetable particles which partly projects above the surface of the ground (vide Fryer, *Trans. Ent. Soc.*, 1913). *Adela* Latr. includes metallic species which fly in sunshine and often have extremely elongate antennæ.

The Prodoxidae are remarkable on account of the intimate relationship which exists between them and species of Yucca (vide Riley *Rep. Missouri Bot. Gard.*, 1892; also *Ins. Life V.*, p. 161). The female of *Pronuba yuccasella* utilizes *Yucca filamentosa* and, by the aid of her specially modified mouth-parts, collects the pollen and applies it to the pistil in which she has previously deposited an egg. In this manner development of the pod, within which the larva feeds, is ensured. In *Prodoxus* the above relationship with the plant host does not exist and in this case it is dependent upon the *Pronuba* for the pollination of the flowers within which the larval growth similarly takes place.

The Tischeriidae exhibit relationships with the Sesiidae on the one hand and certain Tineidae on the other. They are small brilliantly coloured day flying moths, widely distributed in the tropics and extending into Japan and Australia. The Xylorictidae also belong to the latter continent.

Superfamily **Tortricina**

**MAXILLARY PALPI RUDIMENTARY OR ATROPHIED:** LABIAL PALPI WITH THE 2nd JOINT MORE OR LESS ROUGH-SCALED, TERMINAL JOINT RATHER SHORT, OBTUSE. TIBIAL SPURS USUALLY ALL PRESENT AND GENERALLY LONG. FORE-WINGS WITH Cu₂ MORE OR LESS DEVELOPED. ISIA AND 2nd A FORMING A BASAL FORK; M₂, M₃ AND Cu₁₄ MORE OR LESS APPROXIMATED. HIND-WINGS GENERALLY WITH A FRENULUM; Rs AND M₁ APPROXIMATED OR STALKED, Cu₄ ALMOST ALWAYS PRESENT.

Table of Families:

1. (2).—Middle spurs of hind-tibiae, or at least one, well developed: **Torticidae** proboscis present.  
2. (1).—Middle spurs of hind-tibiae very short or absent: proboscis absent.
3. (6).—Fore-wings with Cu₂ absent.
4. (5).—Frenulum absent.
5. (4).—Frenulum present.
6. (3).—Fore-wings with Cu₂ present.
7. (8).—Frenulum absent.
8. (7).—Frenulum present.

**FAM. COSSIDJE** (Goat Moths, Carpenter Moths).—Insects of moderately large or exceedingly large size, the females of *Duomitus leuconotus* Wlk. attaining a wing-expanse of 180 mm. The family is generally distributed and, according to Turner (1918), it retains the most ancient form of venation among Heteroneura. The antennæ are frequently bipectinate in both sexes, rarely simple: in other cases they are bipectinate in the male for a portion of their length and filiform distally. The frenulum is sometimes short and apparently non-functional, more often it is well developed: in the female it may consist of as many as nine bristles (Hampson). These moths are nocturnal fliers and lay their eggs on the bark of trees, or in the tunnels from which they have emerged. The larvae are internal feeders boring large galleries in the wood of forest, shade, and fruit trees or in the pith of reeds, etc., often causing serious injury. The head is closely united to the enlarged prothorax, and the mandibles are very large. Only primary setæ are present and the full number of limbs is retained, the crochets being usually either bi- or tri-ordinal, arranged in a complete circle. In certain species the larvae attain a very large size and in *Cossus cossus L. (ligniperda F.*) and *Prionoxystus robiniae* they live for at least two years. The pupæ lack maxillary palpi: the 3rd to 6th abdominal segments are moveable in the female and the
7th also in the male. The dorsum of the segments is armed with a toothed ridge along each margin and a cocoon of silk and gnawed wood is usually constructed. *Cossus* L. is one of the most primitive genera and is universally distributed. *Xyleutes* Hubn. includes numerous species found in all warmer regions, particularly Australia. *Zeuzera* Latr. includes the Leopard moth (*Z. pyrina* L.) whose larva is destructive to the wood of fruit trees (Fig. 419); that of *Z. coffee* Nietn. is known as the "White Borer" of coffee.

The **Arbidae** are a small family in which the antennæ are bipecinate to their apices in the males, and there is no frenulum. They are exclusively tropical, and the larvae so far as known are wood-borers. The **Ratardidae** include only the Indian genus *Ratarda* Moore which was formerly placed by Hampson in the Lymantriidae. The **Argyropterygidae** occur in Madagascar and Chili.

**Fam. Tortricidae.**—This extensive group is frequently divided into several families; thus Meyrick (1895) and Lord Walsingham (*Trans. Ent. Soc.* 1895) recognize three, while Staudinger and Rebel (1901) regard these divisions of sub-family rank and the latter course is followed in the present work. They are moths of small size with wide wings, and the hair fringes of the latter are always shorter than the width of the wing. The family is more characteristic of temperate regions than tropical, and the imagines are mainly crepuscular in habit. In the males of many species there is a basal costal fold to the fore-wings, often including expansible hairs, probably functioning as a scent organ. The eggs are flattened and oval, usually smooth, occasionally reticulated. The larvae live concealed, usually in rolled or joined leaves, or in shoots spun together. Others live in stems, roots, flower heads or seed-pods. They are rather elongate, slightly hairy and have the full number of abdominal limbs. The crochets on the abdominal feet are usually bi- or triordinal, and arranged in a complete circle. The pupæ have two rows of spines on most of the abdominal segments; the 4th to 6th segments are moveable in the female and the 7th also in the male. The pupa is protruded from the cocoon prior to emergence of the imago and is usually found in the situation where the larvae feed. The Tortricinae include the genera *Acalla* Hb., with about 24 British species, and *Tortrix* L.; one of the best known representatives is *T. viridana* L., a serious defoliator of the oak. *Enopithera* (*Sparganothis*) *pilleriana* Schiff. is holarctic and destructive to the vine. The Conchylineae (Phalaoniinae) include *Conchylis*, with nearly 140 Palaearctic species; *C. (Clysia) ambiguella* Hb. entails extensive injury to the vine on the continent of Europe, its larva feeding upon the flower buds. The Olethreutinae (Grapholithinae) include nearly 200 out of about 300 British species of the family. *Evetria* Hb. comprises the pine-bud and gall moths; *E. buoliana* Schiff. and other species are very injurious in Europe and N. America and are readily distributed in nursery stock. *Cydia pomonella* L. is the Codling moth whose larva burrows in the fruit of the apple and pear, and is a serious menace wherever these fruits are cultivated. The large genera *Epiblema* Hb. and *Graptoleiba* Tr. are mainly confined to the temperate parts of the holarctic region: a number of larvae of the latter genus feed on the seeds of *Leguminosae*.
Superfamily Pyralidina

- Proboscis and maxillary palpi usually developed. Fore-wings with is A usually simple, sometimes with a rudiment of 2nd A at the base, Cu A sometimes present, M 2 approximated to M 3, R 2 and R 4 stalked, R 1 from beyond middle of cell. Hind-wings with a frenulum, Cu A present; Sc + R 1 arising free, anastomosing with or closely approximated to Rs beyond the cell, thence diverging.

### Table of Families:

1 (2).—Hind-wings with Cu 2 absent or vestigial.

2 (1).—Hind-wings with Cu 2 present.

3 (6).—Wings divided into plumes.

4 (5).—Fore-wings divided into at most four plumes.

5 (4).—Fore-wings divided into six plumes.

6 (3).—Wings not divided into plumes.

**FAM. THYRIDIDÆ.**—A small tropicopolitan family of particular interest on account of the relationships which it exhibits with other of the larger groups of the Lepidoptera. Both Hampson and Meyrick claim that they are the ancestral group from which the Papilionina have been derived. They are mostly small moths resembling Pyralids or Geometrids in general appearance, and can usually be recognized by the presence of white or yellowish translucent areas on the wings. They are widely distributed in the tropics but only 3 genera, embracing four species, are listed by Staudinger and Rebel as entering the Palearctic region, *Thyris* alone being European. *Rhodonurus* Guen. includes over 100 species distributed from the W. Indies and S. America, through S. Africa and the whole Oriental region, to Australia. The larvae, so far as known, exhibit Pyralid characters. For a revision of the family vide Hampson (Proc. Zool. Soc. 1897).

**FAM. PYRALIDÆ.**—An enormous assemblage of small to medium-sized moths which are regarded by many authorities as consisting of a group of families; on the other hand, several writers, notably Hampson (1892-6, Vol. 4), regard the whole as a single family, dividing the latter into 12 sub-families of which seven are British. They are all of fragile, slender build with relatively long legs, and the approximation or fusion of Sc + R 1 with Rs in the hind-wings (Fig. 420), readily separates the Pyralidæ from any other major division of Lepidoptera. Their larvae have very varied habits, and many live in concealment. They are markedly active, and often exhibit a forward and backward wriggling motion when disturbed. They are usually slender and nearly bare, with little or no colour pattern. The abdominal feet are short, and provided with either a pair of transverse bands, or a more or less complete circle of biordinal crochets. The pupæ are not protruded from the cocoon in emergence, and abdominal segments 5 to 7 are free. Maxillary palpi are almost always present,
and the surface of the body is seldom roughened with spines or setae as in the Pterophoridae.

The Galleriinae are a small but widely distributed sub-family whose larvae feed on a variety of dried substances including the combs of bee hives and of wasps' nests, dried fruits, and in a few cases in roots, beneath bark, etc. Pupation takes place in a peculiarly tough cocoon. The best known species is the Bee moth, *Galleria mellonella* L. which has become artificially spread among hives in many parts of the world including Australia. The biology and method of nutrition of this species has been studied by Metalnikov (*Arch. Zool. Exp.* 1908).

The Crambinae include the Grass moths which are small insects with narrow elongate fore-wings, extremely abundant in pastures. They rest by day in an upright position, with the wings closely folded on grass stems. Their larvae usually feed in silken galleries on grasses, reeds, or moss. The genus *Crambus* is widely spread in temperate regions, over 120 species being palaeartic. The larva of *Clima simplex* is the destructive sugar-cane borer of India.

The Phycitinae are a very large group with elongate fore-wings which lack vein R₄: the hind-wings have, on the dorsal side, a well defined pecten of hairs on the lower margin of the cell near the base. These insects are exceptional in that the frenulum is simple in both sexes. Secondary sexual characters are well seen in the swollen basal antennal joint of the males, and the same sex is often provided with a conspicuous row or tuft of hairs or scales on the fore-wings. The larva vary greatly in habits and usually live in silken tubes by day, coming out to feed at night. Nearly 50 species of the sub-family are British, and over 800 are found in the palaeartic region. *Ephestia* Gn. includes the Mediterranean Flour Moth (*E. Ruenniella* Z.), whose larvae are great pests in flour mills; those of other species attack dried fruits, biscuits, and other commodities. *E. cautella* Walk. being the nearly cosmopolitan Fig moth. The Indian-meal moth (*Plodia interpunctella* Hbst.), is even more widely distributed and attacks maize, figs and seeds of various kinds. *Latilia cocidivora* is remarkable on account of its predaceous larva which lives upon various Coccids in N. America. A detailed study of the metamorphosis and larval and pupal structure of a Phycid is given in Nigmann's paper (*Ind. Forest Rec.* 8, 1910) on the Oriental Toon Moth (*Hypospyla robusta* Moore), which is a shoot-borer. Larvae of various other genera live in rolled or spun leaves, others affect flower heads, and many live on the bark of trees.

The Pyralinae have R₄ present in the fore-wings and arising out of R₃. They are fairly numerous in the tropics, but scarce elsewhere, and absent from New Zealand. The larvae feed, as a rule, upon dry or decaying vegetable substances. Those of the cosmopolitan *Pyralis farinalis* L. form silken galleries among corn and flour debris; species of *Aglossa* Latr., mainly live among hay and chaff refuse, while *Synaphe angustalis* Schiff. frequents damp moss.

The Hydrocampinae are of particular interest on account of the aquatic habits of the larvae of *Catalysta* Hbst., *Acen tropus* Curt., and *Nymphula* Schrk. (= *Paraponyx* Hbst., *Hydrocampa* Gn.) which live among the leaves of water plants. The larvae of *Nymphula* are usually leaf-miners at first and live throughout life below the surface of the water. The biology of this genus has been frequently studied, notably by Mail (*Ag. Ins.*), Muller (*Zool. Jahrb. Syst.* 1892) and Welch (*Ann. Ent. Soc. Am.* 1916). Two definite larval types occur—those without tracheal gills when fully grown (ex. *N. nymphicata*) and those in which such organs are present (*N. stratiotata*). The life-history of *N. maculalis* Clem. has been studied by Welch, who states that tracheal gills are wanting in the first instar but increase numerically after each moult. The pupa is enclosed in a silken cocoon on the submerged surface of a leaf, and the imago is not affected by contact with water during emergence. The method of respiration in this genus requires further study: during early life it is cutaneous and spiracles, if present, are closed. In *N. nymphicata* and *C. lemmata* respiration subsequently takes place by means of the usual number of open spiracles. In other species it is performed by means of tracheal gills; non-functional spiracles co-exist with the latter in *N. stratiotata*, but apparently not in *N. maculalis*. The anomalous genus *Acen tropus* is the most truly aquatic of all Lepidoptera, and its structure and biology has been studied in detail by Nigmann (1908). The young larva tunnels in the petioles of *Potamogeton* and other water plants; it subsequently constructs a tube of portions of leaves spun together, but open at the two extremities. A cocoon is spun in a rather similar leaf-shelter, the pupa being also completely submerged. Respiration in the larva appears to be cutaneous at first and it is only in the later stages that the tracheae become filled with air. The females are dimorphic: the long-winged forms are aerial while those with reduced wings live entirely in the water using their alary organs for swimming.
The Scopariine are a small group mainly represented by the extensive genus *Scoparia* Hw. The latter according to Meyrick mostly inhabits temperate regions and is extensively developed in New Zealand. The larvae mainly feed upon mosses and lichens among which they construct silken galleries. Twelve species of the genus are British and about 40 are palaeartic.

The Pyraustine constitute the largest of the sub-families and are characterized by $R_2$ and $R_5$ arising from the cell in the fore-wings; they differ from the Scopariine in the absence of raised tufts of scales on the wings. Included in this group are most of the larger Pyrales. They are common in practically all parts of the globe and exceedingly abundant within the tropics. Their larvae usually feed in a slight web amongst spun leaves, or sometimes in stems or roots.

**FAM. PTEROPHORIDE** (Plume Moths).—These insects are readily distinguishable by their deeply fissured wings; the anterior pair is longitudinally cleft into two or more rarely, three or four divisions, and the hind pair into three. There are no maxillary palpi, and all the species are extremely lightly built with very elongate fore-wings, and unusually long and slender legs armed with prominent tibial spurs. The species are nowhere numerous and 32 inhabit the British Isles. *Agdistis* Hub., and two other genera, are exceptional in possessing undivided wings. The larvae mostly exposed on flowers and leaves but sometimes internally in stems or seed vessels the Composite being more frequently selected than any other order of plants. They are long and stem-like with uniodinal crochets. The pupae (vide Chapman, 1896) are attached by the cremaster and occur above ground, sometimes in a slight cocoon. The body is roughened with short spines or with small groups of longer barbed spines arising from small elevations. Unlike the Pyralidæ, there are no maxillary palpi, and the deep furrow between the 9th and 10th abdominal terga is likewise absent. Among British species one of the commonest is *Pterophorus pentadactylus* L. whose larva feeds upon *Convolvulus*; the larva of *Agdistis heuvelii* Curt. selects *Suaeda villosa* and that of *Trichoptygium paludum* Zelb. feeds upon the leaf-tentacles of *Drosophila* (Chapman, Trans. Ent. Soc. 1906).

**FAM. ORNEODIDÆ** (Alucitidae: Many Plume Moths). — A small isolated family characterized by both pairs of wings being cleft into six or more narrow plume-like divisions, densely fringed with hairs along both margins (Fig. 421). They are related to the Pyralidæ and Tineidæ, but exhibit no close affinity with the Pterophoridæ. With the exception of *Orneodes hexacactyla* L., which is holarctic the various species have a restricted range: the former insect is common in Britain where it is the sole representative of the family. The larvae burrow into shoots, flower-stalks, and buds giving rise to galls, and the known food-plants include *Lonicera*, *Scabiosa*, and *Stachys*. They are hirsute, cylindrical and rather stout; the crochets are uniodinal, arranged in a complete circle. The pupae are very different from those of the Pterophoridæ and have affinities with Tineidæ and Pyralidæ. A cocoon is formed on the surface of the ground and consists of loose silk or of fine earthen particles. Most of what is known concerning the family will be found in papers by Chapman (1896), Hofmann (Deut. Ent. Zeit. 1898), Fletcher (Spolia Zeyl. 1910), and in Genera Insectorum by Meyrick (Fasc. 108).

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**Superfamily Psychina**

MAXILLARY PALPI VESTIGIAL OR ATROPHIED. POSTERIOR TIBIAE WITH VERY SHORT SPURS, MIDDLE SPURS OFTEN ABSENT. FOREWINGS WITH ISLA AND 2ndA FORMING A BASAL FORK, CU$_4$ USUALLY PRESENT, M$_3$ MORE OR LESS APPROXIMATED TO M$_2$. HIND-WINGS WITH FRENULUM, RETINACULUM OFTEN VERY BROAD: CU$_4$ PRESENT, SC + R$_1$ CONNECTED OR ANASTOMOSING WITH CELL.

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Table of Families:

1. (2).—Hind-wings with Sc + R1 coincident with the cell to Megalopygidae; middle or near extremity: palpi absent.
2. (1).—Not as above.
3. (6).—Hind-wings with Sc + R1 anastomosing with the cell: palpi present.
4. (5).—Frenulum absent.
5. (4).—Frenulum present.
6. (3).—Hind-wings with Sc + R1 free or connected with the cell by a bar.
7. (12).—Proboscis absent.
8. (9).—Fore-wings with Cu2 absent; females winged.
9. (8).—Fore-wings with Cu2 present; females apterous.
10. (11).—Females and larvae case-dwellers.
11. (10).—Females and larvae not case-dwellers.
12. (7).—Proboscis present.
13. (14).—Antennae clubbed: hind-wings with Sc + R1 diverging from the cell from the base.
14. (13).—Antennae filiform, rarely terminally dilated: hind-wings with Sc + R1 approximated to the cell and connected by a bar.

FAM. PSYCHIDÆ (Bag-worm Moths). A somewhat small family with an extremely wide distribution: about 150 species occur in the palaeartic region but very few are British. The family has evolved along totally different lines in the two sexes, the males being highly specialized and swift fliers, while the females include the most degenerate of all Lepidoptera (Fig. 422). In the former sex the wings are thickly clothed with hairs and imperfect scales, and are almost devoid of markings. The labial palpi are very short, the antennae are strongly bipectinated, and the frenulum exceptionally large. The females are always apterous, but exhibit various degrees of degeneration: in extreme forms the antennae, mouth-parts, and legs are totally wanting. The larvae inhabit cases which exhibit great variety of shape and of materials used in their construction; they carry their cases with them as they move about their food-plants. These habitations are formed of silk covered with fragments of leaves, twigs, grass and other objects. In Apterona they are wholly constructed of silk and are extremely close copies of Helix-like shells. Pupation takes place within the larval case, and the pupae are provided with a row of sharp spinules on the abdominal segments. There is much diversity of structure in the female pupa: thus according to Heylaerts wings are present in Fumea, while in Thridopteryx Sph. and Oiketisus Guild. there are no traces either of these organs or of antennae, maxillae, or eyes and only slight vestiges of legs are present (Mosher). The imago of this sex is little more than an egg-sac and spends her whole life within the larval habitation. Copulation takes place by the male alighting on the case and inserting his protrusible abdomen between the wall of the former and the ventral surface of the female. Fumea is exceptional in that the female emerges from the case prior to copulation. Parthenogenesis is known to occur in Apterona crenulella var. helix but it is extremely doubtful if it is the rule in other species. Heylaerts (1881) has monographed the European species and gives much general information on the family: for the habits and structure of Acanthopsycce opacella H. Sch., vide Chapman (1900). The affinities of the Psychidae appear to lie with the Heterogynidae, and Heylaerts regards them as being intermediate between this family and the Lymantriidae; other naturalists claim that they are also connected through the Heterogynidae with the Zygænidae. Meyrick removes the genera Fumea and Epichnopteryx to the Tineidae.

The HETEROGYNIDÆ are an extremely small family represented by the southern European genus Heterogynis Rbr. The larvae are not case-bearers, and the females resemble those of the Psychidae in being vermiciform and degenerate. They are stated to remain in the cocoons and lay their eggs there.
The **CHRYSOPOLOMIDÆ** are similarly a very small family comprising only two genera and about 17 species which inhabit parts of Africa.

**FAM. LACOSOMIDÆ (Perophoridae).**—These insects are moderate sized rather stout bodied moths found in N. and S. America. Their affinities are doubtful and they have been placed as exceptional members of the Drepanidæ or Psychidæ. They are remarkable on account of the larval habit of making suspended protective cases of the leaves of the food plants. In some instances the case is only constructed by the mature larva, the latter living previously under a web, and in at least one species the larva constructs a covering of its own excrement. There is a considerable literature on these larvae and further information is given by Sharp (Ins. pt. 2). The life-history of *Lacosoma chiridota* Gr. is described by Dyar (Journ. N. Y. Ent. Soc., 1900).

**FAM. MEGALOPYGIDÆ (Lagoidæ).**—An essentially American family with only few palæarctic species which occur in Africa. Their affinities apparently lie nearest to the Cochlididæ, particularly with regard to larval characters. According to Dyar their larvae possess two series of abdominal feet. The normal ones occur on segments 3 to 6 and on 10, and are provided with crochets; the secondary feet lie on segments 2 to 7 and are of the nature of sucker discs. Mosher states that in *Lagoa* the pupa has the head and thoracic segments free, and abdominal segments 1 to 6 are free in the female, with segment 7 also in the male. The whole pupal covering is thin and membranous with the appendages entirely free from each other and from the body-wall. The cocoon is furnished with a circular operculum to allow of the emergence of the imago. An account of the metamorphoses and anatomy of *Lagoa crispata* is given by Packard (1894).

**FAM. COCHLIDIDÆ (Limacodidæ, Heterogeneidæ or Euclidean).** A small family allied to the Zygænidæ and Megalopygidae and including less than 40 palæarctic species: *Heterogenea* Knoch and *Cochlidion* Hb. are British. Their larvae are commonly known as "slug caterpillars," which have thick, short fleshy bodies, a small retractile head and minute thoracic legs. Segmentation is indistinct and there are no abdominal feet, but according to Chapman (Trans. Ent. Soc., 1894) secondary sucker discs are present on the first eight abdominal segments. A valuable series of papers on the structure of these anomalous larvae has been contributed by Dyar (1805-9). Those of different genera have very little in common beyond the features enumerated: many are smooth and glabrous while others are provided with a conspicuous armature of spine-bearing scoli which, in the case of *Empretia stimulea*, are said to be poisonous. The pupae strongly resemble those of the preceding family and are enclosed in a hardened oval or round cocoon. The latter is provided with an operculum which is constructed by the larva and allows of the free escape of the imago (Fig. 423).

**FAM. ZYGÆNIDÆ.**—The members of this family closely resemble the Syntomidae but are readily separable therefrom by the presence of Cu₂ in the hind-wings (Fig. 424). Many are very brilliantly coloured and there is considerable diversity of structure. They are diurnal in habit, with a slow heavy flight, and are inclined to be very...
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locally distributed. The larvae (Fig. 425) possess the full number of limbs, and, so far as known, they are short and cylindrical with numerous verrucae from which arise short hairs; they live exposed on herbaceous plants. The pupae are enclosed in tough elongate membranous cocoons above ground; owing to their great capacity for movement, they are enabled to work their way out prior to the emergence of the imagines.

The sub-family Zygeninæ is characteristic of the palæarctic region where it is represented by 12 genera and over 100 species; 2 genera and 10 species inhabit the British Isles. Zygæna F. includes the “Burnets” which have the antennæ distally enlarged and Ino Lch. includes the brilliant metallic green “Foresters.” The Chalcosinæ are from the largest group and are essentially tropical, only two species entering the palæarctic region. Many species are butterfly-like with slender bodies and broad large wings; in Elycsma Butl. and Hisia Fab. the hind-wings are tailed. The Phaunæ are a small and very aberrant sub-family in which the mouth-parts are wanting. In Himanopterus Westm. the hind-wings are filiform as in the Nemopteridæ (p. 383) and there is no frenulum; the genus is placed by some authorities in a family of its own—the Himanopteridæ (Thymaridae).

FAM. CASTNIIDÆ.—Included in this family are a number of brightly coloured day-flying moths often bearing a resemblance either to Nymphaline butterflies or “Skippers”; they are confined to tropical America and the Indo-Malayan and Australian regions. Their metamorphoses have been very little studied. The eggs are upright and the larvae feed within the stems of plants; for remarks on the pupa, vide Chapman (Ent. Rec. 1895). Castnia ilicis is destructive to sugar cane in tropical America and its metamorphoses are figured by Marlatt (U.S. Dep. Agric. Ent. Bull. 54). By some authorities the family is regarded as being closely related to the Papilionina, but, with the removal of both Megathyrmus and Euschemôn to the Hesperidæ, the affinities appear to be less evident.

The Dalcérinæ are a very small family and occur in S. America.
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Superfamily Lasiocampina (Fig. 426).

MAXILLARY PALPI OBSOLETE. FORE-WINGS WITH \( \text{Cu}_2 \) ABSENT, \( \text{M}_3 \) APPROXIMATED TO \( \text{M}_2 \) TOWARDS THE BASE. HIND-WINGS USUALLY WITHOUT A FRENULUM; \( \text{Cu}_2 \) ABSENT; \( \text{Sc} + \text{R}_1 \) APPROXIMATED TO \( \text{R}_5 \) BEYOND THE CELL, OR SOMETIMES CONNECTED OR ANASTOMOSING WITH THE CELL ONLY.

Key to the families:

1 (4).—Hind-wings with \( \text{Sc} + \text{R}_1 \) remote from \( \text{R}_5 \); frenulum absent.

2 (3).—Hind-wings with \( \text{Sc} + \text{R}_1 \) approximated to the cell at the middle.

3 (2).—Hind-wings with \( \text{Sc} + \text{R}_1 \) connected with the cell by a bar near the base.

4 (1).—Hind-wings with \( \text{Sc} + \text{R}_1 \) curved and approximated to or anastomosing with \( \text{R}_5 \), or connected with it by a bar. Frenulum present or absent.

5 (6).—Hind-wings with a pre-costal spur to \( \text{Sc} + \text{R}_1 \).

6 (5).—Hind-wings with no pre-costal spur to \( \text{Sc} + \text{R}_1 \).

7 (8).—Hind-wings with 2ndA absent or not reaching outer angle. Drepanidae Frenulum present.

8 (7).—Hind-wings with 2ndA reaching outer angle. Frenulum absent.

FAM. DREPANIDÆ (Drepanulidæ : Hook Tips).—A rather small family mainly developed in the Indo-Malayan portion of the oriental region. Its members exhibit considerable diversity of structure and, as a rule, have the apex of the fore-wing falcate. The eggs are rounded-oval with the surface finely punctured. The larvae are somewhat slender without the claspers on segment 13, and the anal extremity is prolonged into a slender projection which is raised in repose; certain of the other segments are often humped. The pupa is enclosed in a cocoon, usually among leaves above ground. Drepana Schr. is the chief genus with 9 palearctic species. Cilex Lch. has the forewings non-falcate, the frenulum is vestigial and there is no proboscis; C. glaucata Sc. is the only species and is holarctic in distribution.

FAM. LASIOCAMPIDÆ (Eggers, Lappet-moths).—Usually moderate to large sized densely-scaled moths, with stout bodies, and the humeral lobe of the hind-wings prominent. The proboscis is atrophied, there are no ocelli, and the antennae are bipectinated in both sexes. These insects are widely distributed but absent from New Zealand and are most abundant in the tropics. The eggs are smooth and oval, and the larvae stout with a more or less dense clothing of secondary hairs which obscure the primitive sete. They are often provided with lateral downwardly directed hairflanges, and hairy subdorsal tufts or dorsal humps on the anterior segments. The full number of abdominal limbs is present, and the crochets are biordinal arranged in a mesoseries. The pupæ resemble those of the Bombycidae but differ in the presence of an epicranial suture and in the labial palpi being un concealed. The body is provided with numerous setæ and there is no cremaster. A dense, rather firm, oval cocoon of hair and silk is commonly present and met with above ground. Lasiocampa Schr. is a small genus of large moths con-
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fined to Europe and its species are usually swift fliers in sunshine: most members of the family, however, are nocturnal. Malacosoma neustria L. is the Lackey moth of Europe, whose larvae live gregariously in webs during their earlier stages, and are very destructive to the foliage of fruit trees. The larvae of M. americana have a similar habit and are commonly known as "tent-caterpillars," their webs measuring 2 feet or more in length.

The PTEROTHYSANIDÆ include slender moths with large wing-expanse, bearing a resemblance to Geometride. They inhabit the East Indies and the genus Pterothysonus Wlk. is easily recognizable by the very long double hair-fringe which adorns the inner margin of the hind-wings. The ENDROMIDÆ include only one species, Endromis versicolor L. which is a rather large day-flying moth widely distributed in N. and C. Europe but extremely local in Britain. It frequents the neighbourhood of woods, the larva feeding upon the foliage of birch and other trees. The CALLIDULIDÆ are day-flying moths bearing a close resemblance to certain Thecline and other butterflies. The antennæ are simple, the labial palpi are long, and the frenulum is either present or absent. The family is essentially Oriental and does not occur in Europe; Pterodecta felderi Brem. is the only palearctic species.

Superfamily Papilionina

ANTENNÆ SLENDER, DILATED APIÇALLY FORMING A GRADUAL OR ABRUPT CLUB. LABIAL PALPI MODERATELY LONG, MORE OR LESS ROUGH-HAIRED, TERMINAL JOINT RATHER POINTED. MAXILLARY PALPI OBSOLETE. FORE-WINGS WITH Cu2 ABSENT, M2 USUALLY ARISING FROM OR ABOVE MIDDLE OF TRANSVERSE VEIN. HIND-WINGS WITHOUT FRENULUM: 1 Cu2 ABSENT; Sc X R3 ARISING OUT OF CELL NEAR BASE, THENCE STRONGLY CURVED AND DIVERGING.

This superfamily includes those insects commonly known as butterflies and are frequently regarded as constituting a group (Rhopalocera) of equal systematic value to the whole of the remainder of the Lepidoptera or moths (Heterocera). There is, however, no scientific justification for according to these insects any higher rank than that of a superfamily. They are characterized by the antennæ being clubbed or dilated, the absence of a frenulum and by the humeral lobe of the hind-wing being greatly developed. In other Lepidoptera the antennæ are not clubbed or dilated except in infrequent cases, and in such instances a frenulum is present. Euschemon is often regarded as a moth and either given separate family rank or placed in the Castniidæ. Recent research, however, indicates that it is probably the most archaic of all Papilionina and a member of the Hesperiidæ. A frenulum is present in the male but absent in the female and, as Tillyard has pointed out (1918), if the nature of the wing-coupling apparatus be the criterion relied upon, the male of Euschemon is a frenate moth and the female a butterfly! The Papilionina are a tolerably natural group, but there is no general consensus of opinion as to their phylogeny. Both Hampson and Meyrick regard them as being derived from the Pyraline family Thyrididæ while other authorities derive them from the Castniidæ.

Key to the families:

1 (10).—Fore-wings with two or more veins stalked or coincident: club of antennæ rounded.

2 (5).—Anterior legs of male useless for walking. Nymphalidæ (p. 439)

3 (4).—Anterior legs of female useless for walking. Nemeobiidæ (p. 441)

4 (3).—Anterior legs of female well developed.

5 (2).—Anterior legs of male well developed.

1 Except in male of Euschemon.
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6 (7).—Anterior tarsi of male more or less abbreviated or with one or both claws absent.  
6 (7).—Anterior tarsi of male normal, claws developed.  
8 (9).—Hind-wings with a single anal vein.  
9 (8).—Hind-wing with two anal veins.

10 (1).—Fore-wing with all the veins present and separate: club of antennae terminated by a recurved hook.  

FAM. NYMPHALIDÆ.—The dominant family of the Papilionina and one of the largest of all Lepidoptera, including about 5,000 described species. The fore-legs in both sexes are reduced in size, usually folded on the thorax, and functionally impotent: the tibie are short and clothed with long hairs, hence the name of "brush-footed" butterflies.

The Danainæ (Euplöeinae, Limnadiæ) have the antennal club often but little pronounced, and the whole antenna is devoid of scales: the fore-feet in the female terminate in a corrugate knob. The larvae are smooth and cylindrical, with two to four pairs of fleshy processes, at least on the mesothorax, and often on one or more of the abdominal segments. They are all very strikingly marked with black and yellow, red, or green. The imagines have developed what must be, to our senses at any rate, an acrid disagreeable odour and taste, accompanied with a leathery consistency of body which evidently protects them from insectivorous enemies. In the majority of forms secondary sexual characters in the form of androconia, tufts of hairs etc. having peculiar odours, are prominent (Bingham). The sub-family occurs in all warmer regions and well-known genera are Danais, Euplœa (Fig. 428), and Amauris.

The Ithomiinae differ from the Danainæ in that the female has a true though somewhat shortened fore-tarsus. The antennae are devoid of scales and the wings are elongated, often in great part translucent, and thinly scaled. The sub-family is neotropical, and many species exhibit colour resemblances to the Heliconiæ or to the Pieridae.

The Satyrinae (Agapetidae) are a world-wide group which includes the common "Meadow-browns," "Heaths," "Graylings" and "Marbled Whites." They are
easily recognizable by certain of the veins at the base of the fore-wings being greatly swollen, and by the strongly addresed palpi. They are small to medium-sized butterflies, frequently some shade of brown or tawny in colour, with a variable number of eye-like or annular spots. Their powers of flight are not greatly developed, and they are largely shade-loving insects, cryptically coloured on the underside. The larvae feed mostly upon Gramineae: they are fusiform and green, yellowish, or brown marked with longitudinal lines. In appearance they bear a resemblance to Noctuid larvae. The head is often bilobed or horned, the prothorax constricted, and the body is clothed with small papillae bearing short secondary setae. The segments are divided into annules, and the suranal plate is bifurcate, bearing a pair of short backwardly directed processes. The pupae are similar in general form to those of the Nymphaline but are devoid of tubercles, and have few prominent ridges. They are generally suspended by the cremaster, and there is no median silken belt: a few are subterranean and, in some cases, they construct a slight cocoon or cell. *Erebia* is characteristic of the Alps of Europe, but also occurs on the mountains of Asia, S. Africa and N. America: two species inhabit N. Britain. In *Melanitis*, the bases of the veins of the fore-wings are normal and not swollen. *M. ismena* Cram. extends across the southern half of Africa through the Oriental region to Australia: it has both wet and dry season forms and numerous local races. The Neotropical genera *Cittharias* and *Hetera* have delicate transparent wings, with the scales almost wanting.

The Morphinae are exclusively tropical, and have the discal cell in the hind-wings open; there is also a cradle-like depression along their inner margins for the reception of the abdomen. The species of *Morpho* are large, and have an extensive wing-expanse in proportion to the size of the body. They are brilliant metallic blue insects peculiar to the forests of tropical America. The eastern representatives of the group do not equal their S. American allies either in size or brilliancy.

The Brassolinae are likewise neotropical, and are very large insects with the discal cell of the hind-wings closed. They are deeply and richly coloured, and the under surface is marked with eye-spots and intricate lines. *Caligo* is one of the most familiar genera.

The Acreinae are essentially African insects and the majority belong to the extensive genus *Acorea*: a few are Oriental and S. American. The wings are elongate and sparsely scaled, or more or less diaphanous. These insects appear to be largely immune from insectivorous enemies in all stages, and the females in certain species develop an abdominal pouch very much as in *Parnassius* (vide, p. 443).

The Heliconiae form one of the most characteristic groups of neotropical butterflies and are peculiar to that region. The fore-wings are about twice as long as broad; the fore-tarsus in the male is elongate and single-jointed, and 4-jointed in the female. They are medium-sized insects, many of which are stated to be protected owing to possessing nauseous or evil-smelling properties. They are closely related to the Nymphaline in all their stages, but the imagines are readily distinguished by the closed discal cell.

The Nymphaline constitute the largest of the sub-families: the discal cell in both pairs of wings is very often open or closed only by an imperfect veinlet. The palpi are large and usually broad anteriorly. The fore-tarsi in the male are unjointed and in the female four or five joints are present. In Britain, as in most parts of the world, they constitute the dominant group of butterflies and include the "Fritillaries" (*Argynnis*, *Brenthis*, and *Melitaea*); the "Tortoiseshell" and "Peacock" (*Vanessa*); the "Purple Emperor" (*Apatura*) and other familiar insects. The larvae are almost always cylindrical and armed with numerous scoli. In *Apatura* and *Charaxes* they are smooth with tentacle-like processes on the head, and a pair of posteriorly directed anal processes. Muller (1886) gives a very complete account of the metamorphoses of many Brazilian species, and discusses the significance of colour pattern and its relation to the scoli. The pupae are very characteristic and are often armed with prominent tubercles on the surface of the body: there are usually seven rows on the abdomen, and there is a pointed projection on either side of the head in many
species. The pupa is suspended head downwards by the cremaster, unsupported by a median girdle. Among the more notable species may be mentioned the central European Araschnia levana which produces two annual generations so dissimilar that they were formerly regarded as the two species, A. levana and A. prorsa. Pyrameis cardui, the "Painted Lady," is probably the widest distributed of all Lepidoptera.

FAM. NEMEOBIIDÈ (Erycinidæ, Lemonidæ). An extensive family comprising over 1000 species which are characteristic of the neotropical region. A few species are found in the United States and approximately 100 occur in the eastern hemisphere. For the most part they are small butterflies, with short broad fore-wings, and the fore-legs in the male are imperfect and brush-like, with one-jointed tarsi devoid of claws: in the female the fore-legs are functionally perfect but distinctly smaller than the remaining pairs. The vast majority of the species belong to the sub-family Nemeobiinæ (Riodiniinæ) which has a single European representative, Nemeobius lucina. The latter insect extends its range into Britain where it is local but not rare. The Libytheinæ may be easily recognized by the very long and closely approximated proboscis. The widely distributed genus Libythea includes a single palearctic species L. celtis, which occurs in central Europe. The affinities of this sub-family have given rise to much discussion, and certain authorities relegate it to the Nymphalidæ while others regard it as forming a separate family. The Nemeobiinæ on the other hand are more nearly related to the Lycaenidæ. The larvae of the Libytheinæ bear considerable resemblance to those of Pieridæ: each segment is divided into annules, and numerous secondary setae are present. The pupae are short and smooth and suspended perpendicularly. Larvae of the Nemeobiinæ exhibit marked diversity of form: in some cases they are onisciform, attenuated at the extremities, and covered with a variable development of secondary setae. Both larvae and pupæ resemble those of the Lycaenidæ rather than any other family.

FAM. LYCÆNIDÈ (Blues, Coppers, Hair-streaks). A family of small to moderate-sized butterflies well represented in most regions. Over 280 species are palearctic, and 18 have been recognized as British, though several are either no longer met with or are casual and extremely rare. The predominant colour of the upper surface of the wings is metallic blue or coppery, dark brown, or orange; on the under side coloration is more sombre, with dark-centred eye-spots or delicate streaking. The antennæ are ringed with white and a rim of white scales surrounds each eye; the hind-wings are frequently provided with delicate tail-like prolongations. The legs are all functional and used for walking but, in the males, the anterior tarsi are more or less abbreviated, or with one or both claws wanting. The sexes frequently exhibit great differences in coloration; thus in Lycaena agon for example, the male is purplish-blue and the female dark iridescent fuscous and, in L. corydon, the male is pale shining blue and the female iridescent brown. The great majority of the larvae are onisciform, tapering towards the extremities, and with broad projecting sides concealing the limbs (Fig. 429). This type of body-form resembles that of Zygæna more than of any other Lepidoptera. Secondary setae are usually numerous, but some larvae are smooth or dorsally corrugated; many are clothed with a short pile, others are armed with bristle-bearing verrucae and a few are hairy. The pupa is relatively short and stout, anteriorly rounded, and with little or no freedom of motion in the abdominal segments, which fit together to form a smooth surface. Generally it is attached at the anal extremity and secured by a central girth of silk: there are, however, a number of exceptions and in some cases the pupa is subterranean. For an account of the metamorphosis of several species of the family the student is referred to a series of papers by Chapman (Trans. Ent. Soc., 1911–20). The larvae in some
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cases are known to be carnivorous: that of Gerydus chinensis Feld. feeds upon aphides in China (Kershaw, Trans. Ent. Soc., 1905). Lycana arion (Europe) is phytophagous up to the last instar when it enters nests of Myrmica and becomes carnivorous preying upon the ant larvae (Chapman, Trans. Ent. Soc., 1915). The larva of the American Feniseca tarquinius is wholly carnivorous feeding upon woolly Aphids (Eriosoma, etc.), while that of Spalgis epius is recorded by Green as preying upon Coccids. Larvae of other species are frequently sought after by ants, who use their antennae to stroke them and induce them to yield drops of fluid secretion. The latter is apparently the product of a dorsal gland situated on the 7th abdominal segment (vide Newcomer, Journ. N.Y. Ent. Soc., 20). The Indo-Australian Liphyra brassolis Westw. (Fig. 430) is the most remarkable member of the family, being totally unlike other forms in any of its stages (Chapman, Entom., 1902, 1903). Its larva is flattened, and has a very hard smooth chitinized covering, devoid of evident segmentation: the jaws are sharply toothed and adapted for tearing and piercing rather than mastication. This curious larva is found associated with Ecophylla smaragdina and is believed to prey upon the brood of the latter, its hard covering serving as a protection against the ants. Pupation takes place in the larval skin: the pupa shrinks away from the cuticle and is loosely enclosed in the puparium thus formed. The newly emerged imago is covered with a number of loosely attached scales which may serve as protection against the ants, as they certainly cause the latter trouble when enveloped by them (Dodd, Entom., 1902). Euliphyra mirifica Holl. similarly frequents nests of the same ant in W. Africa, and its greatly modified larva has been described by Eltringham (Trans. Ent. Soc., 1913).

FAM. PIERIDÆ (Whites, etc.).—Included in this family are some of the very commonest of all butterflies; they are mostly of medium size and usually either white, yellow or orange marked with black. The six legs are well developed and similar in both sexes, and the claws of the feet are bifid or toothed. Several taxonomists have united this family with the Papilionidæ, to form a single group, but the distinctness of the characters in the two cases does not appear to warrant this procedure. The larvae are rather elongate with the segments divided into annulets, and the body bears numerous secondary setae varying in size: the crochets are bi- or tri-ordinal arranged in a mesoseries. The larvae are further characterized by the absence of osmeteria, fleshy filaments and cephalic or anal horns.

The pupae are suspended in an upright position attached by the caudal extremity and a central band of silk: they may be readily distinguished by the single median cephalic projection or spine, and the hind-wings are not visible ventrally (Mosher). Pieris includes the common White or Cabbage butterflies whose larvae, in several species, are extremely destructive to cruciferous vegetables in Europe and N. America. In this respect Pieris rapae is probably the most injurious of all butterflies. Larvae of other members of the family feed chiefly on plants belonging to the Leguminoseae and Capparidaceæ. Euchloe and Synchloe include the "Orange Tips," Colias the "Clouded yellows" and Gonepteryx the "Brimstones or Sulphurs": all are characteristic of the northern hemisphere. Certain species of Pieridæ have the habit of migrating in large numbers, which has attracted the notice of travellers in many parts of the world. No satisfactory reason for these flights has been put forward: clouds of butterflies chiefly of Appias and Catopsilia may stream past the observer for hours at a time, all going in one direction (Bingham).

FAM. PAPILIONIDÆ (Swallow-tails).—An extensive family of pre-eminentely tropical butterflies including some of the most magnificent of all insects. About 800 species are known; less than 70 of these are palearctic, and about 30 range into America north of Mexico. In the British Isles the sole representative is Papilio machaon which is local and now restricted to certain fenny districts in East Anglia. The wings of these insects are extraordinarily variable in shape and, in the majority of species, the hind pair is provided with conspicuous tail-like prolongations which are marginal extensions in the region of vein M₂. The prevailing ground colour is
generally black, strikingly marked with shades of yellow, red, green or blue. The larvae are smooth or provided with a series of fleshy dorsal tubercles or sometimes with a raised prominence on the 4th segment. Except in Parnassius, in which secondary setae and verrucose are evident, the body is practically devoid of setae. An osmeterium is situated on the prothorax (vide p. 141) and when retracted its presence is revealed by a dorsal groove through which it is everted. The pupa are variable in form: the head bears two lateral cephalic projections and the hind-wings are visible ventrally. Suspension takes place at the caudal extremity in an upright position, and the pupa is further secured by a median silken girdle. In Thais there is a cephalic as well as an anal attachment and Parnassius is exceptional in that the pupa is not suspended but occurs in a slight silken web among leaves. The imagines of many species of the family have the sexes extraordinarily different both in form and colour, and often in habits also. In numerous instances the females are polymorphic while, in other cases, this peculiarity extends to both sexes. As examples may be mentioned the Oriental Papilio mennon which has three distinct forms in each sex and two of these in the female are tailless. The North American Iphiclides ajax has three distinct seasonal forms, viz. those appearing in early spring, late spring and summer. The African Papilio dardanus (merope) is represented by different races or sub-species in various regions of that continent, and each of these possesses from one to five different forms of the female which, for the most part, are close mimics of certain Danaine butterflies. The greater number of the species of the family are included in the genus Papilio: those of the Ornithoptera group comprise the finest of all butterflies and they form the subject of a sumptuous monograph by Rippon (Icones Ornithopterorum). In the oriental genus Leptocircus the fore-wings have a transparent scaleless band, and the tails are exceedingly long. Parnassius occurs in the mountains of the holarctic region chiefly in Central Asia. Both pairs of wings are diaphanous, with few scales, and the tails are wanting. During copulation the females develop a corneous anal pouch exhibiting specific variations in form (Fig. 431). This genus also differs from other Papilionidae in its venation and metamorphosis, and, for this reason, is sometimes placed in a family of its own.

FAM. HESPERIIDÆ (Skippers).—These insects derive their popular name from their erratic darting flight which is different from the more sustained aerial evolutions of other butterflies. They form an extremely large family, generally distributed, but not ranging into New Zealand (vide Mabille and Boulliett, Ann. Sci. Nat. 16; also Gen. Insectorum fasc. 17). The Hesperiidæ are the most distinct of all Papilionidae and there is much to be said in favour of their separation to form a superfamily of their own. Reuter regards them as constituting a sub-order—the Grypo ceræ, but this view is based upon an exaggerated value ascribed to their distinguishing features. The antennæ are relatively widely separated at their bases, and their apices are generally prolonged beyond the club to form a small recurved point. The abdomen is stout, the wings are proportionately less ample than in most butterflies, and the venation of a markedly distinct type. As a general rule the larvae are moderately stout and taper towards both extremities; secondary setae are small, or absent dorsally, and the crochets are triordinal arranged in a circle. In the Hesperiinae the head is large and attached to a strongly constricted "collar" while in the Megathy minæ it is small and partially retractile (Fracker). They frequently live concealed, drawing together leaves by means of silk, or inhabit webs or galleries: those of the Megathyminæ are borers. The pupa is devoid of angular points or projections and is usually enclosed in a slight cocoon among leaves: in other cases it is exposed and attached by the caudal extremity, and also by means of a median band of silk. The eggs are spherical or oval, flattened beneath, smooth or reticulated, and sometimes ribbed (Meyrick). The vast majority of the species belong to the Hesperiinae and eight are
indigenous to Britain. The Megathyminiæ include the Giant Skippers which have the apex of the antennæ devoid of a recurved point, and the wing veins are peculiarly specialized and greatly strengthened in the male. The group is mainly a tropical one and unrepresented in the palearctic region. The Euschemoniæ are often regarded as a family of moths, the males possessing a frenulum. Euschemon is the most archaic of all butterflies and according to Tillyard (1919) its larvæ and pupæ exhibit definite Hesperid characters.

Superfamily Notodontina

MAXILLARY PALPI OBSOLETE. FORE-WINGS WITH CU₂ ABSENT AND ISTA USUALLY FURCATE; M₂ NOT ARISING NEARER M₃ THAN TO M₁; R₄ AND R₅ ARISING OUT OF R₃. HIND-WINGS USUALLY WITH A FRENULUM, CU₂ ABSENT.

Table of families:—

1 (6).—Hind-wings with Sc + R₃ diverging from the cell from the base; no frenulum.
2 (5).—Fore-wing with R₅ connected with R₃ + R₄.
3 (4).—Proboscis absent; tibiae without spurs.
4 (3).—Proboscis present; tibiae spurred.
5 (2).—Fore-wing with R₅ remote from R₃ + R₄ and usually stalked with M₁.
6 (1).—Hind-wings with Sc + R₁ connected with or approximated to the cell or Rs: frenulum present or absent.
7 (14).—Hind-wings with Sc + R₁ remote from Rs.
8 (11).—Proboscis absent.
9 (10).—Frenulum absent.
10 (9).—Frenulum present.
11 (8).—Proboscis present.
12 (13).—Hind-wings with Sc + R₁ connected with cell near middle: M₂ obsolescent.
13 (12).—Hind-wings with Sc + R₁ connected with cell near base only, or M₆ fully developed.
14 (7).—Hind-wings with Sc + R₁ approximated to or anastomosing with Rs.
15 (16).—Frenulum absent.
16 (15).—Frenulum present.
17 (18).—Hind-wings with Sc + R₁ connected with the cell by a bar near the base.
18 (17).—Hind-wings with Sc + R₁ not joined to cell by a bar.

FAM. SPHINGIDÆ (Hawk Moths).—An important family of moderate-sized to very large moths, including at least 800 species, which are distributed over almost the whole world. It is essentially a tropical group which is represented in the British Isles by 8 genera and 17 species. Deilephila lineata F. is cosmopolitan and others such as Acherontia atropos L., Daphnis nerii L. and Protoparce convolvuli L. (Fig. 432) have a very wide geographical range. The imagines are easily recognizable by the elongate fore-wings and their very oblique outer margin. The antennæ are thickened towards or beyond the middle and are pointed at the apices which are nearly always hooked: in the male the antennæ are ciliated with partial whorls. The proboscis may be developed to a length which is not attained by any other Lepidoptera, but it is very variable. In Cocytius (tropical America) it measures 25 cm. long while the opposite extreme is found in Polyptychus in which it is reduced to a pair of tubercles. The frenulum and retinaculum are present in all generalized forms, but in some instances they are reduced or vestigial. In the Humming Bird moths (Macroglossa)
and the Bee Hawk moths (*Hemaris*) the apex of the abdomen is provided with an expansile, truncated tuft of hairs. In the latter genus the disc of the wings is transparent, the fugitive scales present on newly-emerged specimens being very quickly lost. Sphingidae have an exceptionally powerful flight and hover over flowers as they feed on the wing: most are crepuscular and nocturnal but a few (*Macroglossa*, *Hemaris*, etc.) are diurnal.

The larvae are smooth, or with a granulated skin, but the latter feature is often only present in the first instar. The 8th abdominal segment almost always bears an obliquely projecting dorsal horn—relatively longer in the first than the later instars. The pupa occurs free in a cell in the ground, or in a very loose cocoon on the surface, between leaves, etc. The 5th and 6th abdominal segments are free and there is always a cremaster. Various methods of accommodating the proboscis are noticeable in the pupa and in some genera this organ projects from the body in a conspicuous manner so as to resemble the handle of a pitcher.

The Death's Head moths (*Acherontia*) are remarkable in several respects: the imagines have been noted to enter bee-hives to rob them of honey, and they possess the faculty of sound production. The note emitted is a shrill chirping sound and many hypotheses have been advanced to account for it. The literature thereon is fully discussed by Tutt (1899); the sound was originally attributed to friction but it seems probable that the real cause is the forcing of air through the proboscis, though the source of the air has not been ascertained (Rothschild and Jordan). The imago is occasionally audible before emergence from the pupa, but the larva emits a different type of sound. Most observers agree that when irritated it produces a series of rapidly repeated "cracking" notes resembling those emitted during the discharge of successive electric sparks, and the sounds are made by the mandibles when sharply brought together. The principal works on the family are those of Rothschild and Jordan (1903, 1907). For a general study of the larvae, consult Forbes (*Ann. Ent. Soc. Am.*, 1911), while the larval colour changes and their significance are discussed by Piepers (*Tijd. Ent. 40*); for the life history of *P. convolvuli*, vide Poulton (1888).

**FAM. CYMATOPHORIDÆ (Polyploidae).—**A relatively small family resembling the Noctuidae and mainly restricted to the northern hemisphere. Thirteen genera are palearctic, four being represented by common species in the British Isles, the most familiar being the "Buff Arches" (*Habrosyne derasa*: Fig. 433) and the "Peach Blossom" (*Thyatira batis*). The larvae are cylindrical and bear no secondary setae: the abdominal feet carry biordinal crochets arranged in a curved mesoseries, and the claspers are reduced in size. Pupation occurs in a rather slight cocoon among leaves.

**FAM. EUPTEROTIDÆ (Thaumetopoeidæ).—**A family of large-sized moths having the antennae pectinated in both sexes (Fig. 434). None are British and the group is chiefly centred in India. The family was formerly united with the Lasiocampidae but differs therefrom in possessing a frenulum. The larvae are tufted with long hair and secondary setae are always numerous, but distinct verrucae are wanting. Larvae of *Thaumetopoea* Hb. (*Cnethocampa*) are known as processionary caterpillars which exhibit gregarious habits. *T. processionea* L. is the well-known European processionary moth. Its larvae march in columns, each being headed by a leader,
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the column becoming gradually broader behind. It is believed that the individuals

guide themselves and maintain their positions by means of threads spun by the leaders

of each of the files. Brindley has observed these columns in the case of *T. pinivora*


concludes, however, that the threads secreted by individuals on the march are of

very slight importance either in forming the procession or in maintaining its integrity.

The larvæ endeavour to maintain head and tail contact with the members of their

file and this appears to be of primary significance in forming the procession. An

account of the habits of other remarkable larvæ belonging to this family is given by Sharp (*Ins. Pt. 2*).

**FAM. NOTODONTIDÆ** (Prominents, etc.)—Insects with moderately stout bodies and rather elongate forewings: they are generally distributed but absent from New Zealand and poorly represented in Australia. The imagines are exclusively nocturnal, and are often attracted to a light, otherwise the various species are usually only obtained as larvæ. A large number of the larvæ of this family are well figured by Packard (1895); they mostly feed exposed on trees and shrubs, seldom

affecting herbaceous plants. According to Fracker all exhibit secondary setæ on the abdominal limbs and, in some genera (*Phalera*, etc.), these setæ are present on the body also. The anal claspers are frequently modified into slender processes which are erected when in repose: the latter habit is also exhibited by *Notodontia* which has the claspers unmodified. The pupa only exhibits a small proximal portion of the labial palpi, maxillary palpi are absent, and the maxillæ do not reach the caudal margin of the wings: the abdomen is punctate and a cremaster usually present (Mosher). *Notodontia* O. is characteristic of the temperate regions of the northern hemisphere and in

this genus, *Lophopteryx* Steph., and others there is a tuft of projecting scales on the middle of the hind margin of the fore-wings. *Stauropus* Germ. is Indo-Malayan with a single European species *S. fagi* L.: its larva is very remarkable on account of the great length of the 2nd and 3rd pairs of thoracic legs. The anal extremity is inflated and claspers are replaced by two slender processes. In repose both extremities are abruptly erected, and in the curious attitude thus presented the larva, when irritated, has been regarded by Müller as resembling a spider; when at rest it was compared by Birchall to a twig with unopened buds, and by other observers to a dead and crumpled leaf. The larva of *Dicranura vinula* L. is a very striking and familiar

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*Fig. 433.—Habrosyne derasa*, Male, Paleartic Region. × ½. *After Hampson (F.B.I.)*

*Fig. 434.—Eupeodes fasia*, Male, India. × ½. *After Hampson (F.B.I.)*
object: it is provided with a pair of roughened tubercles on the prothorax, and a prominent fleshy protuberance on the metathorax. The anal claspers are modified into a pair of long slender processes containing extensible filaments, and the histology and mechanism of these organs have been investigated by Poulton (1887). This larva, and also those of other members of the family, is provided with a ventral prothoracic gland (vide Latter, 1897) having the power of ejecting an irritating fluid. The latter in the case of *D. vinula*, has been found to consist of formic acid. The pupa in this species, and in those of *Cerura*, is enclosed in a hard woodylike cocoon on the bark of trees. The escape of the imago is facilitated by the cocoon being thinner anteriorly and the labrum of the imago bears two sharply pointed processes used for scraping the inner surface of the cocoon, in order to break a way through. At the same time, a secretion of potassium hydroxide is produced from the mouth in order to soften the cocoon. The eyes, and median portion of the head of the pupa, persist as a shield protecting those same parts in the imago until emergence is effected (Latter, 1892, 1895).

**FAM. GEOMETRIDÆ.** (Carpets, Waves, Pugs, etc.).—A very large family consisting of several thousand species which are almost always of slender build with relatively large wings (Fig. 435). Their flight is never strong and, when at rest, the wings are extended horizontally. Both frenulum and proboscis are generally present, but in a few cases either the one or the other may be wanting. In some genera the females have greatly degenerate wings or are completely apterous as in *Anisopteryx* Stph., *Chematobia* Stph. *Hybernia* Latr., *Phigalia* Dup. and certain species of *Biston* Lch. The larvae are elongate and usually very slender: as a rule abdominal legs are only developed on the 6th and 10th segments and progression takes place by drawing the posterior somites close to those of the thorax, the body thus forming a loop. The whole body is then extended in the direction desired and the looping action repeated. In some instances abdominal legs appear on segments other than those normally carrying them. Thus in *Himera pen­naria* a pair is present on the 5th segment but disappears with the fourth moult while in *Anisopteryx ascellaria* they are developed on the same segment and persist throughout the larval period. In *Brephos notha* Sharp states that rudimentary abdominal feet are present on the 3rd to 5th segments in the newly hatched larva, but attain greater development when the latter is fully grown. It is evident that in this species the larva is much more a Noctuid than a Geometrid in its morphology. The vast majority of the larvae of the family bear an exceedingly close resemblance to twigs, or the thicker veins of leaves, and can only be detected with difficulty when at rest. In the pupa there are no maxillary palpi, the first two pairs of legs are longer than in most other Lepidoptera, and there is often a deep dorsal furrow between the 9th and 10th abdominal segments. A slight cocoon is spun between leaves or the pupa is subterranean. The family is divided into six sub-families by Hampson while Meyrick (1895) regards each division as constituting a separate family under a different name. Over 3000 species occur in the palearctic region and, of these, about 270 are British. In *Boarmia*, and its allies, a fovea is present on the underside of the fore-wing at the base of the anal region; it is generally confined to the male, is often hyaline and sometimes glandular. This structure is present in many species, and it is suggested by Meyrick that it may be a scent-producing organ. The posterior tibiae, also in the male, are often enlarged and contain an expansible tuft of hairs. *Brephos, Anisop­teryx* and a few other genera are regarded by Meyrick as being the most primitive of all Geometers and constitute his family *Monocteniadœ*. *Brephos* has also been referred to a family of its own, while other authorities have regarded it as a Noctuid.
The larvae of *Paleacrita* are known as Canker Worms which are pests of fruit and shade trees in N. America. Those of the Winter moth (*Chimatobia brumata*) and of species of *Phigalia* and *Hybernia* are well known defoliators of similar trees in Europe.

**FAM. SATURNIIDÆ.**—In this family (which includes the *Hemileucidae*) the antennæ are prominently bipectinate in both sexes, the rami being longest in the males; the labial palpi are minute and there is no frenulum. It includes a number of large, or very large, tropical insects with but few representatives in temperate regions: almost all are characterized by a transparent eye-spot near the centre of each wing. The only British species is the Emperor moth *Saturnia pavonia* L. (*carpini* Schiff.): *S. pyri* Schiff. is the largest European Lepidopterous insect. *Attacus* L. ranges from Mexico and S. America to Africa, and throughout the Oriental region to Japan. *A. atlas* L. (Fig. 436) and *A. edwardsi* White are among the largest moths in the world, the females having a wing-expanse of about 25 cm. Saturniad larvæ are very highly specialized (Fig. 437): they are stout and smooth and differ from most other families in possessing scoli or at least rudiments thereof. The position and number of the scoli vary very greatly in different genera, and for a detailed study of their arrangement reference should be made to Fracker's paper (1915); in *Saturnia* they are subequal in size on all the segments. The pupæ have the antennæ broadly pectinate in both sexes, with the axis of the flagellum very prominent. The maxillæ are always short, not more than ¾ rd the length of the wings, and the cremaster, if present, is very short. A dense firm cocoon is always formed and is very characteristic of the family: several species yield silk of commercial value. *Antheraea yamamai* Guér., is the Japanese oak silkworm which is reared on a large scale in that country, and was introduced into Europe in 1861. *A. pernyi* Guér, the Chinese oak silkworm, yields Shanting silk which is pale buff in colour and largely exported. *A. paphia* L. and *assama* Westw. are polyphagous forest-inhabiting insects. *A. paphia* is uni- or bi-voltine and very distributed throughout the oriental region: it yields the brownish Tasar silk. *A. assama* is a multivoltine semidomesticated species chiefly found in Assam; it yields Muga silk which is mainly used locally. *Philosamia ricini* Hutt. and *P. cynthia* Dru. are very closely related multivoltine species. The former is extensively domesticiated and its larvae are reared on *Ricinus communis*. It yields Eri silk which is white or brick-red but not reelable and is mainly used locally in Assam and Bengal. *P. cynthia* occurs wild in India and China but is also domesticated and has been introduced into various parts of the world including Europe and N. America. *Telaea polyphemus* (N. America) also yields silk which can be commercially utilized. The biology of a number of species is described and their metamorphoses figured by Cotes (*Ind. Mus. Notes* 2, pt. 2) and by Andre ("Elevage des vers à soie sauvages"); notes on many silk-producing species are given by Wailly (*Entom. 1896–97*) and for a full account of the Eri silkworm see Lefroy and Ghosh (1912). A good deal of information will also be found in Packard's monograph (1914) of the North America Saturniidae.
FAM. BOMBYCIDÆ.—Included in this family is a small number of moths characteristic of the Oriental region. As in the Saturniidae the antennæ are bipectinate in both sexes; the labial palpi are small or absent, and the legs are devoid of spurs. The larvæ are glabrous and elongate usually with a medio-dorsal horn on the 8th abdominal segment. The pupæ have the labial palpi almost entirely concealed by the maxillæ, and the body is covered with short coarse setæ: there is no cremaster. All species form a dense silken cocoon. The larva of Bombyx mori L. is the well-known silkworm, an inhabitant of China which has become introduced into many parts of the world for commercial purposes. It is now entirely domesticated and is not known in the wild state. A number of local races exist, and these have been regarded by Hutton, Cotes, and others as distinct species. They differ chiefly in the number of annual broods which are largely dependent upon climate. The natural food in all cases is the leaves of the mulberry, and the silk produced is white or yellow.

FAM. BRAHMÆIDÆ.—A very small group of tropical moths related to the Saturniidae, but readily distinguishable by the presence of a proboscis, and the large upturned labial palpi. They are large, sombre-coloured insects with very complex wing-patterns, and the antennæ are bipectinated in both sexes. Brahmea Wilk. occurs in Africa and through southern palaæartic Asia to China: the life history is described by Packard (1914).

FAM. CERATOCAيميdae.—Large or medium-sized moths with stout hairy bodies, and powerful wings. The antennæ are bipectinate for about half their length only, and both proboscis and tibial spines are present. The family is a small one, unknown in Europe, but well represented in N. America. The larvæ are thinly hairy, and are armed with unbranched scoli on the 1st to 6th abdominal segments, and a large medio-dorsal scolus on the 8th segment. The pupæ are roughened with spines on the thorax and abdomen, the metathorax is provided with oblong lateral tubercles, and the cremaster is bifurcate. Transformation occurs in the ground, no cocoon being formed. For a monograph of the family vide Packard (1905, 1914); keys to the larvæ are given by Fracker (1915), and the pupæ have been studied by Mosher (1914).

FAM. URANIDÆ.—A very widely distributed but exclusively tropical family occurring in both the old and new worlds. They are often large slender-bodied moths, many of which are diurnal in habit. Chrysiridia, Nyctalemon (Fig. 438) and Urania include exquisitely coloured insects resembling Papilionid butterflies: others bear a likeness to Geometrid moths. The larvæ exhibit great diversity of structure but have the full number of abdominal limbs (Hampson, 1895, vol. 3: Gosse, Entom. 14): in two genera they are known to feed on Euphorbiaceæ. Those of Nyctalemon and Epicopeia are figured by Hampson: in E. polydora Westw. (Himalaya) the body is invested with a thick covering of long white cottony filaments. In Chrysiridia ripheus Dru. there is an armature of black spatulate processes (Eltringham, Trans. Ent. Soc., 1923). The pupæ are enclosed in loosely woven, silken cocoons. The Asiatic genus Epicopeia Westw. has a vestigial frenulum and is often relegated to a separate family—the Epicopeidæ—which has been monographed by Janet and Wytsmann (Gen. Ins. 16).
MAXILLARY PALPI ABORTED. FORE-WINGS WITH M₂ APPROXIMATED TO M₃ TOWARDS THE BASE; CU₂ ABSENT; IA SIMPLE OR HARDLY FURCATE. HIND-WINGS WITH A FRENULUM, SC + R₁ CONNECTED OR ANASTOMOSING WITH CELL; CU₂ ABSENT.

Key to the families:

1. (2).—Hind-wings with Sc + R₁ aborted. Syntomidæ (p. 450)

2. (1).—Hind-wings with Sc + R₁ present. Lymantriidæ (p. 452)

3. (6).—Proboscis aborted. Neocastniidæ (p. 453)

4. (5).—Hind-wings with Sc + R₁ connected with the cell by a bar. Arctiidæ (p. 450)

5. (4).—Hind-wings with Sc + R₁ frec. Arctiidæ (p. 450)

6. (3).—Proboscis present. Arctiidæ (p. 450)

7. (8).—Hind-wings with Sc + R₁ anastomosing with the cell to near or beyond the middle. Arctiidæ (p. 450)

8. (7).—Hind-wings with (a) Sc + R₁ anastomising with the cell near the base only or (b) connected with the cell by a bar. Hypsidæ (p. 451)

9. (12).—Hind-wings as in 8 (a). Agaristidæ (p. 451)

10. (11).—Antennæ with the shaft more or less dilated distally. Noctuidæ (p. 453)

11. (10).—Antennæ with the shaft not dilated. Hypsidæ (p. 451)

12. (9).—Hind-wings in 8 (b).

FAM. SYNTOMIDÆ (Amatidæ).—This family comprises about 2000 species and is most abundant in the tropics; no representatives are indigenous to the British Isles and Syntomis phegea L. is the commonest of the few European forms. They are small to medium-sized moths (Fig. 439), usually inactive and largely diurnal in habit. The proboscis is generally well developed; the labial palpi are small and porrect and the retinaculum bar-shaped. Although often included among the Zygaenidæ, they appear to be nearest related to the Arctidæ. Many are brilliantly coloured, and a number of species bear a striking resemblance to Aculeata, Tenthredinidæ and other insects (vide Kaye, Trans. Ent. Soc., 1913). The resemblance is heightened by the frequently basally constricted abdomen and the general shape and coloration; in many cases the wings have transparent areas devoid of scales. In the neotropical genus Trichura Hubn. the males of certain species are provided with a long filiform appendage arising from the terminal abdominal segment. This structure attains a length equal to that of the whole body of the insect, but its significance appears to be unexplained. The larvae are short, and armed with verrucous bearing numerous setæ and they closely resemble those of the Arctidæ. Pupation takes place in a cocoon of silk and felted hairs; according to Mosher the pupa of Cleonucha is indistinguishable from that of an Arctiid.

FAM. ARCTIIDÆ (Lithosidæ: Tiger Moths, etc.).—An assemblage of usually stout-bodied moths, often with moderately broad wings, which are frequently conspicuously spotted, banded or otherwise marked with bright colours. Most species are nocturnal in habit and are attracted to a light. The family is tolerably well represented in nearly all zoo-geographical regions, but attains its greatest development in the tropics. Over 3,500 species are known and, of these, 40 inhabit the British Isles. According to Meyrick (1895) Callimorpha is the most ancestral form, but it is placed by Hampson in the Hypsidæ. In its general affinities the family comes nearest to the Noctuidæ. It is noteworthy that species of several genera are known...
to be capable of sound production, but the mechanism thereof has not been adequately studied.

The Arctiinae comprise the "Tiger" and "Ermine" moths with their allies. They are brightly coloured insects with extremely diverse patterns, and individual species exhibit an extraordinarily wide range of variation with respect to the latter. The extensive genus *Arctia* Schrk. includes the common "Tiger" moth (*A. cata* L.) which extends through the northern palearctic region to Japan. *Deiopsis pulchella* L., although casual in Britain, occurs through the greater part of the Old World including Australia. The larvae are clothed with dense long hairs which they utilize along with silk to construct their cocoons; those of the palearctic species hibernate and feed principally upon low herbaceous plants. The Lithosiinae include those moths which are popularly termed "Footmen"; they are diurnal or crepuscular in habit and, in typical genera, the fore-wings are long and very narrow. The larvae are sparsely hairy, and commonly feed upon lichens growing about tree trunks and in other situations. The Nycteolinae are a very small group which is sometimes regarded as a separate family (Cymbidae): they are frequently green insects found among the herbage of trees and shrubs. The larvae are never prominently hairy and the cocoon is boat-shaped. In *Hylophila* Hb. (*Halas*) the larva is smooth and feeds in the open while in *Erias* Hb. it is hirsute and lives among rolled leaves, etc.; that of *E. insulana* Boisd. is the destructive Egyptian Cotton Bollworm, widely distributed in the tropics. The New World sub-families Dioptinae and Pericopinae are regarded as constituting separate families by American entomologists.

**FAM. AGARISTIDÆ (Phalamoididae).—**A small family absent from Europe and including over 60 genera embracing about 300 species. They are largely tropical, only two palearctic species being listed by Staudinger and Rebel; others occur in N. America and Australia. In general facies and vivid coloration they resemble the Arctiinae and many are diurnal in habit (Fig. 440). They are very similar to the Noctuidae in structure, and also in larval features, but their type of coloration and antennal characters serve to distinguish them. According to Hampson (*Proc. Zoo. Soc.*, 1892) in *Egocera tripartita* Kirby a portion of the membrane of the anterior wing is dilated and ribbed; a clicking sound is produced during flight probably by friction on the greatly enlarged mid-tarsal spines.

**FAM. NOCTUIDÆ.**—This family includes a larger number of described species than any other group of Lepidoptera; about 1800 are palearctic and approximately 3500 are known from N. America. They are eminently nocturnal insects attracted to a light and to the collector's sugar mixture, while *Plusia* and its allies frequent flowers at dusk. The family exhibits a monotonous similarity of structure particularly with regard to the venation and labial palpi; except in the *Hybleinæ* maxillary palpi are vestigial. A frenulum is always present and the proboscis very rarely atrophied. The colour of the fore-wings is nearly always cryptic and sombre, thus assimilating the insect to its surroundings (Figs. 441, 442). Being protected in this manner it passes the day resting with folded wings on tree-trunks, etc., to a large extent concealed from its enemies. In the larvae of the majority of species primary setae only are present, and the crochets are generally in a uniordinal mesoseries. There are usually four pairs of abdominal feet, but among the Catocalinae, Plusiinae, and Hyponinæ the 1st pair, or the 1st and 2nd pairs, are more or less aborted and the larvae are sem-
loopers. Most of the larvae feed upon foliage; they are often polyphagous and many are nocturnal while a few are stem-borers and live concealed. Among the more exceptional instances are the larvae of *Eublennia* which are predaceous upon *Cocciidae*. Species of *Bryophila* feed upon lichens; *Nonagria* in stems of marsh plants; *Parassotia* (*Boletobia*) *fuliginaria* L. utilizes fungi growing on rotted wood; and larvae of *Dianthecia* mostly select the seed capsules of *Caryophyllacea*. According to Mosher the pupae, with few exceptions, are characterized by the presence of labial palpi and of maxillae which extend to the caudal margin of the wings. Numerous genera have the prothoracic epimera exposed, and those lacking labial palpi possess setae arranged around the scars of the larval verrucae as in *Arctiidae*. They differ from the latter, however, in that the cremaster bears hooked setae. Pupation takes place as a rule in an earthen cell below ground, and the pupal cuticle is retained within the latter by the cremaster: in *Plusia* and its allies a cocoon is usually present and is spun between leaves, etc. The eggs of *Noctuidae* are spherical and generally ribbed and reticulated.

Certain Noctuid larvae (*Agrotis*, *Noctua*, etc.), are known as "Cutworms": they are more or less abundant every year and in N. America rank among the worst of insect pests (vide Gibson, Dept. Agric. Canada Ent. Bull. 10). The larva of *Leucania unipuncta* Hw. is the notorious and almost cosmopolitan army worm so called from its habit of appearing in enormous numbers; as food becomes exhausted these larvae assume a gregarious marching habit seeking fresh fields. It is particularly injurious to cereals in the United States and Canada and for a full account of its habits vide Gibson (*Loc. cit. Bull* 9). The larva of the Antler moth *Characoa graminis* comes under the same category, and is periodically exceedingly destructive to upland pastures in N.W. Europe; the last severe outbreak in Britain took place in 1917 (vide *Journ. Bd. Agric.* 24). Among other destructive species is *Aletia argillacea* whose larva is the well-known Cotton Worm of N. America; that of *Heliothis armigera* is the Boll Worm which is injurious to cotton bolls and the fruit of other economic plants on that continent. *Hadena olacea* has, in recent years, become a serious pest in tomato houses in England (vide Lloyd, *Ann. App. Biol.* 1920).

**FAM. LYMANTRIIDE** (*Liparidae, Ocneridae*: Tussock Moths).—The Lymantriidae are mostly moderate-sized insects, rarely brilliantly coloured, and the antennae of the males are very prominently bipectinate to the apex. The family is hardly distinguishable from the Noctuidae on any venational feature: as a rule the bipectinate male antenna, and the absence of ocelli, afford more easily recognizable characters. The caudal extremity of the female is often provided with a large tuft of anal hairs which are deposited as a covering for the egg masses. The larvae are hairy, generally densely so, often with thick compact dorsal tufts on certain segments (Fig. 443). Osmeteria are frequently present on the 6th and 7th abdominal segments. Larvae of the common European "Gold Tail" (*Porthesia similis* Fuess.) are provided with urticating hairs composed of barbed spicules. It appears uncertain whether their irritating properties are mechanical only, or are partly due to a poisonous secretion bathing these spicules. Eltringham (*Trans. Ent. Soc.*, 1913) has shown that the female collects the spicules, which are present on the cocoon, by brushing the latter with the anal tuft, and subsequently distributes them over the egg-mass. The pupae are
enclosed in cocoons above ground, and are characterized by the presence of very evident setae arranged around the scars of the larval verrucae. The best known member of this family is *Lymantria dispar* L., the common "Gipsy" moth of Europe, which was introduced into N. America about 1868 along with the Brown Tail (*Euproctis chrysorrhoea* L.). These species have now become serious pests of shade and foliage trees on that continent. *Lymantria monacha* is the "Nun" moth whose larvae are often a serious pest in the forests of Germany. In *Orgyia* wings are vestigial or absent in the female (Fig. 443).

The *Hypsiidae* differ from the preceding family in the presence of a well developed proboscis. The larvae are thickly covered with long hairs and construct a slight pupal cocoon. *Hypsa* Hubn. occurs in Africa, throughout the Orient and in tropical Australia. The *Neocastniidae* are a very small oriental family having the facies of Nymphaline butterflies. They differ from the Castniidae, with which they were formerly associated, in the absence of a proboscis and of vein Cu₄ from the hind-wings.

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Order 19. **COLEOPTERA** (Beetles)

**Minute to large insects whose fore-wings are modified into horn**y or leathery elytra which almost always meet to form a straight mid-dorsal suture; hind-wings membranous, folded beneath the elytra, or often reduced or wanting. Mouth-parts adapted for biting; ligula variably lobed. Prothorax large and mobile, mesothorax much reduced. Metamorphosis complete: larvæ campodeiform or eruciform, seldom apodous; pupæ exarate.

The Coleoptera number approximately 180,000 described species and are consequently the largest order in the animal kingdom: about 3,300 species inhabit the British Isles. Although they are the predominant insects of the present epoch beetles do not meet the eye so frequently as members of other orders on account of their more concealed habits. Their adaptability, and the structure modifications which they exhibit have evidently contributed much to their dominance, for the imagines of no other order of insects have invaded the land, air and water to the same proportional degree. The habits of beetles, therefore, are extremely varied: they are more especially insects of the ground and either inhabit the soil itself, or the various decaying animal and vegetable substances present in relation to that medium. Dung, carrion, refuse of all kinds, humus, rotting wood and fungi all support large associations of Coleoptera. The members of five families are true aquatic insects while many other families have aquatic or subaquatic representatives. The Phytophaga and most Rhynchophora are usually met with in association with herbaceous plants, bushes and trees. Representatives of the most diverse families, whether they be aquatic or terrestrial, possess ample wings and readily take to flight. Several species are marine in that they are daily submerged by the tides. A considerable number of beetles occur in close relation with man since they are found in wool, furs, hides, furniture, museum specimens, and in dry stored foods and drugs. The great solidarity of the integument exhibited in the majority of species has been an important factor in protecting them against enemies of various kinds. The various sclerites are fitted together with a precision that marks them out as truly marvellous pieces of natural mechanism.

Included in the order are some of the largest and also some of the most minute of living insects. Among the Lamellicornia *Goliathus regius*, *Dynastes hercules* and *Megasoma elephas* attain a body-size not found outside the Coleoptera: *D. hercules* (including the cephalic horn) measures up to about 155 mm. long and the Longicorn *Macrodonia cervicornis* (including the mandibles) attains approximately the same dimension. On the other hand, among the Corylophidæ and Trichopterygidæ are insects so minute that they may reach a length of less than .5 mm.

The literature on Coleoptera has assumed enormous proportions. For a general introduction to the study of the order the student should consult the work of Fowler (1912). For the British species the monograph by the latter author (1887–1913) is indispensable: the works of Reitter (1908–
16; 1909) and Kuhnt (1912) will also prove valuable for purposes of identification. The leading treatise on the European forms is that of Ganglbauer, (1892–1904), but unfortunately it was never completed. The European Coleoptera are catalogued by Heyden, Reitter and Weise (1906) and the species of the world by Junk and Schenkling whose work (1910 etc.) is still in course of publication: Leng (1920) has catalogued the N. American species and his volume contains a very full bibliography of the systematic literature on the order. The British species have been listed by Beare and Donisthorpe (1904) and more recently by Newberry and Sharp (1915).

**External Anatomy**

The **Head** (Fig. 444).—The head is heavily chitinized and, as a rule the epicranial suture is incomplete or vestigial. A complete Y-shaped suture occurs, however, in the Hydrophilidæ but generally the epicranial suture is represented by the line demarcating the fronto-clypeus from the vertex (vide Stickney, 1923). In most of the Rhynchophora, and in a few isolated genera among other groups, the frons and vertex are prolonged anteriorly to form a rostrum (Fig. 447). The latter bears the mouth-parts at its apex and the antennæ are also carried forwards: as a rule the rostrum has a groove or scrobe on either side for the reception of the scape of the antenna. The eyes are very variable and may be totally wanting. Eyeless Coleoptera are met with among cavernicolous species and in certain subteraneeous forms, including those living beneath boulders. Eyes are similarly wanting in Platypsisyllus and Leptinus. In the males of many of the Lampyridæ the eyes are very large and contiguous, or nearly so, above and beneath: in the females they are often very small. Occasionally the eyes are partially or almost completely divided by a corneous ridge as in Throscus and Dorcus: or they may be completely separated into an upper and a lower eye on each side as in Gyrinus and Amphiopt. Ocelli are rarely present but a pair of these organs are found in certain Staphylinidæ (Homaliidæ) and in Pteroloma among the Silphidæ. The clypeus is divisible into ante-clypeus and post-clypeus. The latter sclerite is fused with the frons and the dividing suture is wanting: the ante-clypeus is often infolded and not visible from above (Stickney). Among Rhynchophora the reduced fronto-clypeal region is often termed the epistoma. The labrum is very variably developed but is present in nearly all the families: it may, however, be concealed beneath the clypeus, or be absent, as in the majority of the Rhynchophora. The floor of the head, in the median line, is formed by the gula and the latter sclerite is marked off from the genæ, on either side, by the gular sutures. Among the Rhynchophora, and a few other beetles ( Necrophorus, etc., Fig. 446), the gula is wanting and the genæ meet in the mid-ventral line, and there is consequently only a single gular suture present. The antennæ exhibit a very wide range of variation and the usual number of joints is 11. They may, however, be 1-jointed as in Articurus or 2-jointed as in many Paussidæ: on the other hand, they may consist of 27 joints or more in rare instances, and there are many transitions between these extremes.
The mandibles attain their extreme development in the males of many of the Lucanidae. In this family they often assume relatively enormous proportions and may be branched in an antler-like manner: in Chiasognathus their length exceeds that of the whole body (Fig. 445). In weevils of the genus Balaninus they have a vertical movement, side by side, instead of being horizontal and opposed, owing to the dorsal position of their condyles. In the Curculionid sub-families Brachyderinae and Otidorrhynchinae each mandible often bears a round or oval area with a raised margin. These structures are the mandibular scars which served as supports for the deciduous provisional mandibles of the pupa. The latter organs apparently enable the newly emerged imago to cut its way through the cocoon but are cast off soon after the insect has freed itself. In a few genera, however, they are permanently retained. In Passalus cornutus, certain Staphylinidae, Meloidae, and other beetles a movable inner lobe or prostheca is present.

The maxillae, as a rule, are completely developed with the full number of elements present. In the Adephaga and Dytiscidae the galea is generally 2-jointed and palpi-form. The lacinia is frequently large and blade-like and may carry an articulated process, well exhibited in the Cicindelidae where it is claw-like. Specialization by reduction is frequent: thus a single maxillary lobe or mala is present, for example, in the Corylophidae and most of the Nitidu-
The maxillary palpi are generally 4-jointed, and more rarely 3-jointed, while in Aleochara they are composed of five joints: in the Pselaphidce and Hydrophilidce these organs are very greatly developed.

In the labium (Fig. 446) the mentum 1 is large and well-developed: the submentum is evident in some forms, including Hydrophilus and Necrophorus, but is usually fused with the gula (Fig. 446, B) or no longer recognizable as an individual sclerite. The ligula is extremely variable: in some forms it is entire, in others it presents up to as many as five lobes or processes, apparently of a secondary nature. The labial palpi are usually 3-jointed: more rarely, they are 2-jointed, while in certain Staphylinidce they are unjointed and bristle-like.

The Thorax. The prothorax is the largest of the thoracic segments and is usually freely movable, the latter feature being a marked characteristic of the order. The pronotum is composed of a single sclerite and is entirely visible from above. The pleuron is frequently undivided into sclerites, and the suture between that region and the pronotum, on either side, is likewise often absent: in the latter case a single chitinous shield covers the whole of the dorsal and lateral regions. The pleurosternal sutures are distinct except in the Rhynchophora in which group the whole of the prothoracic sclerites are fused into an undivided annular band. The anterior coxal cavities are either entire, when they are

1 Stickney (1923) and other American morphologists maintain that the principal labial sclerite is the submentum, the mentum being either atrophied or vestigial.
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closed behind by the meeting of the prosternum and epimera, or by the
meeting of the epimera alone: or they may be open, when the space is only
bridged over by the membrane. The meso- and metathorax are fused to­
gether: the former segment is considerably reduced while the latter, on
the contrary, is largely developed, except in species in which the wings
are absent or non-functional. The tergum of both segments is divisible into
prescutum, scutum and scutellum. The latter sclerite is median in position
and divides the scutum into two separated plates. The metapostnotum is
generally distinct but, according to Snodgrass, the corresponding sclerite
of the mesothorax is wanting. With the exception of the mesoscutellum
the entire dorsal surface of
both segments is usually
covered by the elytra.

The legs are generally
adapted for walking or run­
ning, but in many of the
Lamellicornia and certain of
the Carabidae, they are also
modified for fossorial purposes.
In the Dytiscidae the hind pair
are flattened and used for
swimming, while in the Gyri­
nidae both the middle and hind
pairs are thus modified. In the
Halticinæ the hind femora are
greatly enlarged for saltatory
purposes. The legs of Coleop­
tera consist of the usual num­
ber of joints—and the form
and disposition of the coxae are of
great importance in classifica­
tion. The tarsal joints are
extremely variable in number
and afford valuable family- and
superfamily characters. The
primitive 5-jointed condition
is characteristic of the Ade­
phaga, most Diversicornia and
the Lamellicornia. Among the
Heteromera the fore and middle
tarsi are 5-jointed, and the hind
tarsi are 4-jointed. In the Phytophaga and Rhynchophora the fourth and fifth
joints are anchylosed, the former being very small. In the Staphylinoidæ
the joints are very variable in number. Among many of the males of this
group, and the Adephaga, one or more of the joints of the anterior tarsi,
and sometimes of the middle pair also, are dilated and different from their
fellows: this feature attains a high degree of specialization among the
Dytiscidae.

The elytra are the highly modified mesothoracic wings and arise simul­
taneously with the hind-wings: they develop in an exactly similar manner
during the greater part of the larval life. In many Carabidae, Curculionidae
and Ptinidae the hind-wings are wanting and the elytra are often firmly
united so as to be immovable. In Coleoptera capable of flight the elytra

Fig. 448.—Gioinella, VENTRAL ASPECT: MALE.

_br_, anterior margin of labrum; md., mandible; _mr_, maxilla and
_p.mr_, palp; m., mentum; _p.l_, labial palp; _s.g_, gular sutures;
_epl_, epipleuron; _epi-, epipleurum; _epm-, epimeron, epimera;
_epm1-epm2_, epimera; _epsl-epSa_, episterna;
_epml-epm2_, epimera; _epl_, epipleuron; _VI-VII_, abdominal segments; _f1_, adeagus; _coxae; tr1-tr2_, trochanters; _f3-f5_, femora; _tib1-tib2_, tibiae; _t1-t3_, tarsi.

Figs. 448 and 449 from Fowler (F.B.I.), after Ganglbauer.
are opened to form an angle with the body, and allow of freedom of motion of the wings, but play no direct part in flight. The sides of the elytra are often reflexed to form the *epipleura* (Fig. 448) which conceal the pleurae and are well seen, for example, in the Gyrinidae.

The hard texture of the elytra is due to the thickness of the dermal layer of the cuticle, and also to the presence of pillars or trabeculae which connect the upper and lower elytral surfaces (Fig. 451). The cavity of the elytron is bounded by a thin hypodermis and contains blood, nerves, and tracheae, often together with numerous groups of gland cells: sometimes small lobules of fat-body are also evident. Comstock states that there is a very close similarity between the tracheation of the elytra and the hind-wings, but in no case yet examined do the principal tracheae retain the primitive type of branching. The venation of the hind-wings has been studied
by Kempers (1899–1909), Kuhne (1915), Forbes (1922) and others (Figs. 452, 453), and three general types are recognizable. (a) **The Adephagid type.**—All the principal veins remain more or less completely developed and are usually joined by a greater number of cross-veins than occur in other Coleoptera. M₁ is connected with M₂ by means of one or two transverse veins: when two are present an oblong cell is formed which is very characteristic of the type. What appears to be the most generalized venation in the order is found in the Cupedidae. (b) **The Staphylinid type.**—Here the chief characteristic is exhibited in the disappearance of all the cross-veins, and the atrophy of the proximal portion of M₁, the remainder of that vein being isolated in the apical portion of the wing. (c) **The Cantharid type.**—In this type M₁ and M₂ coalesce distally forming a very definite loop; at the point of junction a single vein (regarded as M₃) is continued to the wing margin. R₂ frequently appears as a recurrent branch of the radius, and cross-veins are commonly present joining the cubital and anal veins. In some cases the M loop is reduced to a mere hook, or may be absent (Passalidæ and many Rhynchophora); when this type of modification occurs, and the cross-veins are atrophied, the Cantharid type is difficult to separate from the Staphylinid one.

**The Abdomen.**—The number of segments which enter into the composition of this region of the body is difficult to determine. As a rule the first tergum is membranous and one or more of the sterna from the first to the third are aborted. There appears to be at least one sternum generally wanting and with certain exceptions the dorsal and ventral plates do not agree in number. Verhoeff (1893–94) regards the abdomen as consisting of ten segments while Berlese admits a similar number but regards the true first segment as having atrophied, and the last of the series is, on
his interpretation, morphologically the eleventh. In most Coleoptera five sterna are visible without dissection but in the Staphylinidae there are seven or eight. In many cases the terminal abdominal segments of the female are retractile and tubular, thus functioning as an ovipositor. Among the Cerambycidae, for example, this modification is well exhibited and in certain cases ten terga and nine sterna are recognizable. The male genitalia and associated parts have been studied by Sharp and Muir (1912, 1918) in great detail, who have brought forward a classification of the order founded upon characters afforded by these organs. The genitalia are withdrawn into the abdomen and concealed: they take the form of a tubular evagination, with certain associated sclerites, which arises between the ninth and tenth sterna.

**Stridulating Organs.**—In one form or another these organs are present in the imagines of a large number of families and have been studied by Darwin ("Descent of Man"), Landois and more recently by Gahan (1900). As the latter author remarks, wherever any part of the exoskeleton is subjected to the friction of an adjoining part by the movements of the insect there, in some species or another, these organs are likely to be found. Their position is not constant, even in different genera of the same family, and they are often similar in structure and location in genera belonging to widely different families. They are most extensively developed in the Lamellicornia where both the larva and perfect insects are often capable of stridulation (vide Arrow, 1904). Gahan divides these organs among Coleoptera into four groups according to where they are located, but it is only possible here to refer to one or two examples. In certain Nitidulidae and Endomychidae there is a file-like area on the crown of the head which is rasped by the anterior margin of the prothorax. In other cases (certain Tenebrionidae, Scolytidae, etc.) there is a file-like area on the underside of the head, sound being produced by friction with a projecting ridge on the prothorax. Stridulating organs are found on the mandibles and maxillae in the larvae of various Lamellicornia. They are so arranged that a series of teeth on the maxillae rasp against some granulations on the ventral side of the mandibles, when the maxillae move forwards and backwards. Many of the Cerambycidae have stridulatory organs: in some cases the sound is produced by rubbing the hind margin of the prothorax over a striated area of the mesonotum: in others, it is produced by the friction of the hind femora against the edges of the elytra. The most remarkable stridulating organs are those met with in the larvae of the Lucanidae, Passalidae and of Geotrupes and its allies. They consist of a series of ridges or tubercles on the middle coxae, while the hind-legs are modified in various ways as rasping organs. In
certain of the Curculionidae there is a stridulating file on the underside of the elytra near their apices: the rasping is effected by a series of small tubercles situated on the dorsal side of the abdomen. In some cases the file is present on the abdomen in the females, and on the elytra in the males, and the rasping organs are similarly reversed.

Internal Anatomy

The Digestive System.—The digestive system of Coleoptera has been mainly studied by Dufour whose results have been published in a series of papers (1824–1840) and Bounoure (1919). Beauregard (1890) has also studied the digestive organs in the Meloidae, Mingazzini (1889) in the Lamellicornia, Sedlaczek (1902) in the Scolytidae and Bordas (1903, 1904), in the Hydrophilidae and Silphidae. The mouth opens into the pharynx or widened commencement of the esophagus and the latter region is a simple tube of variable length. At its hinder extremity the esophagus expands to form the crop which is of very general occurrence although wanting according to Beauregard in pollen-eating beetles such as Zonitis, Situris and Mylabris: it is large and capacious in Carabus (Fig. 454) and other genera. The esophagus or crop, as the case may be, is followed by the gizzard which is usually a small chamber lined by horny ridges or folds, or with spines or denticles: it is present in many carnivorous and wood-boring Coleoptera—notably in the Cicindelidae, Carabidae, Dytiscidae and Scolytidae. The mid-intestine is very variable in form, and is often of a complex nature. Its most characteristic feature is the presence of large numbers of small villus-like enteric ceca which often vary in character in different portions of the stomach. In the Carabidae and Dytiscidae the latter region is a simple slightly tortuous tube provided with numerous closely packed ceca, but the latter are usually wanting from its posterior portion. In Meloe the mid-intestine is large and sac-like, occupying the greater part of the abdominal cavity. In the Lamellicornia (Fig. 455) it is very long and convoluted while in Copris lunaris it is thrown into a series of numerous coils after the manner of a watch-spring. In the Scolytidae the mid-intestine is divisible into three regions: a sac-like anterior region, a narrow tubular middle portion and a wider posterior which is partially or completely invested with small ceca. The hind-intestine is always more or less convoluted: it is relatively short in the Cicindelidae and Carabidae, but long in Dytiscus and many other
genera. In the Dytiscideae (Fig. 456) it gives off a conspicuous cecum, an organ which is characteristic of that family (vide Bordas, 1906). Although a relatively small sac in Illybius it attains enormous dimensions in Dytiscus and bears an apical tubular appendix: a posterior cecum is also present in Silpha and Necrophorus. The rectum, when specially differentiated, is often a large chamber: rectal papillae are present in certain Passalidae and Silphidae, but as a rule they are wanting.

The Malpighian tubes are typically four or six in number and are of considerable importance in the classification of the families into major groups. In the Lampyridae, where there are four of these vessels, the tubes of each pair unite distally, thus presenting the appearance of loops (Bugnion; Bull. Soc. Zool. Fr. 1920). In a number of Coleoptera including Donacia, Haltica, Cerambyx, Edemera, etc., the Malpighian tubes have two apparent terminations in the intestine owing to the fact that their distal extremities become applied to the walls of the colon or rectum, instead of remaining free as in most other insects. In no case, however, have any secondary openings into the hind-intestine been discovered (vide Woods, 1916).

Associated with the alimentary canal are various glands. The salivary glands appear to have been very little investigated and they are wanting in many species, but according to Packard they are present in Anopthalmus, where there are three pairs, and in Blaps: they are also described by Dufour in Pyrochroa. Pygidial glands, which are defensive in function, exist in many beetles and are very fully discussed by Berlese. They are paired organs secreting corrosive and pungent fluids which can sometimes be ejected to a distance of several inches. These glands open in close association with the anus and, among the Carabidae, they have been studied in detail by Dierckx (1899) and Bordas (1899). In Pterostichus vulgaris, for example, each gland consists of spherical acini composed of gland cells: each acinus opens by a separate duct into the common canal of its side. In Carabus and Cychrus the ejected fluid contains butyric acid and in Mormolyce it is stated to be capable of paralysing the fingers for twenty-four hours afterwards. In Brachinus and its allies, and also among the Paussidae, a volatile vapour is ejected with an audible sound: it is very corrosive and stains the fingers of those who handle these insects. In the Staphylinid genera Staphylinus, Ocybus, Stenus, etc., and also in Lacon and Blaps eversible foetid anal glands are prevalent.

The Nervous System.-The most important differences in the nervous system...
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system are exhibited in the ventral cord (vide Brandt, 1879). As a rule the commissures retain their double nature, a feature which is well exhibited in the thorax of most beetles. The most generalized type of nervous system is found in the Cantharidae where, in addition to the supra- and infracesophageal centres, there are three thoracic ganglia and seven or eight abdominal ganglia. The latter number is maintained in Dictyopterus and seven abdominal ganglia are found in Telephorus and Lampyris. Reduction in the number of abdominal ganglia, unaccompanied by a similar specialization of the thoracic centres, may be traced through a number of genera. Thus, in Cicindela and Tenebrio there are six ganglia in the abdomen; in Silpha, Mordella and Creophilus there are five: in Donacia, Meloe, and Callidium there are four: in Cassida there are three and in Chrysomela and Coccinella 7-punctata there are two. Among the Lamellicornia (Geotrupes, Aphodius, etc.) the abdominal ganglia are merged into the metathoracic ganglion to form a common centre. In a number of other Coleoptera the meso- and meta-thoracic ganglia are closely united or merged together owing to the disappearance of the connectives between them. This feature is characteristic of many other Lamellicornia (Melolontha, Passalus, Lachnosterna, Phyllopertha, Cetonia), and the centre thus formed also includes the fused ganglia of the abdominal chain. In the Curculionidae there are usually two separate abdominal centres, in Gyrinus one, and in Necrophorus five. The maximum specialization is found in Sericea brunnea and Rhizotrogus solstitialis. In the former insect all the thoracic and abdominal ganglia unite to form a single complex: in the latter species Brandt states that coalescence has proceeded still further, the infra-esophageal ganglion being also involved in the fusion.

The Circulatory System.—The structure of the dorsal vessel has only been investigated in a few examples. The heart is divided into a variable number of chambers and is continued as the aorta through the thorax into the head where it becomes branched at its apex. In Melolontha Straus-Durckheim found nine chambers with eight pairs of ostia. In Lucanus Newport described seven chambers and a similar number of pairs of alary muscles.

The Respiratory System.—The tracheal system attains its highest degree of differentiation among the actively flying members of the Lamellicornia, particularly in Geotrupes and Melolontha. Its trunks are greatly ramified and in many species there is an elaborate system of air-sacs. The latter structures do not attain a great size, their chief characteristic being the large numbers present. In Melolontha they occur throughout the body, even penetrating into the recesses of the head (vide Straus-Durckheim). In Lucanus (male) the large massive head and mandibles are filled with air-sacs, especially the mandibles. Newport states that the air-sacs are developed in rows from long tracheae which penetrate the jaws, and the latter apparently unwieldy structures are thus rendered extremely light.

As a rule ten pairs of spiracles are present: the first is situated between the pro- and meso-thorax and the remaining pairs are metathoracic and abdominal in position. Among the Lamellicornia and certain Rhyncho- phora and other Coleoptera, the eighth pair of abdominal spiracles is either absent or vestigial and non-functional. In the Scolytidae the number of functional abdominal spiracles varies from five to seven.

The Reproductive System.—The male reproductive organs have been investigated by Dufour (1825), Escherich (1894), Bordas (1900), and others. They consist of the testes, the vasa-deferentia, one or more pairs of accessory
glands and a median ejaculatory duct. Vesicula seminalis are often present as dilatations of the vasa deferentia. Two general types of reproductive organs are recognized by Bordas and are based upon characters afforded by the testes (Fig. 457). In the first type these organs are simple and tubular and more or less closely coiled, each being enclosed in a membrane: this type is characteristic of the Adephaga. In the second type the testes are compound and divided into a number of separate follicles. The latter may be rounded capsules, each communicating with the vas deferens by means of a separate duct, as in the Phytophaga, Rhynchophora and Lamellicornia. Or, the testicular follicles may be composed of aggregations of small rounded or oval sessile sacs which open directly into the vas deferens (most other Polyphaga).

The accessory glands exhibit many differences with regard to their position, number and mode of origin. Escherich (1894) has divided them into ectadenia and mesadenia: the former are believed to arise as ectodermal invaginations of the ejaculatory duct, while the latter are stated to be of mesodermal origin, since they are formed as outgrowths of the vasa deferentia. Definite embryological evidence is needed, however, to substantiate these conclusions.

The female reproductive organs (vide Stein) may likewise be divided into two types, according to whether the ovarioles are polytrophic or acrotrophic in character. The former type is characteristic of the Adephaga and the latter type is found, so far as known, throughout the Polyphaga. The ovarioles vary greatly in number: thus in Ips typographus, Hylobius abietis and Sitones lineatus there are two ovarioles to each ovary: in Ocypus...
olens there are three, in certain Elateridæ four, in Dorcus and Saperda carcharias twelve, in Byrrhus pilula there are about twenty, and in the Meloidæ they are extremely short and much more numerous. In some Coleoptera (Dytiscus) a coUeterial gland is present in association with each oviduct. A spermatheca is universally present and opens, by a slender and often exceedingly long duct, either into the vagina or the bursa copulatrix. An accessory gland, of variable character, is generally found in connection with the spermatheca. In many Coleoptera a second passage or "canal of fecundation" leads from the spermatheca or its duct and opens into the vagina near the point of union of the two oviducts (Fig. 458). This canal is believed to allow of the direct passage of the spermatozoa from the spermatheca to the eggs. A bursa copulatrix is present as a diverticulum of the wall of the vagina. It is believed that the spermatozoa are received into this sac during copulation and subsequently make their way into the spermatheca. The process of fecundation in Coleoptera, however, is very little understood and the significance of the frequently great length of the spermathecal duct is unknown.

Metamorphoses

The Egg.—The eggs of Coleoptera are usually ovoid in form and rarely exhibit any marked diversity of form or structure as is seen, for example, in the Hemiptera and Lepidoptera. In Ocyapus they are of unusually large size and few in number, while in the Meloidæ they are small and the number laid by a single female may run into several thousand. Many Coccinellidæ lay their eggs in batches on leaves, the Hydrophilidæ enclose them in cocoons, while among the Cassidinæ they are protected in highly specialized ootheca. In the Curculionidæ they are frequently deposited in deep holes drilled by the rostum of those beetles in the food-plant. In the Scolytidæ the females have the habit of entering into the trunk or plant within which the eggs are laid.

The Larva.—In Coleopterous larvae the head is well developed, the mouth-parts are adapted for biting and do not differ in their essential features from those of the adults. Such larvae never possess abdominal feet, but they are generally provided with thoracic legs: cerci may be present or absent. The tracheal system is peripneustic with usually nine pairs of spiracles: the first pair is located, as a rule, between the pro- and mesothorax, and the remaining pairs are situated on the first eight abdominal...
segments. There is, in many cases, a marked similarity among larvae of the same family. This is well exhibited for example in the Carabidæ, Buprestidæ and Curculionidæ. On the other hand, the larval differences found among the Chrysomelidæ are scarcely paralleled in any other family of insects. Some of the most remarkable forms occur in the aquatic families Haliplide, Gyrinidæ and Hydrophilidæ with their special adaptations to life in the water. Among terrestrial larvae, those of the Dermestidæ, with their dense clothing of tufted hairs, are totally different in appearance from all other Coleoptera.

The primitive campodeiform larva (Fig. 459) is characteristic of the Adephaga, many of the Staphylinoidea, and of the first instar in the Meloidæ and Rhipiphoridae among the Heteromera. Among other of the Staphylinoidea, and the vast majority of the Diversicornia and Heteromera, the larvae are more highly modified and, although they incline to the campodeiform type, they are transitional between the latter and the eruciform type (Fig. 460). Among the Phytophaga, Rhynchophora and Lamellicornia the eruciform larva is prevalent. The extreme apodous type is characteristic
of the great majority of the Rhynchophora. It is also met with in certain
of the Cerambycidae and Buprestidae, in the dung-feeding larva of *Cerccyon*,
and in the Elaterid sub-family Eucneminae, while an apodous stage occurs
in the ontogeny of members of the Meloidae and Bruchidae. It is a comparat­
easily easy matter, therefore, to arrange a graduated series of larval Coleop­
tera. At the head of such a series is the active, armoured campodeiform
type, with well-developed antennae and mouth-parts, completely formed
legs with tarsi and paired claws, and movable jointed cerci: larvae of this
nature are well exhibited in the Carabidae. At the other extreme are the
soft apodous maggots of the Curculionidae, with their vestigial anten­
ae, reduced mouth-parts and no cerci. The mode of life is the primary modify­
ing factor in the development of larval types and, once the active predatory
habit is lost, structural changes sooner or later supervene and attain their
culminating point in the degenerate internal-feeding larvae that live sur­
rounded by an abundance of nutriment. Hypermetamorphosis
is known to occur in a few Coleop­
tera. It is well exemplified in the Meloidae whose first instar is
a campodeiform larva, and in the
later development modified campodeiform, eruciform and apodous
stages may be passed through in the ontogeny of an individual
species (Fig. 188). Hypermeta­
morphosis similarly prevails in the
Rhipiphoridae, Micromalthidae, in
*Lebia scapuldris* and in the
parasitic Staphylinids *Aleochara
bilineata* and *algarum*.

The head bears a variable
number of ocelli: thus there may
be six of these organs on either
side as in the Carabidae and
Hydrophilidae, four in the Cicin­
delidae, or they may be reduced
to a single one, and even the
latter may degenerate into a mere pigment spot. In many larvae which
are internal-feeders ocelli are totally wanting. Antennae are well developed
in campodeiform larvae, and are very long in those of the Dascillidae: almost
every stage in reduction may be traced until they are represented by single­
jointed papilla-like vestiges as in the Curculionidae. The mandibles are
large and exserted in predaceous forms, and in the Dytiscidae they are speci­
ally modified for suctorial purposes. In larvae which live internally in wood,
and other plant-tissues, they are short and stout. Superlinguae are com­
paratively well-developed in the Dascillidae, and vestigial structures of a
similar nature occur in the Scarabaeidae (Carpenter and MacDowell, 1912):
rudiments have also been found by Mangan in the Dytiscidae. The maxillae
(Figs. 459, 461) are always well developed: their palpi are variable being
long in *Gyrinus* and *Stenus*, while in eruciform larvae they are often reduced
to the condition of 2-jointed papilla. In the majority of Coleopterous
larvae there is a single lobe or mala which is often composed of two joints.
Separately differentiated galeae and laciniæ are evident, however, in a num­
ber of cases and are present, for example, in Agriotes, the Byrrhidæ, certain Silphidæ and in the Lamellicornia. The labium is characterized by the absence of paraglossæ: the palpi are commonly 2-jointed but in the Curculionidæ they are represented by single-jointed tubercles. The glossa is frequently present, but is very variable, and in many genera it is not separately distinguishable. In Silpha the ligula is represented by a pair of rounded lobes which are perhaps to be regarded as being those of a divided glossa. The legs exhibit different degrees of development: among the Adephaga they are undoubtedly primitive and are characterized by the presence of a distinct tarsal joint and paired claws. These features are lost in the Polyphaga, where the tarsus is not separately differentiated, and the claws are single. Exceptions are extremely few, but in the first instar of the Micromalthidæ and Meloidæ a tarsus is present and the claws are paired. The abdomen is ro-segmented and, among the Carabidæ and Staphylinidæ, the anal segment is often tubular and functions as a pseudopod. Cerci are well developed jointed appendages in many campodeiform larvæ: in other cases they may be fixed and unjointed. The morphology of the rigid horny anal processes of many larvæ is not understood: they have the appearance of being non-appendicular outgrowths of the body-wall, but when their development is studied they may prove, in some cases, to be highly modified cerci.

The respiratory system is subject to comparatively few modifications. The position of the first pair of spiracles is somewhat variable: although commonly intersegmental, they may as in Telephorus be located on the mesothorax. Well developed metathoracic spiracles have been observed in the Lycinae but in other families they are absent or vestigial. The most striking variations occur in aquatic larvæ: Cnemidopus and Gymnus are apneustic, and respire by means of filamentous processes of the body-wall, while certain of the Hydrophilidæ are metapneustic.

Information on the internal anatomy of Coleopterous larvæ is fragmentary and very scattered. The alimentary canal has been studied by Portier (1911) in the Dytiscidæ and Hydrophilidæ, by Payne (1916) in Telephorus, by Woods (1916, 1918) in Haltica, and by Mingazzini (1889) in the Lamellicornia. In the latter group and also in Telephorus and Calosoma it pursues a straight course from the mouth to the anus, the hind intestine in these instances being short (Fig. 462). In the Dytiscidæ and Scolytidæ the gut is convoluted owing to the increase in length of the hind intestine. A well developed crop is present, for example, in Calandra but in Telephorus, Haltica and Dendroctonus it is represented by a small distal enlargement of the cæophagus. A gizzard is present in the latter genus, while both crop and gizzard are wanting in the Dytiscidæ and Hydrophilidæ. The mid-intestine is very variable, but always forms a large portion of the gut, and frequently exhibits differentiation into several distinct regions.
In *Telephorus* it is a large simple sac, but in many larvæ it is coiled and tubular, as for example, in the Dytiscidae, Hydrophilidae, and also in *Haltica* and *Dentroctonus*. Differentiation into separate regions is evidenced by change of calibre, by the histological structure, and the presence or absence of enteric coeca. In *Oryctes*, and other Lamellicornia, the latter structures are very large and are restricted to three annular bands (Fig. 463): in *Calandra* they are represented by numerous papilla-like outgrowths. An extensive coecum is sometimes present in relation with the hind intestine. In *Dytiscus* it occupies a considerable part of the body cavity and a large coecum is also present in many Lamellicornia. In the Coprinae the larvæ have a characteristic dorsal hump which serves for the accommodation of this organ. The Malpighian tubes, as a rule, are similar in number and character to those of the imagines. The nervous system generally consists of three thoracic and seven or eight abdominal ganglia. In *Coccinella 7-punctata* the abdominal ganglia are concentrated in the anterior segments of the hind body, the intervening commissures being very much abbreviated. In *Melolontha*, and other of the Scarabæidae, the whole of the ventral ganglia are concentrated in the thorax.

The heart has been observed by Payne in *Telephorus*. It is of an extremely narrow calibre and apparently exhibits no division into chambers: nine pairs of alary muscles are present. Segmental glands have been described in a few cases: a pair is present on each of the thoracic and abdominal segments in *Ocypus* (Georgievitsch; Zool. Anz. 1898), *Melasoma* (Berlese), and *Telephorus* (Payne).

The **Pupa.**—The pupæ in this order are of the exarate type, pale-coloured, and are invested by a thin, soft cuticle. In some of the Staphylinidae they are obtect, being covered by an exudation that solders the appendages down to the body and forms a hardened coat. In the Coccinellidae the pupæ likewise have a hardened integument and are, moreover, often conspicuously coloured. A large number of Coleoptera pupate in earthen cells below ground: many others pupate within the food plant. A cocoon is frequently present, but the nature and origin of the substance by means of which it is produced needs investigation. In certain of the Curculionidae the cocoon is formed by a product of the Malpighian tubes, while among several of the Lamellicornia it is described as being formed from the contents of the posterior coecum. Many of the Cerambycidae construct pupal cells largely impregnated with carbonate of lime. The naked exposed pupæ of the Coccinellidae are often protected by the persistent remains of the last larval skin.
Literature on the Metamorphoses.—The most important publication for the student of the life-histories of these insects is that of Schiödte (1862–81), which is written in Latin and is remarkable for its detailed treatment and the excellence of its illustrations. The works of Perris (1876), Chapuis and Candèze (1855), and the numerous writings of Xambeu are also valuable. The complete literature on the transformations of European Coleoptera, up to 1894, has been collated and arranged by Rupertsberger, and Beutenmüller (1891) has catalogued the references to those of the American species. In addition to the above general works, detailed studies of the larvae of a number of families are available and are quoted under the respective groups.

Classification of Coleoptera

Among the various systems of classification that have been proposed the most satisfactory one yet devised is due to Ganglbauer (1903). The major divisions adopted by this authority take into account a wide range of characters afforded by the external and internal anatomy and the metamorphoses. As an historical study of the classification of the order is desirable to fully grasp the system evolved by Ganglbauer, the student should consult a series of articles by Gahan (1911) or the prefaces to the works of Fowler (1912) or Leng (1920). It is noteworthy that shortly after the publication of his classification Ganglbauer withdrew the family Hydrophilidae from the Diversicornia to form a separate series—the Palpicornia—but this emendation is not adopted in the present work.

The major divisions of Coleoptera are as follows:

Sub-order I. ADEPHAGA

Antennae filiform, rarely moniliform or irregular. Tarsi 5-jointed. Wing venation of Aderphagid type. Ovarioles polytrophic, testes simple and tubular with one pair of accessory glands: four Malpighian tubes. Larvae active, predaceous and carnivorous: campodeiform or only slightly departing from that type: definite tarsi and paired claws present.

With a single family series. CARABOIDEA (p. 474)

Sub-order II. POLYPHAGA

Antennae and tarsi very variable. Wing venation of the Staphylinid or Cantharid type. Ovarioles acrotrophic: testes follicular with one or more pairs of accessory glands: four or six Malpighian tubes. Larvae with very variable habits: campodeiform or eruciform; the legs long or short, almost always without tarsi, and with single claws.

The Polypagha are divided into the following series:

1 (2).—Wing venation of the Staphylinid type without cross-veins or loop. Antennae filiform or clubbed, occasionally irregular.

2 (1).—Wing venation of the Cantharid type, in some forms either so greatly reduced that the type is unrecognizable, or approximating to the Staphylinid type. Antennae very variable.

3 (9).—Gular sutures and pleuro-sternal sutures of prothorax distinct.

4 (8).—Antennae without a lamellate club.
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5.— Tarsi 1- to 5-jointed, very rarely heteromerous. 

6.— Tarsi heteromerous. 

7.— Tarsi apparently 4-jointed. 

8 (4).—Antennae with a lamellate club. 

9 (3).—Gular sutures confluent, pleuro-sternal sutures of prothorax atrophied: tarsi as in 7: head generally prolonged into a rostrum. 

Sub-order I. ADEPHAGA

Many of the characters of the Adephaga suggest that this sub-order includes the most primitive members of the Coleoptera. The presence of what is morphologically the second abdominal sternum, the usually filiform antennae, the pentamerous tarsi, the characters afforded by the venation, and the campodeiform larvae are all suggestive of a primitive origin. According to Gahan (Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist., 5, 1915, p. 57) most of the Adephaga are characterized by the presence of a noto-pleural suture on either side of the prothorax, and it is doubtful whether this suture is ever developed among the Polyphaga. Both larvae and imagines are predaceous and carnivorous; a few exceptions are known but exact observations upon the feeding habits are not numerous. The Paussidæ and Rhysodidæ are abnormal in certain features, particularly with regard to their antennal development, and the Gyrinidæ are very highly modified for an aquatic mode of life. *Hydroporus* is exceptional in that the anterior pair of tarsi are 4-jointed. 

Key to the families of Adephaga (adapted from Fowler):—

1 (16).—Six or seven (rarely eight) visible ventral abdominal segments, the first three connate but with the sutures apparent. 

2 (11).—Metasternum with a transverse suture before posterior coxae. 

3 (8).—Transverse suture extending across metasternum, the latter continued as an angular process between the posterior coxae. 

4 (7).—Posterior coxae normal; antennae 11-jointed. 

5 (6).—Clypeus extending laterally before bases of antennae. 

6 (5).—Clypeus not extending laterally before bases of antennae. 

7 (4).—Posterior coxae very large and plate-like; antennae 10-jointed. 

8 (3).—Transverse suture very short, not extending across metasternum, the latter not prolonged between the posterior coxae. 

9 (10).—Anterior coxae conical, tibiae and tarsi with swimming hairs. 

10 (9).—Anterior coxae globular, no swimming hairs. 

11 (2).—Metasternum without a transverse suture before posterior coxae. 

12 (15).—Posterior coxae contiguous: legs natatorial. 

13 (14).—Eyes not divided: antennae normal. 

14 (13).—Eyes divided: antennae very short, auriculate. 

15 (12).—Posterior coxae widely separated: legs ambulatorial: antennae moniliform.
16 (1).—Abdomen with less than 6 visible ventral segments: antennae usually more or less abnormal.

17 (18).—Abdomen with 5 visible segments, basal ones connate with no apparent suture: antennae usually 2-jointed, sometimes 6-11-jointed, nearly always abnormally developed.

18 (17).—Abdomen with 5 free, ventral segments: antennae 11-jointed, filiform.

FAM. CICINDELIDÆ (Tiger Beetles).—The members of this family are among the most voracious and fierce of all insects, particularly in the larval stages and, on account of these habits, they have earned the popular designation of tiger beetles. They are characterized by the markedly prominent eyes, the large and acutely toothed mandibles, and by the lacinia usually terminating in an articulated hook. The legs are long or very long, and there are generally six ventral abdominal segments visible in the female and seven in the male (Fig. 448). The family comprises about 1800 species, the majority being denizens of tropical and subtropical lands. About half its members belong to the genus Cicindela and to the latter are assigned the four British representatives of the family. Tiger beetles are often brightly coloured, although they seldom appear conspicuous in their natural surroundings. Their movements are very active, they run with extreme rapidity and many quickly take to the wing. Although their flights are of short duration, their darting movements render it extremely difficult to follow their course with the eye. A large number of the species are most active in hot sunshine but others, including apterous forms, are nocturnal. The species of Cicindela chiefly affect open sandy localities, either inland and away from water, or on the sea-shore or along the margins of rivers: Collyris, Tricondyla, and their allies are largely arboreal.

The larvae of species of Cicindela are described and figured by Schiödtte and by V. E. Shelford (Journ. Linn. Soc. Zool. 30). They are characterized by the head and prothorax being larger and broader than the rest of the body. The mandibles are large and there are four ocelli on each side. The legs are rather long and slender, the tarsi bear paired claws and there are no anal cerci. The most characteristic organ consists of a pair of hooks arising from a swollen base on the dorsal side of the 5th abdominal segment. These larvae are ground dwellers, living in burrows which may extend for a foot or more in the earth. The broadened head and prothorax occupy the entrance to the burrow, and its curiously bent body enables the larva to maintain a firm contact with the sides of its abode. This is mainly achieved by the dorsal hooks already mentioned, and the legs also assist in this respect. The food consists of other insects that may wander near the mouth of the burrow and, when the prey is sufficiently near, the larva suddenly throws back its head, seizes the victim with its long sharp jaws, and draws it within the retreat where it is devoured. According to V. E. Shelford the larva of Cicindela purpurea requires twelve or thirteen months for its growth and during that time it passes through three ecdyses. The larva of Neocollyris has been described by R. Shelford (Trans. Ent. Soc., 1907) and by van Leeuven (Tijd. Ent. 1910). It is of the typical Cicindelid form but there is only a single pair of ocelli on each side of the head. In the place of the pair of dorsal abdominal hooks there is a series of three smaller hooks on either side of the same segment. This larva bores into the shoots of tea and coffee plants and, according to van Leeuven, that of Tricondyla is very similar in structure and habits.

FAM. CARABIDÆ.—This important family comprises over 17,000 described species and is distributed throughout the world. In temperate regions its members are almost entirely ground beetles occurring in the soil, under stones, in moss and rotting wood, under bark, etc. The elytra in many species are firmly soldered together and the wings are often atrophied. In the tropics there are numerous arboreal genera, with well developed wings and considerable powers of flight. Carabidæ are closely allied to the preceding family but are readily distinguished by the form of the clypeus, and the absence of the terminal hook on the lacinia of the maxilla. In many genera the legs are slender, and adapted for running: in others (Clivina, Dyschirius, etc.) they are shorter, and are used for digging. Although a considerable number of the species are metallic or otherwise brightly coloured, the majority have the sombre dark coloration of ground insects. Many Carabidæ, in their general configuration, bear a resemblance to the Tenebrionidæ, but may be easily separated upon tarsal characters. Although both the larve and adults are essentially carnivorous a few have been recorded as devouring cereals and the seeds of plants, the habit being noted in species of Harpalus, Zabrus, Omophron and Amara. Harpalus rufulicornis sometimes causes damage to strawberries. Calosoma largely preys upon lepidopterous
larva and, of recent years, C. sycophanta has been imported in large numbers from Europe into N. America, in order that its predaceous habit may be utilized in destroying the larvae of the gipsy and brown-tail moths (vide Burgess, U.S. Bur. Entom. Bull. 101). Species of Anophtalmus, and other genera, are devoid of eyes and live in caverns or beneath huge boulders deeply embedded in the earth. Members of the tribe Brachinina have the property of secreting an evil smelling defensive fluid from the anal end of the body. In the case of the Bombardier beetles (Brachinus), this fluid rapidly volatilizes into a gas which appears like a minute jet of smoke when it comes into contact with the air, and its discharge is accompanied by a distinctly audible sound. The fluid possesses caustic properties producing an effect upon the skin resembling that of nitric acid.

Carabid larvae (Fig. 465) are very active, linear or elongate in form, with 10 abdominal segments, and the legs are terminated by a pair of claws. The head carries a pair of sharp calliper-like mandibles and there are six ocelli on either side. The 9th abdominal segment carries a pair of cerci of variable length and the 10th segment is tubular in form, and generally provided with a pair of protrusible vesicles (vide Kemner, 1913a). In addition to the writings of Schiodte and Xambou, a number of Carabid larvae are described by Boving (Ent. Medd. 1910, 1911), Dimmock and Knab (1904), and Kemner (1912, 1913) and the larva of Pelophila by Johnson and Carpenter (Trans. Ent. Soc., 1898).

The Carabidae are divided into four sub-families, the largest being the Harpalini with over 10,000 species. The Carabinae comprise many of the larger and more striking forms (Fig. 464), and the Mormolycineae include only the Malayan genus Mormolyca, in which the lateral borders of the elytra are produced into broad leaf-like expansions. The Pseudomorphinae are likewise an aberrant group, and have the head grooved on either side for the reception of the antennae.

FAM. AMPHIZOIDEA.—A very small family consisting of a few species which are indigenous to N. America and Tibet. They frequent cold, rapid streams where they cling to stones and timber, but are not adapted for swimming. The larva of Amphizoa is described by Hubbard (Proc. Ent. Soc. Washington, 1892): it is likewise aquatic, the side margins of the segments are extended into lamellate prolongations and the larva bears a close resemblance to that of a Silphid. Six ocelli are present on either side, the tarsal claws are paired, and there are eight abdominal segments terminated by a pair of short spine-like cerci. The only pair of functional spiracles are terminal, the remaining pairs being obsolete.

FAM. PELOBIIDAE (Hygrobiidae).—Like the Amphizoidea this is a very small family with a remarkably discontinuous geographical range, its single genus Pelobius (Hygrobia) occurring in Britain and South Europe, central Asia and Australia. The species are aquatic but, unlike those of Amphizoa, the legs are adapted for swimming. Pelobius tardus is capable of loud stridulation which is produced by rubbing the apex of the abdomen against a file on the inner aspect of the elytra. The larva of this species is figured by Schiodte; the spiracles are minute and functionless, and it respires by means of a series of ventral
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branchiae. The body has a club-shaped appearance owing to the greatly enlarged head and prothorax and the narrow linear abdomen. The latter is terminated by two very long cerci and a median process of very similar proportions. For an account of the biology of this species vide Balfour-Browne (Proc. Zool. Soc., 1922).

**FAM. HALIPLIDÆ.—**A family of small aquatic beetles of very wide geographical range. They are feeble swimmers inhabiting both running and standing water, where they are found among aquatic vegetation or under stones. Three genera and rather more than a dozen species are British. Their larva are very peculiar and quite distinct from those of any other family of Coleoptera. The whole body is invested by segmentally arranged groups of fleshy process, which are long and thread-like in *Cnemidotus*, and shorter in *Haliplus*. In the latter genus there are eight pairs of abdominal spiracles, but in *Cnemidotus* spiracles are wanting and the processes of the body-wall function as tracheal gills.

**FAM. DYTISCIDÆ (True Water Beetles).—**Although this family occurs all over the world it is more especially characteristic of the palaeartic region: nearly 2,200 species are known, over 100 being British. Its members frequent both running and standing water, one or two species inhabit thermal springs, while others occur in brackish or more or less salt water. The remarkable eyeless genus *Stietitia* has been found in a deep well fed by a subterranean spring in France. The structure and classification of the family form the subject of a comprehensive memoir by Sharp (1880-82) and tfhis authority points out that, although the Dytiscidæ are aquatic in their larval and imaginal instars, they are to be regarded as modified terrestrial Adephaga. In this connection it may be noted that (1) in their general structure and venation they resemble the Carabidæ, the main differences being in the form of the metatergum, the hind coxae, and natatorial legs; (2) they drown more quickly than many land beetles do, the imagines can exist perfectly well on land, and are capable of prolonged flight; (3) the pupae, so far as is known, are terrestrial. These insects may be readily distinguished from the Hydrophilidæ, which they resemble in general shape, by their filiform antennæ: Dytiscidæ are, furthermore, exclusively carnivorous both as larvae and adults. The hind-legs function as swimming organs, and are greatly flattened, widely separated and fringed with long hairs. In the males of certain genera the first three joints of the fore tarsi are dilated to form highly efficient adhesive pads which are provided beneath with cup-like suckers. The latter are moistened with a glutinous secretion and, according to Blunck (Zeits. wiss. Zool., 1912), this product indirectly aids adhesion after the manner of grease in an air-pump and, directly, by increasing the adhesive force. The male, by the aid of these sucker-pads, is enabled to retain hold of the female for many hours continuously. The best known member of the family is *Dyticus marginalis*, a species which has been more fully studied from every aspect than any other example of the Coleoptera. The eggs of this insect are laid singly, each in an incision made by the ovipositor in the stem of a water-plant. The larva is extremely voracious and preys upon various aquatic animals including molluscs, worms, insects, tadpoles and even small fishes. The victim is pierced by the long sickle-shaped mandibles which, as Meinert and others have shown, are perforated apically and traversed by a fine canal (Fig. 456). The latter communicates at the base of the mandible with a transverse conduit which, along with its fellow of the opposite side, opens into the pharynx. A secretion of the mid-gut is injected through the mandibles into the prey and digestion of the tissues of the latter takes place externally (vide p. 193). By means of the pumping action exerted by the pharynx the liquefied food is imbibed through the mandibular canals and thence into the gut. For details concerning the structure of the mouth-parts and the physiological questions involved vide Portier (1911). In the imago, on the other hand, the mandibles are masticatory and digestion takes place wholly internally. The larva swins with the aid of its legs which are fringed with hairs and are efficient oars: it is also capable of making sudden movements by throwing its body into serpent-like curves. The last two abdominal segments and the small pair of terminal lobes are fringed with hairs, which enable the larva to hang head downwards, suspended from the surface film. In this position it is able to take in air by the caudal pair of spiracles: the remaining seven pairs of the latter organs are rudimentary and closed. When fully fed, the larva makes its way to the moist earth near the water, and there constructs a cell in which pupation takes place. In the adult beetle the last two pairs of spiracles are markedly larger than those preceding. When the insect comes to the surface to breathe the caudal extremity rises above the water, thus placing the enlarged spiracles in communication with the atmosphere. A supply of air, furthermore, is retained beneath the elytra and clings to the felted hairs covering the abdominal terga. This is utilized during submergence and is renewed when the beetle comes to the surface,
the elytra being slightly elevated to allow of the free entry of air beneath them.

The literature on *Dytiscus* is very extensive; for further details concerning its biology vide Miall (1902), Boving (1913), Wesenberg-Lund (1913), Alt (1912), and the writings of Brocher and others. The larvae of this and other genera are figured by Schrödte and by Meinert (1901).

**FAM. GYRINIDÆ (Whirligig Beetles).**—Included in this family are about 450 species which are surface swimmers. They are mostly gregarious and sometimes occur in large congregations. Individuals are seen constantly darting in graceful curves around one another with an agility that renders their movements difficult to follow with the eye. The various species are very uniform in appearance, being ovoid or elliptical, more or less flattened, and of a steely-black or bronze lustre. The antennæ are very different from the prevalent Adephagid type, being extremely short and stout, auriculate basally, and inserted beneath the front. The eyes are divided into upper and lower organs, and it has been suggested that the former are adapted for aerial vision and the latter for use beneath the water. The fore-legs are long and prehensile; in the male the tarsi are often dilated and provided with suckers. The hind-legs are broad, greatly flattened, and highly adapted for swimming, while the middle pair are similarly modified, but in a lesser degree. *Gyrinus* is chiefly carnivorous and its eggs are laid end to end in rows upon submerged water plants. The larva (Fig. 466) is elongate with deeply constricted segments, the mandibles are pointed and perforated by a sucking canal, and the legs long with paired claws. Each of the first eight abdominal segments bears a pair of plumose tracheal gills, and two pairs of similar organs are carried on the 9th segment. Pupation takes place in a cocoon which is attached to water plants. *Orectochilus* is the only other British genus and is mainly nocturnal in habits.

**FAM. PAUSSIDÆ.**—The Paussidæ include some of the most remarkable of Coleoptera and probably all their species live in some degree of association with ants. They inhabit subtropical and tropical countries, particularly those of the old world; almost all the species are small, and more than 300 are known. They differ from the usual Adephagid type in possessing fewer than six central abdominal segments, but the researches of Escherich, Wasmann, and others show that they resemble Carabidæ in certain features of their internal anatomy. Most of the peculiarities which distinguish the Paussidæ from other families are adaptations to a myrmecophilous life, and are most strikingly exhibited in the antennæ (Fig. 467). In *Protopaussus* these appendages retain the simple 11-jointed Carabid type; in *Ceratopius* and other genera they are 10-jointed and exceedingly broad and compressed; in *Pleuropterus* most of the joints are soldered together and in *Paussus* and many other genera they are 2-jointed. The second joint is greatly enlarged to form a club, which assumes the most bizarre shapes, and is probably developed as the result of the consolidation of an originally multiarticulate flagellum. According to Wasmann (1910) the antennal development is correlated with the growth of a glandular exudatory tissue which produces an aromatic secretion. This tissue is found not only in the enlarged antennal joints but also beneath the body-wall of the head, prothorax and apex of the abdomen. Its positions are indicated by the presence of tufts of yellow hairs or groups of cuticular pores which facilitate the diffusion of its secretion. The latter is eagerly licked by the ants off the bodies of their Paussid inquilines, who are thus enabled to make a return for the hospitality they receive. The metamorphoses of the family have received very little attention: the larva of *Paussus* is of a modified...
Carabid type, and is well described by Boving *(Vidensk. Medd. naturh. Forren., Copenhagen, 1907)*.

**FAM. RHYSODIDÆ.**—The members of this small family are readily distinguished from other Adephaga by their stout and conspicuously moniliform antennæ (Fig. 468). They are linear insects, usually black or dark brown, and somewhat flattened in accordance with a life spent in rotting trees or under bark. The position of the family is doubtful and it appears to have affinities with the Colydidæ and Cucujidæ. Rather more than 100 species have been described and they are widely distributed in both hemispheres. Nothing appears to be known concerning their metamorphoses but their larvæ probably prey upon other lignicolous insects.

**FAM. CUPEDIDÆ** (Cupesidae: Fig. 469).—A very small family ranging into both hemispheres, including Australia. Its systematic position is very unsettled and Lameere regarded it as the most primitive family of beetles. The fusion of the 2nd and 3rd abdominal sternae, however, argues against this view, and the family is placed by Sharp with the Cucujidæ. The venation has apparent Adephagid affinities and, as Gahan has pointed out, the presence of noto-pleural sutures on the prothorax suggests a like relationship. The larva of Cupes, however, is very different from the Adephagid type (vide Snyder, *Proc. Ent. Soc. Washington*, 1913) and is a wood borer. The body widens somewhat posteriorly and terminates in a stout anal spine; there are no cerci and the legs are short and single-clawed.

**Sub-order II. POLYPHAGA**

**Superfamily I. Staphylinoidae**

VENATION OF THE STAPHYLINID TYPE, OFTEN MUCH REDUCED. ANTEN-NAE SIMPLE OR CLAVATE, RARELY IRREGULAR. TARSAL JOINTS VARIABLE. TESTICULAR FOLLICLES SESSELE; TWO PAIRS OF MALE ACCESSORY GLANDS; MALPIGHIAN TUBES FOUR. LARVAE CAMPODEIFORM OR NOT WIDELY DIVERGENT THEREFROM.

The greater number of the species of this superfamily are of small or very small size and it includes the most minute of all Coleoptera. It is only among the Staphylinidæ, Histeridæ and Silphidæ that any considerable proportion of the species attain even a moderate size. The Staphylinoidæ exhibit great diversity of habits: the great majority are saprophagous or fungivorous, a smaller number are predaceous upon insects or other animals, several hundreds are denizens of ants' or termites' nests and one or two species are parasites.

The following table (chiefly after Leconte and Horn) will serve as an aid to the recognition of typical members of the various families.

1. (4).—Abdominal segments corneous dorsally; elytra much abbreviated.
2. (3).—Abdominal segments flexible, 8 visible ventrally; tarsi Staphylinidæ 3, 4 or 5-jointed.
3. (2).—Abdominal segments connate, 5 or 6 visible ventrally: Pselaphidæ tarsi with not more than 3 joints.
4 (1).—Abdominal segments membranous dorsally except when exposed at the apex: elytra usually covering or almost covering the abdomen.

5 (6).—Antennae geniculate.

6 (5).—Antennae not geniculate.

7 (16).—Legs with at least one pair of tarsi 5-jointed.

8 (11).—Mentum large, the palpi distant at base.

9 (10).—Mentum transverse, hind angles prolonged.

10 (9).—Mentum prolonged into three obtuse lobes behind.

11 (8).—Mentum moderate or small, palpi approximated basally.

12 (13).—Eyes coarsely granulated, posterior coxae slightly transverse: very small insects.

13 (12).—Eyes finely granulated, posterior coxae strongly transverse: size variable.

14 (15).—Posterior coxae widely separated.

15 (16).—Posterior coxae not widely separated.

16 (17).—Tarsi 3- or 4-jointed.

17 (22).—Tarsi 3-jointed.

18 (21).—Abdomen with 6 or 7 sternae.

19 (20).—Antennae slender, verticillate, abdomen not prolonged.

20 (19).—Antennae short, not verticillate, abdomen prolonged.

21 (18).—Abdomen with 3 sternae.

22 (17).—Tarsi 4-jointed.

23 (24).—Posterior coxae laminate: insects capable of being more or less contracted into a ball.

24 (23).—Not as in 23: third tarsal joint very small.

**FAM. STAPHYLINIDÆ** (Rove Beetles: Figs. 449, 470).—The principal feature of this family is seen in the very short elytra, hence the older name of Brachelytra for the group. Notwithstanding the small size of these organs, they conceal large well-developed wings, which are complexly folded away beneath them. On the other hand the unfolding of the wings can take place with great rapidity, thus allowing the insect to resort to almost instantaneous flight. In a few genera (Olophrum, Lathrinæum, etc.) the elytra are larger than usual, leaving only the apex of the abdomen uncovered. The head is very variable in form and size and frequently differs in the sexes: the antennae are 10- or 11-jointed and either filiform or more or less clubbed. The eyes are very variable in development though rarely wanting and, in a few cases, a single ocellus or a pair of these organs is also present. The number of joints to the tarsi is inconstant and the latter are sometimes heteromeric. The abdomen is frequently terminated by a pair of styliform appendages, and certain species exhibit the curious habit of curling the distal portion of the hind-body over the back in a threatening manner. The Staphylinidae include more than 13,000 species of which over 800 inhabit the British Isles. The majority of species are small and inconspicuous, but a few are brightly coloured and the largest British species, Ocyopus olenis (Fig. 470), attains the exceptional length of 28 mm. Members of the family abound where there is decaying organic matter, including dung and dead animals, while many are predaceous. More than 300 species are known to be myrmecophilous (vide, p. 570): thus Myrmedonia includes synechrans preying upon dead or disabled ants, while other genera live as tolerated guests of Doryline ants and exhibit a remarkable mimetic resemblance to the latter. Dinarda is a synkete in the nests of certain species of Formica and the Aleocharine genera Lomechusa and Ateles are highly evolved symphiles which are assiduously tended by ants. Numerous termitophilous genera have been brought to light by Silvestri, Trägårdh and others. Certain of these are viviparous, and Corotoca, Spinachtha, Termitomimus and other genera are physogastric, the abdomen assuming bizarre forms.
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Staphylinid larvæ (Fig. 185) are typically campodeiform and often closely resemble those of the Carabidæ. There is no distinct labrum, the body is protected by chitinized segmental scuta and the terminal segment is tubular. The legs have only one claw and cerci are present. The larvæ of certain species are definitely known to be carnivorous and predaceous, a habit which is apparently very general. The larvæ of Aleochara bilineata Gyll. and A. algarum Fauv. are pupal parasites of cyclorrhaphous Diptera. The life history of the former species has been followed by Wadsworth (Journ. Econ. Biol., 1915). The newly hatched larva is campodeiform and gnaws its way into the puparium of its host. It subsequently undergoes hypermetamorphosis, becoming eruciform, with obvious degeneration in adaptation to a parasitic life. There is, furthermore, strong presumptive evidence that members of other genera are similarly parasites, and they are likely to afford a considerable field for investigation. The degenerate eruciform type of larva also occurs in Lonechusa as an adaptation to myrmecophilous habits. The larvæ of Syntomium and Micropeplus are aberrant, being short and broad and markedly onisciform. A considerable number of Staphylinid larvæ have been described by Xambeu, Schiödte and others: for a general monograph on the family vide Eichelbaum (1909).

FAM. PSELAPHIDÆ.—A large family of very small reddish or yellow beetles bearing a resemblance to ants. Although worldwide in distribution it attains its greatest development in the tropics. The species mostly live in ants' nests; they present great diversity of form, the antennæ and maxillary palpi being especially remarkable. The Pselaphinæ usually have 11-jointed antennæ and greatly developed maxillary palpi, notably in the males of certain genera. The members of this sub-family are less highly modified than the Clavigerinae, some are known to be myrmecophilous, while others occur under bark, among moss, etc. The Clavigerinae are sometimes regarded as a separate family, and are true symphiles. The antennæ are composed of one to six joints and rival those of the Paussidæ in their specialization: the maxillary palpi are greatly reduced or rudimentary and are evidently no longer needed in species which are fed by their hosts. At the base of the abdomen there is an extensive hollow which is surrounded by tufts of golden yellow hair diffusing a substance that the ants are fond of. The European Claviger testaceus is well known and lives in the nests of Lasius: the ants feed it with regurgitated food and individuals have been kept under observation by Janet for over four years. The chief authority on the Pselaphidæ is Raffray and some of the more remarkable forms are figured in his monograph (Gen. Insectorum): rather more than 30 species are British. The larva of Chennium resembles the Staphylinid type and is described by Xambeu (Rev. d'Ent., 1889).

FAM. SCYDMENIDÆ.—The members of this family are almost all very small insects: they are very widely distributed and more than 1,200 species are known, about two dozen being British. They mostly occur in moss under bark, etc., or in ants' nests, often in company with Pselaphidæ. Although related to the latter family, their 5-jointed tarsi, and longer elytra, afford a ready means of separation. They are more closely allied to the Silphidæ and chiefly differ from the latter in the coarser eye-facets and the separated hind coxae. The larva of Scydmenus tarsatus is figured by Meinert (Ent. Medd. I): it is flattened and onisciform in general shape with laterally expanded margins to the segments. Scarce anything appears to be known of the biology of the family.

FAM. SILPHIDÆ. (Burying and Carrion Beetles).—A large family more especially characteristic of the holarctic region. They exhibit great diversity in form and dimensions, some being extremely minute while others attain a comparatively large size. The antennæ are either clavate, or thickened distally, and the elytra frequently leave the apex of the abdomen exposed. The tarsi are generally 5-jointed, but are variable, and sometimes heteromerous. The various species mostly live on carrion, fungi or decaying vegetable matter, a few are only found in ants' nests, and a number of eyeless species occur in caves. The conspicuous black or black and orange burying beetles (Necrophorus) are well known to excavate the ground beneath small dead animals, thereby burying them. They also frequent larger carcasses in considerable numbers: Their eggs are laid in these corpses and their larvæ lead a saprozoic life.

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Silpha comprises the roving carrion-beetles (Fig. 471); the larvae of some species wander in search of decomposing animal matter, those of *S. atrata* and *lavaigata* are predaceous upon snails, that of *S. quadripunctata* preys upon lepidopterous larvae, while the larva of *S. opaca* often attacks beet and other root crops. Anisotoma and Agathidium comprise a number of small species found among damp herbage, in fungi, under bark, etc. The minute forms constituting the Clambe are often regarded as a distinct family: they have the faculty of curling themselves into a ball and the tarsi are 4-jointed. The larvae of the Silphidæ exhibit great diversity of form: those of several genera are well figured by Schiodte and a table of the described forms is given by Peyerimhoff (Ann. Soc. Ent. Fr. 1906). The campodeiform type is exhibited in *Anisotoma*, *Catops* and other genera: the larvae of *Silpha* are greatly broadened and flattened and bear dorsal shields, and reduced anal cerci. The family comprises about 900 species, considerably over 100 being found in the British Isles.

**FAM. PLATYPSSYLLIDÆ.**—The single species (*Platypsyllus castoris*) which forms this family is one of the most aberrant of the Coleoptera. It has been found on the beaver in Europe and America but whether it preys upon ectoparasites of that animal, or feeds upon cutaneous substances only, is unknown. The head is provided with a comb-like row of spines near the hind margin, eyes are wanting and the mandibles are vestigial. The maxillæ, however, are well developed and not unlike those of other Coleoptera. The elytra are short, leaving six abdominal segments exposed, and there are no wings. The relationships of this curious insect have been much discussed, and it has been regarded as constituting a separate order. The larva, however, is undoubtedly coleopterous; it is well figured by Riley (Ins. Life, 1) who also discusses the affinities of the family. The beetle exhibits a resemblance to the Mallophaga which is due to convergence on account of similar habits.

**FAM. LEPTINIDÆ.**—This very small family is closely allied to the Silphidæ; the antennæ are long and filiform and the eyes are vestigial or absent. *Leptinus testaceus* occurs in Britain and is holarctic in its range. Its habits are unknown but it has been found in rotten wood, in the nests of birds and field mice as well as in those of Bombus and Formica. *Leptininus* is stated by Riley to live on the beaver in company with *Platypsyllus*.

**FAM. TRICHOPTERYGIDÆ.**—All the members of this family are exceedingly minute: the neotropical *Nanosella fungi* is stated to be the smallest known Coleopteron and measures .25 mm. long, while the maximum size in any species is only about 2 mm. The elytra are variable in length and the wings are very narrow, with a marginal fringe of exceptionally long hairs. These insects abound in decaying vegetable matter of various kinds, in fungi, and under bark. The
larvae are figured by Perris (1876) and by Matthews. The family is probably nearly world-wide and about 80 species are found in England (vide Matthews, 1872).

**FAM. HYDROSCAPHIDÆ.**—These very minute insects are Trichopterygidae adapted for an aquatic life (Fowler). They occur in running water, including hot springs, and the larva of *Hydroscapha* is well figured by Boving (Proc. Ent. Soc. Washington, 16). According to this observer its structure shows that the genus must be referred to the Hydrophilidae. It is apneustic and respiration is stated to take place by means of three pairs of jointed processes. Only three or four species, from Southern Europe and N. America, are known.

**FAM. SPHÆRIDÆ.**—A small family consisting of about half a dozen minute species of which *Sphaerius acaroides* occurs in the English fen district.

**FAM. CORYLOPHIDÆ.**—The species of this family mostly occur in rotting wood or decaying vegetation. They are all very small, the wings are fringed with long hairs and the tarsi apparently 3-jointed, the third joint being minute and concealed by the vegetation. The larvae of *Orthoperus* and *Arthrolips* are figured by Perris. This family, together with the Sphæridæ, has been monographed by Matthews (1899). *Aphanocephalus* is an anomalous genus and has been separated to form the family Pseudocorylophidæ.

**FAM. SCAPHIDIIDÆ.**—The species of this family are fungivorous or occur in rotting wood both as larvae and adults. They are small, oval, convex and very shining insects with filiform or slightly clavate antennæ. Their affinities have been much disputed, some authorities placing the family in the Diversicornia. Only about 300 species are known, and the few British representatives belong to the genera *Scaphidium* and *Scaphistoma*. The larva of the last-mentioned genus is described by Perris: it is of a modified campodeiform type with elongate hairs along the sides, rather long antennæ, and greatly reduced cerci.

**FAM. HISTERIDÆ.**—The Histeridae are a large family of compact hard, shining beetles with geniculate and strongly clubbed antennæ. The elytra are truncated behind leaving the two apical segments exposed. For the most part they are black or brown insects, but in some cases the elytra are marked with red, and a few species are metallic. When alarmed they simulate death and closely retract the antennæ and legs beneath the body. *Hister* and its allies frequent dung and carrion: *Hololepta* and *Platysoma* live beneath bark and are greatly flattened; others are cylindrical and live in the burrows of wood-boring insects. Several genera are found in ants' nests and others in those of termites. The larvae have a soft and often wrinkled integument, very short legs and no ocelli or labrum. The mandibles and palpi are prominent, while the broad 9th abdominal segment bears short 2-jointed cerci. So far as known they are carnivorous; the larva of *Saprinus virescens* preys upon that of *Phaenon*, *Hister pustulosus* attacks *Agrotis* larvae, while the dung-feeding and lignicolous forms probably prey upon dipterous and other larvae. The genus *Niponius* (Fig. 473) is characterized by the very large head and slender tarsi: its larva frequents the burrows of Scolytidae and probably preys upon the immature stages of the latter. *Niponius* occurs in Japan, the Himalaya and Borneo, and has been regarded as representing a separate family.

In addition to the foregoing, the Phaenocephalidae are a very small family containing a single genus which occurs in Japan.

Superfamily II. Diversicornia

VENATION OF THE CANTHARID TYPE OR APPROXIMATING TO THE STAPHYLINID TYPE, SOMETIMES GREATLY REDUCED. ANTENNAE VERY VARIABLE. TARSI 1 TO 5-JOINTED, ONLY EXCEPTIONALLY HETEROMEROUS. TESTICULAR FOLLICLES SESSILE: TWO OR THREE PAIRS OF MALE ACCESSORY GLANDS: FOUR OR SIX MALPIGHIAN TUBES. LARVAE SOMETIMES CAMPODEIFORM, MORE OFTEN OF AN INTERMEDIATE TYPE OR ERUCIFORM: IN SOME CASES APODOUS. Included in this superfamily are the series Clavicornia and Serricornia.
of many authorities. These two groups are very closely connected by transitional forms rendering their exact definition impossible. To give any tabular synopsis of the families of the world is a matter of great difficulty. Their affinities are so intermingled, and exceptions are so numerous, that only a very cumbrous and highly involved synopsis is possible at all. The attempts that have been made mostly have only a limited application and are often misleading. The student is, therefore, advised to become thoroughly acquainted with the structure of the more easily recognizable families in the first instance, and gradually identify the remainder with the aid of a reference collection. In drawing up the family characters free use has been made of the works of Sharp and Fowler. The following families (pp. 484-490) are regarded as constituting the old series Clavicoronia which usually have clubbed antennae: their order of arrangement is entirely provisional.

FAM. SYNETELIIDÆ.—ANTENNE STRONGLY CLUBBED. FORE AND HIND COXÆ TRANSVERSE, CONTIGUOUS. ABDOMINAL SEGMENTS CORNEOUS, APEX OF ABDOMEN NOT COVERED BY ELYTRA. A very small family related to the Histeridæ and Silphidæ. Synetelia (Fig. 474) occurs in Mexico and the Orient where it has been found at the sap exuding from wounded trees. The SPHERÆRITIDÆ are closely allied to the above and are represented by Sphaerites: S. glabratus is found in decaying organic matter and, though rare in Britain, is widely distributed in the holarctic region.

FAM. TROGOSITIDÆ.—CLOSELY ALLIED TO THE NITIDULIDÆ, BUT WITH THE 1ST TARSAL JOINT VERY SMALL AND THE 5TH NORMAL; HIND COXÆ CONTIGUOUS. The majority of species of this family are tropical, only three genera and as many species being British. They vary greatly in form, some being elongate and cylindrical, others almost hemispherical. Several genera inhabit decaying trees, and prey upon the larvae of other lignicolous insects, while others occur in fungi. The cosmopolitan “Cadelle” Tenebrioides mauritanicus (Fig. 475) is found in flour, grain and many other stored products; it is often injurious but the damage it causes is to some extent counterbalanced by its also being predaceous. Its whitish cylindrical larva is furnished with long setae along the sides and the thoracic terga are protected by chitined shields; the last abdominal segment is brown-black and bears two strong spines. The larva of Nematosoma is described by Erichson (Naturg. Ins. Deutsch., 3): that of Thymalus by Chanius and Candèze and the larva of Temnochila by Perris.

FAM. HELOTIDÆ.—ANTERIOR AND MIDDLE COXAL CAVITIES ROUND, ALL THE COXÆ WIDELY SEPARATED. ABDOMEN WITH FIVE VISIBLE VENTRAL SEGMENTS, ALL MOBILE. The members of this family are closely allied to the Trogositidæ and Nitidulidæ; the shape of the coxal cavities and the presence of two raised waxy spots on each elytron serve to distinguish them. About 40 species are known from the Oriental region and Japan. They have been observed by Lewis feeding on the exuding sap of trees.

FAM. BYTURIDÆ.—ANTENNE 11-JOINTED, INSERTED BEFORE THE EYES.
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ANTERIOR COXAL CAVITIES CLOSED BEHIND, MESEPIMERA REACHING MIDDLE COXAL CAVITIES. Tarsi 5-JOINTED, 2ND AND 3RD JOINTS LOBED BENEATH, 4TH JOINT SMALL: CLAWS TOOTHED. This small family is constituted by the genus *Byturus* and includes a few small pubescent species infesting the raspberry and allied plants. The adults often cause great injury to the blossoms and the larvae are destructive to the fruit: for the biology of *Byturus tomentosus* vide Theobald (*Ins. Pests of Fruit*). The position of the family is doubtful and Sharp relegates it to the Dermestidæ.

FAM. NITIDULIDÆ.—MOSTLY SMALL INSECTS OFTEN WITH AT LEAST ONE OR TWO ABDOMINAL SEGMENTS UNCOVERED BY THE ELYTRA. ALL THE COXÆ SEPARATED AND EACH WITH AN EXTERNAL PROLATION. TARSII USUALLY 5-JOINTED, THE 4TH JOINT SMALLEST. ABDOMEN WITH FIVE VISIBLE SEGMENTS. A large family of about 2,200 species which are extremely variable in form, structure and habits (Fig. 476). Several genera with abbreviated elytra very closely resemble Staphylinidæ. A large number inhabit flowers and, in some cases, are restricted to particular species of the latter: others are found in fungi or in decaying animal matter: *Carpophilus* occurs in dried fruits, grain, etc., while *Glischrochilus* and *Rhizophagus* are found under bark or at exuding sap. The two latter genera connect this family with the Trogosidæ. The larvae of various Nitidulidæ have been studied by Perris. Those of certain species of *Meligethes* are sometimes injurious to cultivated Cruciferæ while the larvae of *Glischrochilus* and *Rhizophagus* are predaceous upon *Hylurgus*, *Hylobius* and other xylophagous Coleoptera.

FAM. CUCUJIDÆ.—USUALLY FLATTENED INSECTS WITH THE ANTENNAE OFTEN SIMpler BUT SOMETIMES DISTALLY ENLARGED. TARSII 4- OR 5-JOINTED, SOMETIMES HETEROMEROUS IN THE MALES: FIRST J OINT O F TEN SHORT. FORE AND MIDDLE COXÆ GLOBULAR BUT WITH AN ANGULAR EXTERNAL PROLATION. ABDOMEN WITH FIVE MOVABLE SEGMENTS EVIDENT VENTRALLY. This family is difficult to define and includes a great diversity of forms, mostly living beneath bark or in the borings of xylophagous insects. Nearly 500 species are known, about a score being British. Wheeler (*Zoológica*, 1921) has discovered in British Guiana two semi-social species (*Coccidotrophus socialis* and *Eunasbius Wheeleri*) which live, along with their brood, in the hollow leaf-petioles of *Tachigalina paniculata*. They are accompanied by a coccid (*Pseudococcus bromelia*) whose honey-dew is solicited by the beetles and their larvæ. *Cucujid* larvæ (vide Perris) differ greatly in form, some being flattened and others more convex and cylindrical: the body is usually terminated by a pair of slender cerci, but in *Lamoto philax* there are a pair of hooks, and in *Silvanus* the last segment is simple. Many of the larvæ are predaceous upon lignicolous insects but a certain number occur in rice, sugar, grain, lac, etc. Several of the species, notably *Silvanus surinamensis*, affecting stored products, have become widely distributed through commerce. For a bibliography of the described larvæ of the family vide Gravely (*Rec. Ind. Mus.* 11).

FAM. MONOTOMIDÆ.—ALLIED TO THE CUCUJIDÆ BUT DIFFERING IN POSSESSING APPARENTLY 3-JOINTED Tarsi, IN THE EXPOSED PYGIDIUM AND IN THE 1ST AND 5TH ABDOMINAL STERNÆ BEING LONGER THAN THE OTHERS. A widely distributed family consisting for the most part of very small insects found under bark, among vegetable refuse, etc. *Monotoma* is represented by nine species in the British Isles.

FAM. EROTYLIDÆ.—ANTENNAE STRONGLY CLUBBED. FORE AND MIDDLE COXÆ GLOBOSE: TARSII 5-JOINTED, THE FOURTH JOINT USUALLY MINUTE, THE FIRST THREE MORE OR LESS BROAD AND PUBESCENT BENEATH. ELYTRA ENTIRELY COVERING ABDOMEN WHICH IS COMPOSED OF FIVE VISIBLE STERNÆ. A large family principally inhabiting fungi and timber and mainly tropical in its distribution. The Dacninæ show relationships with the next family and the Langurinæ resemble the Phytophaga in some respects. The last-mentioned sub-family are very like Elateridæ in general form: their larvæ have been found in herbaceous plants and many of the beetles have a well developed stridulating organ on the head. The Erotylidæ are represented in the British Isles by six species.

FAM. CRYPTOPHAGIDÆ.—SMALL INSECTS, MORE OR LESS ELONGATE. FORE AND MIDDLE COXÆ VERY SMALL: TARSII 5-JOINTED OR SOMETIMES HETEROMEROUS IN THE MALES. ELYTRA COVERING ABDOMEN AND MORE OR LESS SETOSE OR PUBESCENT.
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Abdomen with five visible sternae, the first being the longest. The two principal British genera are Cryptophagus and Atomaria (Fig. 477) both of which are represented by numerous species. The members of the family vary in habits, some being found under bark or in fungi, others in flowers or about water plants: a few occur in wasps' and ants' nests and many among decaying organic matter of various kinds. The family is closely related to the Erotylidae and is regarded by Ganglbauer as a subdivision of the latter. The CATOPROCHOTIDÆ may be mentioned here: they consist of a few small species found in Turkestan.

FAM. PHALACRIDÆ.—Small oval and compact, shiny, convex insects with 5-jointed tarsi, the fourth joint minute or vestigial. Anterior coxae globular, posterior contiguous. These obscure insects mostly live in flowers, particularly fruit blossoms and the capitula of Compositae. According to Heger (S. B. Ak. Wien., 24) the larvae of Olibrus bore into stems and pupate below ground: in favourable seasons he has observed six generations in the year. The family is represented in most parts of the world and there are about 15 species in Britain. For the habits and larva of Phalacrus corruscus vide Friederichs (Arb. Biol. Anst. Berlin, 6). The THORICTIDÆ are a small family of myrmecophilous beetles almost confined to the Mediterranean region: the thorax is supplied with tufts of golden hairs which, according to Wasmann, diffuse a secretion attractive to ants. The DERODONTIDÆ are of doubtful position and include a few little known species occurring in parts of Europe, N. America and Japan.

FAM. LATHRIDIDÆ.—Minute insects with 3-jointed tarsi and the anterior coxae globular or conical. Abdomen with five or six mobile sternae of nearly equal length, and covered by the elytra. The members of this family amount to about 700 species found in moss, decaying wood and other vegetable matter and fungi: a few have occurred in herbaria, dried carcasses and in ants' nests. Nearly 40 species occur in Britain: some are almost cosmopolitan and Lathridius nodifer though once rare has now become extremely abundant. The larvae (vide Perris) are elongate, elliptical and very hairy: the pupa of Lathridius minutus is provided with curious capitately setae.

FAM. MYCETOPHAGIDÆ.—Tarsi slender, 4-jointed, those of anterior legs 3-jointed in male: coxae oval. Abdomen with five, free, equal sternae. The members of this small family chiefly live in rotting wood or under bark, associated with fungi: about a dozen species occur in Britain. Their larvae (vide Perris) are elongate and cylindrical with 4-jointed antennæ and the 9th abdominal segment terminates in a pair of smooth chitinous processes.

FAM. COLYDIIDÆ.—Tarsi usually 4-jointed with the 3rd joint normal: fore and middle coxae small and globose, hind coxae transverse. Abdomen with five sternae, the first three or four more or less connate. A family of usually elongate and more or less cylindrical beetles found beneath bark and in wood or fungi: a few species occur below ground or among vegetable refuse. Sharp remarks that the species exhibit great diversity of sculpture and clothing and are mainly restricted to primeval forests. They disappear entirely when these are destroyed: New Zealand has produced 170 species as compared with only 19 found in Britain. The larvae are very like those of the preceding family except that there are usually spines or tubercles associated with the terminal chitinous processes. Very little is known concerning their habits but they are probably mostly predaceous: the larvae of several species of Bothrioderes have been noted to be ectoparasites of other coleopterous larvae in America. The neotropical ADIMERIDÆ consist of a single genus characterized by the unique structure of the tarsi.
FAM. ENDOMYCHIDÆ.—Tarsi apparently 3-jointed, the 1st two joints broad, the 3rd minute and the terminal joint elongate: fore and middle coxae globose. Five or six free abdominal sternæ. A family of about 600 species chiefly met with among fungi on timber in tropical forests. Many have brilliant colours and are variable in form and size. Among the few British species the black and red Endomyocus coccineus and the minute Mycetha hirta are the best known. The latter occurs in dung, vegetable refuse and often in wine cellars. The larvae are broader and more ovate than those of allied families and have the lateral margins of the abdominal tergites expanded so as to conceal the pleura: the 9th segment has no chitinous projections. Those of two species described by Bates are conspicuously marked with black and yellow.

FAM. COCCINELLIDÆ (Lady-birds).—Usually rounded and convex insects with the head much concealed by the thorax: antennæ feebly clavate. Tarsi apparently 3-jointed owing to the minute concealed third joint. This very important family comprises well over 2,000 species, for the most part brightly coloured and spotted. The family is very closely related to the Endomychidæ but differs in the irregularly triangular mesepimera, and the small antennæ: in the Endomychidæ the mesepimera are quadrilateral, and the antennæ larger. The greater number of the species are carnivorous and predaeous, feeding during the larval and adult stages upon aphids, coccids and occasionally on other soft-bodied insects. They are, therefore, of very great importance in reducing the numbers of injurious species. A comparatively small group are phytophagous but they rarely cause serious damage.

Structurally, the carnivorous forms (Coccinellinae) are characterized by the mandibles having simple or bifid apices and each jaw being armed with a basal tooth. The herbivorous species (Epilacinnae) lack the basal tooth and the apex of the mandible is multidentate. The Lithophilinae form a third sub-family: very little is known about their habits but the mandibles are of the carnivorous type. They are distinguished by the tarsi being evidently 4-jointed.

When disturbed many members of the family discharge a bitter, amber-coloured fluid. It is usually emitted through pores situated around the tibio-femoral articulations, but in Epilachna the pores have a much wider distribution. According to McIndoo (Ann. Ent. Soc. Am., 9) the exuded liquid is a secretory product of hypodermal gland cells: other writers have regarded it as the blood of the insect. Porta (Anat. Anz., 1903) found that the secretion had a poisonous effect upon vertebrates but had no influence upon insects. It is regarded as defensive in function, but it must be pointed out that Coccinellids are known to be eaten by several species of birds.

Several members of the family, notably Coccinella variabilis and Adalia bipunctata (Fig. 479), are remarkable for their wide range of colour variation, the latter species having over two dozen named varieties. Another peculiarity is the markedly gregarious habits of certain species both during hibernation and when in the open: at times these insects have been found in "masses" but the meaning of the phenomenon is obscure. One of the best known members of the family is Novius cardinalis which has been imported from Australia into California for purposes of controlling Icerya purchasi—a serious enemy of Citrus cultivation in the latter country. The beetle proved so effective a controlling agent that it has since been imported into all countries where the coccid has become injurious.

Coccinellid larvae (vide Boving, 1917) are soft bodied and variously coloured: they are often of a leaden or other dark hue spotted with yellow or white. There are three ocelli on either side, the mandibles are sickle-shaped with molar bases (except in the Epilachninæ) and the legs are long and slender. The terga are usually provided with segmental tubercles and spines and the abdomen tapers distally, but never bears...
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the chitinous processes so characteristic of other families. In some genera (Hyperaspis, Scymnus and Platynaspis) the spines are wanting and the whole body is covered with a white flocculent secretion. In Chilocorus (Fig. 478) the body is protected by long integumental processes.

The usual number of instars appears to be four, and the complete development of Adalia bipunctata in England was found to occupy about 34 days in captivity (Hawkes, Proc. Zool. Soc. 1920), an average of 20 days being spent as a larva. In California, Clausen (Journ. Econ. Ent. 1915) found the average developmental period was 26 days. The eggs of Coccinellids are yellow, and disposed in batches, with their long axes perpendicular to the surface of the leaves upon which they are laid. Palmer found that the number laid by Coccinella 9-notata varied from 435 to 1,047; in A. bipunctata Hawkes states that the average number lies between 140 and 148 with 418 as the maximum. The number of aphids daily consumed by the larva of this species is stated by Clausen to be 14 while in Coccinella californica it is about 20. During the entire larval period he found that the number consumed varied between 216 and 475 for different species: the adults are usually even more voracious. Hyperaspis binotata is a coccid feeder and according to Simanton (Journ. Agric. Res. 6) it will destroy 90 adults and 3,000 larvae during its period of larval existence. When about to pupate, Coccinellid larvae usually suspend themselves by the caudal extremity which is attached by means of a secretion to plants, palings and other objects. The pupae are usually conspicuously coloured and are either surrounded by the larval exuviae, or the latter are pushed back to the anal extremity.

FIG. 479.—ADALIA BIPUNCTATA, EUROPE AND N. AMERICA.

a, larva; b, mouth-parts of same; c, claw of same; d, pupa; e, imago; f, antenna of same. Reduced after Marlatt, U. S. Dept. Agric. Ent. Circ. 7, ser. 2.

The larvae of the Epilachninae (vide Grandi, Boll. Lab. Zool. Portici, 7) are invested with long branched processes of the body-wall. Members of this subfamily are often destructive to the foliage of potatoes, Cucurbitaceae, etc., especially in N. America. The only British member of the group is Subcoccinella 24-punctata whose larva gnaws the parenchyma of clover and other plants.

For further information on the biology of the family, vide Gage (Illinois Biol. Monog. 6, 1920), Palmer (Ann. Ent. Soc. Am. 7) and papers by the latter writer on colour-inheritance in Adalia (Ibid. 4 and 10). Donisthorpe (Ent. Record, 1919, 1920) has followed the complete life-history of Coccinella distincta—a species found in association with ants.

FAM. DERMESECTIDÆ.—ANTENNE USUALLY SHORT WITH THE CLUB OFTEN RELATIVELY LARGE AND WITH THE UNDERSIDE OF THE THORAX BEARING A HOLLOW FOR ITS RECEPTION. Tarsi 5-JOINTED: Fore COxa RATHER LONG, OBLIQUE: Hind COxa FORMED TO RECEIVE THE FEMUR IN REPOSE. A family of small or moderate sized beetles usually invested with fine hair or with scales. They mostly inhabit furs, hides, wool and other integumentary substances as well as bacon, cheese, etc., and are exceedingly destructive as larvae. Some from their habits, have become almost cosmopolitan and 16 species occur in Britain. Out in the field many act as scavengers in removing offensive animal matter. The adults of Anthrenus have been found in natural history specimens and also on flowers: its larvae are extremely destructive, and are the enemy of the collector. Tiresias occurs under loose bark among cobwebs, probably feeding upon the insect remains present. Dermestes includes many species, some of which occur in dead animals and others are more frequently met with in dwellings, museums, etc., where they attack hides, furs, bacon, etc. The larvae of this family (vide Chapuis and Candèze) differ completely from those of other Coleoptera. Their upper surface is covered with a complex clothing of hairs of various lengths. The hairs are often aggregated into terminal or lateral tufts which, in some cases at least, can be raised at will or even rapidly vibrated: the function of this
investment appears to be unknown. When a larva is about to pupate the integument splits down the back and remains as a pupal covering.

**FAM. BYRRHIDÆ (Pill Beetles).—**VERY CONVEX, OVAL OR ROUND INSECTS WITH RETRACTED HEAD: FORE COXÆ TRANSVERSE, NOT EXSERTED, HIND COXÆ SHIELDING THE RETRACTED FEMORA. ALL THE APPENDAGES CAPABLE OF BEING CLOSELY ADAPTED TO THE BODY. The members of this family mostly occur on the ground beneath stones, at roots of grasses or in moss. Their most striking feature is the power these beetles have of withdrawing their appendages in close contact with the body and remaining motionless: in this attitude they are hard to detect and often closely resemble their surroundings. According to Sharp it is not clear whether this family can be separated from the Parnidæ or the Dascillidæ, and its sub-families have little connection beyond the common faculty of closely retracting their appendages to the body. The Chelonariinæ are mostly tropical and occur on the leaves of plants; they are very different from other of the Byrrhidæ in that the antennæ are filiform instead of being clubbed, and are inserted on the front. The best known British species of the family is *Byrrhus pilula*, which is often found on paths in spring. Its life-history is in need of investigation and, according to Chapuis and Candèze, the larva is cylindrical and fleshy and may be recognized by the large size and breadth of the prothorax and the last two abdominal segments. The head is short and broad, the antennæ very short and there is a pair of ocelli on either side. The pronotum is markedly chitinized and sculptured, and the last abdominal segment carries a pair of retractile locomotory processes. The larva occurs beneath turf or moss and is about 18 mm. long. The Nosodendridæ are often included in this family but are separable on account of the prominent head and the large mentum. The single genus Nosodendron is very widely distributed and its curious larva is figured by Ganglbauer. The Cyathoceridæ consist of a single species found in South America and the Georyssidæ are probably almost world-wide. *Georyssus* is represented in Britain by *G. pygmaeus* which frequents very wet situations: the tarsi are 4-jointed and the anterior coxae laminate.

**FAM. DRYOPIDÆ (Parnidæ).—**HEAD RETRACTILE, THE MOUTH PROTECTED BY THE PROSTERNUM. THE LATTER DISTINCT IN FRONT OF THE COXÆ, BEHIND FORMING A PROCESS RECEIVED INTO A DEFINITE CAVITY OF THE MESOSTERNUM. TARSIS 5-JOINTED, TERMINAL JOINT LONG, CLAWS LARGE. The members of this family are found, for the most part, near running water or clinging by means of their strong claws to water plants and other submerged objects. They have no powers of swimming and the three sub-families into which they are grouped show very diverse affinities, being sometimes regarded as separate families. The Psepheninæ are interesting on account of their remarkable larvæ (Fig. 480). The latter occur in swift rivers and in waterfalls, *Psephenus* being especially abundant in the rapids of Niagara, while larvæ of this and other genera are also plentiful in the Himalayan rivers. They are flattened, rounded or ovoid and almost scale-like in form: the margins of the body are greatly expanded and consequently the appendages are not visible from above. They cling with great tenacity to stones, etc., and the whole body appears to act in a sucker-like fashion rendering these larvæ difficult to remove. Respiration takes place either by means of abdominal gills, or by the aid of a retractile tuft of anal filaments which is only visible in the undisturbed living larva. The pupæ are submerged and soldered down to the stones upon which the larval life was passed: they closely resemble the larvæ when viewed from above, but are armed with curious tufts of long setæ. The Dryopinæ like the Psepheninæ are densely pubescent beetles and are thus enabled to carry a film of air with them for respiration under water: the antennæ are very short and of more or less irregular form. The larva of *Dryops* Oliv. (*Parnus* F.) is
stated to live in damp earth beneath stones and to resemble those of the Elateridae: several species of the genus occur in Britain. The Elmidae differ from the Dryopinae in having the anterior coxae globular: the body is bare or feebly pubescent and the antennae simple. Three genera are British: the larva of *Macronyxus* is figured by Perris and that of *Eimis* by Chapuis and Candeze.

**FAM. HYDROPHILIDÆ.**—AQUATIC OR SUBAQUATIC WITH SHORT 6 TO 9-JOINTED ANTENNAE TERMINATING IN A PUBESCENT CLUB. MAXILLARY PALPI ELONGATE, OFTEN MUCH LONGER THAN ANTEENAE. TARSI 5-JOINTED, FIRST JOINT OFTEN MINUTE. A large family comprising about 1,000 species which are especially numerous in the tropics. The adults live upon decomposing vegetable matter and, in many cases, the larva have a similar habit but those of *Hydrophilus* (*Hydrous Lch.*) and its allies are predaceous. A large number of the species have elongate maxillary palpi (Fig. 444) and, on this account, the family has often been termed the Palpicerina: this character, however, is not always very evident. The long palpi perform the functions of antennae, the latter organs being used in respiration by the submerged insect. Although a large number of the Hydrophilidae are truly aquatic, the family name is inappropriate as a considerable number are land insects. The latter are met with in damp or marshy places or among vegetable refuse, while *Cercyon* and *Sphaeridium* are common in dung. One of the best known members of the family is *Hydrophilus piceus* which is almost the largest British Coleopteron. It is less perfectly adapted for swimming than *Dytiscus* and does not require the agility that characterizes predaceous insects. Much has been written on this species, especially with reference to its peculiar mode of respiration. A dorsal air-reservoir is present beneath the elytra and there are ventral hairy tracts which also serve to retain an air-film. On either side of the thorax and abdomen there is a longitudinal tract of delicate pubescence bordered above by the overhanging edges of the prothorax and elytra. The spiracles open into these linear tracts, and the latter also communicate with the dorsal air-reservoir. When the insect rises to renew its air-supply the body is slightly inclined to one side so as to bring the angle between the head and prothorax, on one side of the body, to the surface. The hairy antennal club plays an important part in breaking the surface film, and facilitating the entry of air into the cleft already mentioned, and its passage into the lateral tracts. The complete details of the respiratory process are too lengthy for discussion here and the student is referred to the works of Miall (1912), Portier (1911), Brocher and others.

The eggs of *Hydrophilus*, *Hydrocharis* (*Hydrous Brullé*) *Hydrobium* and other genera are enclosed in cocoons of a remarkable construction (vide Portier): the latter are usually attached to grass or floating objects, but *Helochares* and *Spercheus* fasten them to their own bodies. The larvae of the family do not admit of any general description on account of their great diversity of form and structure: those of a number of forms have been studied by Schödte and later by d'Orchymont (*Amt. Biol. Lacus*. 6). Several of the aquatic genera, including *Hydrophilus*, are metapneustic and the spiracles are placed on the last body segment in a kind of atrium. *Hydrocharis* and *Berosus* have long fringed gill-like structures on the first seven abdominal segments: in *Helophorus aquaticus* the larva is strongly chitinized, the thoracic terga are entire, and each of the first eight abdominal segments is protected by four transverse plates. The larvae of *Cercyon* and *Sphaeridium* are degenerate and grub-like with the legs atrophied or vestigial. In the majority of the larvae of this family cerci are present and sometimes elongate.

**FAM. HETEROCERIDÆ.**—LABRUM AND MANDIBLES PROMINENT AND PROJECTING: antennae SHORT, THE LAST SEVEN JOINTS FORMING A BROAD SERRATE CLUB. LEGS SPINOSE, ADAPTED FOR DIGGING: TARSI 4-JOINTED. These small beetles are densely pubescent and live in pools and streams which they excavate in the mud bordering pools and streams. Their larva inhabit the same situations and may be recognized by the prominent mandibles, the very broad thoracic segments and the much narrower abdomen: the whole body is strongly setose. The family is very widely distributed and about 100 species are known, several being indigenous to the British Isles.

The remaining families of the Diversicornia constitute the old series Serricornia. With comparatively few exceptions the tarsi are 5-jointed: the antennae, on the other hand, are extremely variable. They may be filiform, serrate, clavate (rarely), clavate-serrate or even plumose.

**FAM. DASCILLIDÆ.**—ANTEENAE SERRATE, RARELY PECTINATE OR FLABELLATE. ANTERIOR AND POSTERIOR COXAE TRANSVERSE, THE FORMER WITH A LARGE TROCHANTIN, THE LATTER FORMING A PLATE FOR THE RECEPTION OF THE FEMUR. These rather small beetles are represented in Britain by *Dascillus*, which principally occurs in flowers:
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its larva has been found at the roots of grasses in pasture land and is figured by Gahan (Trans. Ent. Soc. 1908).

FAM. HELODIDÆ.—DIFFERING FROM DASCILLIDÆ IN THE FILIFORM ANTENNAE AND THE ABSENCE OF THE TROCHANTIN TO THE ANTERIOR COXÆ. These small insects have a very thin integument and loosely articulated legs. They occur among herbage, mostly in damp situations, and their larvae are aquatic. About 16 species are British and one of the commonest is Helodes minuta whose onisciform larva is described by Chapuis and Candeze. The family is often merged into the preceding one but is quite distinct, particularly in the larval stage.

FAM. RHIPICERIDÆ.—RATHER LARGE INSECTS WITH CONSPICUOUSLY FLABELLATE ANTENNAE, PARTICULARLY IN THE MALES. MANDIBLES ROBUST AND STRONGLY CURVED. EMMEDIA LARGE AND HAIRY. A small family confined to the warmer regions of the world and found on trees or low plants. The larva of Callirhipis somewhat resembles that of Tenebrio and is described in great detail by Schiodte.

FAM. CANTHARIDÆ (Telephoridæ: Malacoermidæ).—VERY SOFT BODIED, USUALLY ELONGATE INSECTS WITH LONG SLENDER LEGS. ANTENNAE OF VARIOUS FORMS. ABDOMEN WITH SEVEN OR EIGHT VISIBLE STERNAE, THE BASAL REGION NOT COADAPTED IN FORM WITH THE COXÆ. ANTERIOR AND MIDDLE COXÆ CONICO-CYLINDRICAL, THE FORMER WITH DISTINCT TROCHANTINS: POSTERIOR COXÆ TRANSVERSE. — This very large family includes some of the most familiar of all Coleoptera and numbers about 4,000 species.

The Lycinæ are diurnal and are found on leaves and flowers or under bark: the few British members of this sub-family are rare and local. The group is chiefly tropical and its members are stated to be carnivorous. Graveley (Rec. Ind. Mus. 1915) describes and figures the curious trilobite-like larva of Lyropus and it is probable that other larvae of this type, which have often been found in the tropics, belong to the Lycinæ.

The Lampyrinæ include the “glow-worms” and “fireflies”: they number more than 2,000 species which differ from the Lycinæ in having the middle coxae contiguous, whereas, in the latter group, they are spaced apart. They are nocturnal insects, and most of the members are provided with photogenic organs which emit a more or less bright light usually, although not invariably, strongest in the female. These organs are borne on certain of the hind segments of the abdomen,—often the 6th and 7th in the male, and the latter segment in the female: in Phausis and Phengodes they show a wider distribution. The eggs, larvae and pupæ are also luminous to a variable degree. There is an extensive literature on the structure and physiology of the photogenic organs (vide p. 95): as a rule the light is pale yellowish green, but Haase mentions certain S. American species whose larvae emit two series of lights—red and green. The function of this luminescence is difficult to conceive with reference to the immature stages but, in the adults, it serves in most cases to bring the sexes together. In many forms the male is winged with greatly developed eyes, and the female devoid of both elytra and wings (vide Fig. 482), being larviform with the eyes small. This dimorphism is well exhibited in the common European “glow-worm” Lamprys noctiluca. The biology of this insect has been studied by Newport (1857), Fabre, and others, and its larva by Vogel (1915). The adult insect takes

Fig. 481.—LOCIOLA LUSITANICA, LARVA X 8. FRANCE. After Bagdon.
little or no food, but the larvæ are carnivorous, feeding upon snails and slugs, which they seize with their sharp sickle-like mandibles. The latter are each traversed by a fine canal through which a dark-coloured secretion is injected into the tissues of the prey. As there are no salivary glands, the secretion is apparently produced by a pair of acinose glands near the anterior end of the mid-gut. According to Bugnion (Bull. Soc. Vaud. 1915) they probably open at the base of the mandibles. The secretion has the property of breaking down the tissues of the mollusc, and digestion is largely external, the larva imbibing its prepared meal by means of the pumping action of its pharynx. Unlike the *Dytiscus* larva, the food appears to be taken in through the mouth which is guarded by a mass of hairs precluding the entry of anything excepting small particles. The larvæ of *Photinus* and *Photuris* have been studied by Williams (1917) and their photogenic organs are situated on the 8th abdominal segment. They persist in the pupa but are replaced in the imago by structures located on the 6th and 7th segments. In the Mediterranean "fire-flies" (*Luciola*) both sexes are winged. They are gregarious, but the females are more imperfect than the males and are rarely seen. The function of the light is obscure, and it is most brilliant in the males.

The Cantharinae have no photogenic organs and the sexes are very alike. Some of the best known members are species of *Cantharis* (*Telephorus*) and *Rhagonycha*, often called "soldier beetles," which are predaceous and frequent flowers and herbage. Their somewhat flattened larvæ are found in the soil or among moss, etc. They are primarily carnivorous, and have a velvety appearance due to a covering of fine hairs (vide Payne, 1916). The head is flat, the antennæ short, and there is a single ocellus behind each: the anal segment has a ventral pseudopod but there are no cerci.

The Drilineæ exhibit a sexual dimorphism even more striking than that seen in *Lampyris*, the apterous females being enormously large in proportion to the males. The larva of *Drillus flavescens* preys upon snails (vide Crawshay, Trans. Ent. Soc. 1903).

**FAM. MELYDRIDÆ** (*Malachidæ*)—CLOSELY ALLIED TO THE CANTHARIDE, BUT THE ABDOMEN WITH ONLY SIX STERNAE, AND THE BASE MORE OR LESS CO-ADAPTED WITH THE COXÆ. This family includes about 1,000 species which mostly resemble the Cantharinae in their general facies: it is represented in Britain by nine genera and about a score of species. *Malachius* and its allies frequent flowers, and are characterized by the presence of the lateral protrusible vesicles at the sides of the thorax and abdomen. Their larvæ are stated by Perris to resemble those of *Cantharis*.

**FAM. CLERIDÆ.**—ANTENNAE VARIOUS, SOMETIMES CLUBBED: LABIAL PALPI DILATED AND SECURIFORM. Tarsi 5-JOINTED, BUT SOMETIMES APPARENTLY 4-JOINTED: APICES OF JOINTS TWO TO FOUR USUALLY PROLONGED AS MEMBRANOUS FLAPS. ANTERIOR COXÆ PROMINENT, CONTIGUOUS. ABDOMEN WITH FIVE OR SIX FREE STERNÆ. An extensive family, mainly tropical, many of whose members are of graceful form and beautiful coloration. They are mostly found on plants or tree-trunks, but a few (Necrobia, Corynetes) occur in carcasses and skins. In the larval stage they are mostly predaceous and beneficial, since they feed upon wood- and bark-boring Coleoptera. *Necrobia* probably feeds upon saprophagous matter and also upon dipterous larvae of the same habit; the nearly cosmopolitan *N. rufipes* is destructive to stored hams. Corynetes sometimes preys upon Anobium, and *Trichodes* is known to infest the nests of *Apis*, *Chalicodoma* and other bees. The general appearance of Clerid larvæ can be gathered from a valuable paper by Boving and Champlain (1920), and also from an article by Boving (Ent. Tidskr., 1913). They are frequently bright red, brown, pink or otherwise vividly coloured, and are more or less elongate and cylindrical, or slightly flattened. The pronotum is strongly chitinized but the remaining segments are usually fleshy except the 6th, which carries a hard shield bearing two cornoæ processes, and the abdomen often has ambulatory swellings.

**FAM. LYMEXYLONIDÆ.**—VERY ELONGATE INSECTS WITH SOFT INTEGUMENT AND SHORT, BROAD, SERRATE ANTENNAE. MAXILLARY PALPI IN MALE LARGE AND FLABELLATE, FORE AND MIDDLE COXÆ EXSERTED, LONGITUDINAL IN POSITION: Tarsi filiform. ABDOMEN WITH 5 TO 8 STERNÆ. This small family is nearly world-wide and includes some very remarkable species capable of boring into hard wood and doing at times considerable damage by drilling cylindrical holes. The curious larvæ of *Lymexylon* and *Hylocatus* are figured by Westwood (Classif. Ent. 1831) and that of *Melitionoma* by Gahan (Trans. Ent. Soc. 1908). The remarkable oriental genus *Atracocerus* has rudimentary elytra, but ample wings, and its long flexible abdomen gives its species the appearance of Staphylinds. The N. American *Micromalthidae* consist of a single species of *Micromalthus* which was formerly placed in the Lymexylonidae, but differs in the maxillary palpi of the male being simple. The biology of this insect, according to Barber (1913), is one of the most remarkable
in the whole of the Insecta. It combines in its life-cycle seven or eight forms of larvae and exhibits both oviparous and viviparous pedogenesis.

**FAM. ANOBIIDÆ (Ptinidæ).**—FIRST TARSAL JOINT NOT REDUCED IN SIZE, OFTEN LONGER THAN SECOND: PROSTERNUM VERY SHORT: FORE AND MIDDLE COXÆ SMALL, NOT TRANSVERSELY EXTENDED, THE FORMER SLIGHTLY PROMINENT: HIND COXÆ TRANSVERSE. ABDOMEN WITH FIVE VISIBLE STERNA OF EQUAL LENGTH. Included in this family are the Ptinides and Anobiides which are regarded by many authors as separate families. According to Sharp it is probable that scarcely more than one-fiftieth part of the existing species have been described, their concealed habits rendering them difficult to find. Many are very destructive to wood and to various kinds of stored products. They are either globular or cylindrical in form, often very different in the sexes. In the Ptinides the antennæ are long and filiform, while in the Anobiides they are either serrate, pectinate or loosely clubbed. Their larvae (vide Munro, 1915) resemble those of the Lamellicornia in their crescentic form; they are likewise fleshy and the terminal abdominal segments are generally larger than those preceding. The antennæ are very short and there are no anal processes or cerci. *Ptinus fur* is destructive to books, furs, woollen goods, drugs, herbaria, etc. *Anobium punctatum* De G. (*striatum* Oliv.) and *Xestobium rufovillosum* De G. (*tesselatum* Oliv.) are very destructive to furniture, rafters and flooring, their larvae boring into the solid wood (Fig. 483): the small round exit holes made by the adult beetles are very familiar objects. The name of "death watch" is often applied to both these species but belongs more properly to the latter insect. The tapping noise is a sexual call and is heard most often in April to May when pairing takes place. The beetle jerks its body forward several times in rapid succession, each time striking the lower part of the front of the head against the surface upon which it is standing (Gahan). *Lasioderma serricorne* and *Sitodrepa paniceum* are cosmopolitan: they injure a great variety of stored materials, etc. The former species attacks cigarettes, cigars, drugs, ginger, etc., and the latter is destructive to biscuits, flour, bread, many drugs including opium and aconite, together with a wide range of other substances. The Australian ECTREPHIDÆ are myrmecophilous and possibly belong here: Wasmann, on the other hand, considers that they are allied to the Scydmenidæ.

**FAM. BOSTRICHIDÆ (Apatidæ).**—FORM CYLINDRICAL, HEAD USUALLY DEFLEXED AND COVERED BY THE HOOD-SHAPED PRONOTUM: ANTENNAE WITH A 3-JOINTED CLUB, FIRST TARSAL JOINT MINUTE: FORE COXÆ PROMINENT, CONTIGUOUS BUT LITTLE EXTENDED TRANSVERSELY. ABDOMEN WITH FIVE VISIBLE STERNA OF EQUAL LENGTH. The members of this family make cylindrical burrows in felled timber or dried wood, and occasionally attack unhealthy standing trees. They exhibit a great variety of sculpture and the body is strongly truncated posteriorly and armed with small projections. Species of *Sinoxylon* and *Dinoderus* are very destructive to felled trees and bamboo in India. Their larvae resemble those of the Ptinidæ and are similarly curved posteriorly, but the head is greatly reduced and the thorax more enlarged: the larva of *Apate capucina* is figured by Perris, Ratzeburg and others. The family is worldwide but only represented in Britain by a few rare species.

**FAM. LYCTIDÆ (Powder Post Beetles).**—DIFFERING FROM THE BOSTRICHIDÆ IN THE 2-JOINTED ANTENNAL CLUB AND THE ELONGATE 1ST ABDOMINAL STERNUM. This family is closely allied to the one preceding and is often merged as one of its groups. The larvae also are very similar and Laneere was of opinion that this similarity outweighed any adult differences. They are small elongate insects, found both in freshly cut and old timber, palings and furniture: only the wood of broad-
leaved trees appears to be attacked. *Lyctus* larvæ are often mistaken for those of the Ptinidæ but may be easily distinguished by the legs being 3-jointed, whereas they are 5-jointed in the latter family (vide Munro, 1915). The Lyctidæ are few in species and only two occur in the British Isles (Fig. 484).

**FAM. CIOIDÆ (Cissidæ).**—**MINUTE CYLINDRICAL INSECTS WITH SHORT CLAVATE ANTENNE AND 4-JOINTED TARSI. FORE AND MIDDLE COXÆ SMALL, OVAL, NOT PROMINENT. ABDOMEN WITH 5 MOBILE STERNÆ.** A widely distributed family comprising probably over 300 described species found in old wood or fungi and usually of gregarious habits. Their affinities are by no means settled and Sharp states that the position of these insects seems to be near the Colydiidæ and Cryptophagidæ. *Cis* is nearly world-wide in distribution and is represented by more than a dozen species in Britain: its elongate cylindrical larva is described in a monograph by Mellie (*Ann. Soc. Ent. Fr.* 1848). The Sphindidæ are usually placed near this family and consist of minute insects living under bark or in fungi. *Sphindus* and *Aspidiphorus* occur in Britain and their larvæ are described by Perris.

**FAM. BUPRESTIDÆ.**—**USUALLY CONSPICUOUS METALLIC INSECTS WITH SHORT SERRATE ANTENNE. PROTHORAX CLOSELY ADAPTED TO THE AFTER BODY WITH A PROCESS FITTING INTO THE CAVITY OF THE MESOSTERNUM BUT NOT ALLOWING OF SALTATORY MOVEMENTS.** Five visible sternæ, the first two connate, remainder mobile. An essentially tropical family comprising over 5,000 species; relatively few are European and only four genera with ten species occur in Britain. They are among the most brilliantly coloured of all insects and some species, owing to the splendour of their metallic lustre, are used in embroidery and in jewellery (Fig. 485). They are typically inhabitants of hot moist forests and are exceedingly active on the wing, often taking flight at the least alarm. The larvæ (vide Xambeu, *Rev. d’Ent.* 1892–93) are distinct from those of other Coleoptera, and characterized by the great expansion of the prothorax and the slender hind-body which imparts to them a clubbed appearance (Fig. 486). The head is small and almost entirely withdrawn into the thorax, the antennæ extremely short, and there are no ocelli. The legs are vestigial or absent, the abdominal segments are nine in number and there are no cerci or anal processes. There are nine pairs of spiracles, the first pair being situated between the pro- and meso-thorax or on the latter segment. The larvæ mostly gnaw rather broad flattened galleries in or beneath the bark of trees or in roots: some are found in the stems of herbaceous plants and one or two mine leaves. Some of the genera of this family are exceedingly large: *Agrilus* comprises nearly 700 species while *Sphenoptera* and *Chrysobothris* each include about 300. For further information on the family reference should be made to the work of Kerremans (1906–14).

The sub-family Eucneminæ is distinguished from the genuine Elaterinæ by the antennæ being somewhat distant from the eyes. They are chiefly noteworthy on account of their larvæ which are apodous. The latter live in soft wood, and the head is armed with hard teeth for boring purposes, the maxillæ and labium being vestigial. The statement that they are carnivorous is probably erroneous, and their food is more likely derived from decaying wood. Melaris buprestoides is the only species at all plentiful in Britain, and its larva is figured by Schilder. It much resembles that of a Buprestid but is separable on account of the vestigial mouthparts.

The Elaterinæ have the antennæ inserted near the eyes. They are mostly sombre coloured elongate insects, but a few are red or have metallic colours. The most remarkable species are the "fire-flies" (Pyrophorus) which are mainly neotropical. P. noctilucus emits an exceptionally bright light from a rounded yellow area in either side of the thorax and, when on the wing, an additional source of light is revealed at the base of the ventral surface of the abdomen. The eggs and larvæ are also luminous. In the young larva the photogenic organ is situated at the junction of the head and thorax: in older larvæ there are numerous small lateral organs in addition. The photogenic organs are very similar in structure to those of the Lampyrinæ and are dealt with on p. 95. The larvæ of the Elaterinæ are elongate and cylindrical and very tough-skinned (Fig. 489). The head is corneous and flattened, the antennæ very short and 3-jointed, there are no eyes, the labrum is not defined, and the trunk-segments are very alike. The whole body is usually reddish-brown or yellow, owing to the strong chitinization of all the segments, and the legs are short. The prothorax is the largest, and the 9th segment is specially differentiated and
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exceedingly variable, thus affording important generic and specific characters. It is often corneous and margined with teeth and may terminate in single or paired processes which, in their turn, may be simple, bifid or denticulate. In Agriotes this segment is relatively simple and bears a pair of dark-coloured pits, possibly sensory in function. The larva of Cardiophorus is very different from the prevailing Elaterid type, being extremely long and vermiform, owing to the great development of the intersegments of the abdomen. The 9th segment of the latter region bears a pair of recurved hooks and a terminal fasicule of setae. Larvae of certain genera are exceedingly injurious to agriculture and are known as "wire-worms"; under this category are species of Agriotes (Fig. 487), Limonius, Athous and others. The "wire-worm" group of larvae are root-feeders and are extremely destructive to pastures, cereals, root crops, etc. (Fig. 488): no effectual method of control has yet been devised. Other larvae are lignicolous and xylophagous (Melanotus, etc.), or possibly carnivorous (e.g. Athous rhombeus). Exact observations regarding the length of the larval stages are greatly needed: in the case of Agriotes obscurus, which is probably the commonest English wire-worm, Rymer Roberts considers that the early estimate of five years is approximately correct. This species constructs an earthen pupal cell, and the pupal instar only occupies about three weeks. A large number of Elaterid larvae have been described by Beling (1883), Henriksen (1911), Hyslop (1917), Schiödte and others: for the metamorphosis of Agriotes obscurus vide Ford (Ann. App. Biol. 3) and Rymer Roberts (Ibid. 6, 8, and 9).

The remaining subfamilies are small and unimportant and are unrepresented in the British fauna. The Cebrioninæ have no power of leaping and the legs are fossorial.

The development of Cebrio gigas takes place in the ground: its apterous females remain in that situation, protruding the apex of the abdomen, in which position they are fertilized by the males. The Perothopinæ and the Cerophytinæ only include a few species.

FAM. THROSCIDÆ.—SEPARABLE FROM THE ELATERIDÆ ON ACCOUNT OF ANTERIOR COXAL CAVITIES BEING FORMED BY THE PRO- AND MESO-STERNUM. This small family has been classed with the Euceneminæ but the totally different formation of the anterior coxal cavities separates them. They are small and inconspicuous insects found on flowers, among herbage, at roots of grass, etc. Several species of Throscus occur in Britain and very much resemble short Elaterids in form.

Superfamily III. Heteromera

VENATION OF THE CANTHARID TYPE. ANTENÆ GENERALLY SIMPLE, MORE RARELY SERRATE, PECTINATE OR FLABELLATE, OR CLUBBED. FORE AND MIDDLE Tarsi 5-JOINTED, HIND PAIR 4-JOINTED. TESTICULAR FOLLICLES SESSILE: TWO OR THREE PAIRS OF MALE ACCESSORY GLANDS: USUALLY
SIX, RARELY FOUR MALPIGHIAN TUBES. LARVÆ CAMPODEIFORM, OR MORE USUALLY OF AN INTERMEDIATE TYPE.

This group, as its name implies, is founded upon the tarsal characters, and it includes somewhere between 15,000 and 20,000 species, the great majority belonging to the Tenebrionidæ. The genera comprise a greater diversity of forms than those of any other superfamily and, as Fowler points out, their chief peculiarity lies in the fact that they reproduce nearly all the most characteristic forms of other family-series. In many cases it is difficult to regard the resemblances as cases of mimicry in the true sense of the latter term, and the significance of this convergence is not understood. It has been pointed out by Sharp and others that the larvæ of the Heteromera fall into three groups.

1. Those regularly cylindrical with hard integument and devoid of tubercles or pseudopods. Ex. Tenebrionidæ.

2. Those with a soft integument and of more variable form: tubercles or pseudopods often present on the dorsal and ventral surfaces. Ex. Cistelidæ.

3. Those with hypermetamorphosis, the young larva being campodeiform but becoming modified in the later instars. Ex. Meloidæ.

Table of the principal families, after Leconte and Horn (1883) and Fowler (1912).

1 (6).—Anterior coxal cavities closed behind.
2 (5).—Tarsal claws simple.
3 (4).—Anterior coxae globose, rarely oval, not prominent: penultimate tarsal joint rarely bilobed and spongy beneath. Tenebrionidæ (p. 498)
4 (3).—Anterior coxae conical or conical-ovate, prominent: penultimate tarsal joint nearly always bilobed and spongy beneath. Lagridæ (p. 498)
5 (2).—Tarsal claws pectinate.
6 (1).—Anterior coxal cavities open behind.
7 (28).—Prothorax without sharply produced or strongly dentate margins: size moderate or small.
8 (15).—Head not strongly and abruptly constricted at the base.
9 (14).—Middle coxae not very prominent.
10 (11).—Antennæ received in grooves on prothorax. Monommiæ (p. 499)
11 (10).—Antennæ free.
12 (13).—Thorax laterally margined: disk with basal impressions. Melandryidæ (p. 499)
13 (12).—Thorax not margined, disk not impressed at base.
14 (9).—Middle coxae very prominent.
15 (8).—Head strongly constricted at base.
16 (21).—Prothorax at base not narrower than base of elytra.
17 (20).—Lateral suture of thorax distinct.
18 (19).—Hind coxae laminate. Morbellidæ (p. 499)
19 (18).—Hind coxae not laminate.
20 (17).—Lateral suture of thorax absent. Scaptidiæ (p. 499)
21 (16).—Prothorax at base not narrower than base of elytra.
22 (23).—Claws cleft. Meloidæ (p. 499)
23 (22).—Claws not cleft.
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24 (25).—Antennæ serrate, subpectinate or ramose: head horizontal or almost so: comparatively large insects.

25 (24).—Antennæ filiform or moniliform (very rarely flabellate): head deflexed: very small insects.

26 (27).—Penultimate joint of tarsi minute, concealed: head constricted just behind the eyes which are large.

27 (26).—Penultimate joint of tarsi not minute, bilobed: head constricted at some distance behind the eyes which are small.

28 (7).—Margins of prothorax dentately produced: size very large.

FAM. TENEBRIONIDÆ.—One of the largest families of Coleoptera comprising more than 10,000 species which exhibit an extraordinarily wide range of superficial dissimilarity: the larvae on the other hand are strikingly uniform in character. Many are ground beetles, usually black in colour, and often bear a superficial resemblance to the Carabidæ. These forms are very often apterous, or have vestigial wings, and the elytra are frequently immovable. Many of the wood-feeding species have ample wings. The species of Blaps often occur in cellars and outbuildings. Tenebrio molitor and T. obscurus, and other species of the genus, are nearly cosmopolitan: they are found in all stages in meal, flour and stored goods, their larvæ being known as "meal worms" (Fig. 490). Tribolium has very similar habits and T. ferrugineum F. and T. confusum are likewise widely spread, through commerce, in granaries and stores (Fig. 491). A good account of the biology of both the above genera is given by Herrick. Species of other genera live in dung, in dead animal matter, in fungi, under bark, etc. The larvae of this family bear a tolerably close resemblance to those of the Elateridæ, but the labrum is plainly visible and the terminal segment of the abdomen rarely attains the complexity found in that family. For a bibliography of Tenebrionid larvæ vide Gravely (1916).

Related to the Tenebrionidæ are three small families of minor importance. The AEGIALITIDÆ include a few minute rare insects from N.W. America and according to Sharp they are allied to the Pythidæ. The RHYSOPAUSSIDÆ include a few termophilous forms: Wasmann (Zeits. wiss. Zool. 1912) regards them as a sub-family of the Tenebrionidæ. The OTHNIIDÆ include a single genus of arboreal insects found in warm regions of both hemispheres.

FAM. LAGRIDÆ.—A small family which is closely allied to the Tenebrionidæ and whose members are chiefly found on the leaves of trees and bushes, or under bark. The only British representative is Lagria hirta: the larva of this species (vide Schiödt) is somewhat broader and more active than those of the Tenebrionidæ and the segments are furnished with lateral tufts of hairs. The head is very short and the last body-segment is bifid at the apex. The pupa is remarkable on account of the long broad clavate processes which project from most of the abdominal segments.

FAM. CISTELIDÆ.—The pectinate claws appear to be the only feature which separates these insects from the Tenebrionidæ. About 500 species are known: many occur on flowers and their larvæ have been found in dead wood. Five genera are
British and the larva of *Cistela* is described by Westwood (*Classif. 1, p. 316*). The Monommidae and Nilionidae are two small extra-European families and nothing is known concerning their biology. The Petridae are represented by a few species from the Transcaspian region.

**FAM. ODEMERIDÆ.**—A considerable family of soft-bodied insects bearing a resemblance to the Cantharidæ. They are widely distributed and usually found on flowers or among herbage. They are mostly slender, elongate insects of metallic or other bright coloration. Four genera and six species are British: *Edemera nobilis* exhibits sexual dimorphism, the male is larger than the female and has greatly thickened femora and tibiae. *Nacerdes melanura* is a coastal species chiefly found among piles or old cast-up timber. The metamorphoses of several genera are described by Schiötte and the larvae occur in old wood or under bark. In addition to thoracic limbs, they are usually furnished with dorsal and ventral pseudopods of variable number which aid in locomotion.

**FAM. PY'THIDÆ.**—This family includes a small number of species which have mostly been found in cold or temperate climates. The British members chiefly occur under bark: *Rhinosomus* has a well-marked rostrum, *Pytho depressus* is a rather large flattened insect found in Scotland, and *Salpingus* and *Lissodema* are Carabid-like forms. For the larvae of *Rhinosomus* and *Lissodema* vide Perris.

**FAM. MELANDRYIDÆ.**—These insects are mostly found in northern temperate regions where they occur in dry wood and fungi, or under bark: they are represented in Britain by thirteen genera of very diverse forms, and practically all are rare or local. *Ophya* is exceptional in that it is found on flowers and the sexes are very dissimilar. The larvae are variable and several are described by Perris.

**FAM. SCRAPTIIDÆ.**—These small delicate insects are mainly found in the palearctic region. The species of *Scraptia* occur in rotten wood, fungi, etc., and have been relegated by different authors to various families. They are related to both the Mordellidæ and Melandryidæ and are placed by Fowler between those two families. Only two species have occurred in Britain, both rarely. The larva of this genus is described by Perris: it is principally characterized by the great length and spoon-shaped form of the last abdominal segment.

**FAM. MORDELLIDÆ.**—These beetles are common on flowers and among herbage and some have been found about decaying wood: several of the British species of *Anaspis* are fairly plentiful, especially *A. frontalis*. The metamorphoses of *Mordellistena* are well figured by Riley: the larvae have been found in the stems of plants under circumstances indicating that they probably prey upon other insect larvae present. They are elongate and curved, with short legs, and in some species at least there are dorsal prominences on the more anterior abdominal segments. The larva of *Tomoxia* is figured by Schiötte and has been found in decaying wood, while that of *Anaspis* is figured by Perris. In the two latter genera the abdominal prominences are wanting.

**FAM. RHIPIPHORIDÆ.**—Included in this family are several species of great interest on account of their larva being parasites upon other insects. *Meloeus paradoxus* is a parasite in nests of *Vespa*, particularly *V. vulgaris*. According to Chapman (*Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist. 1870: Ent. Month. Mag. 1891*), the newly hatched larva is black and campodeiform, resembling that of *Meloe*, but how it enters the nest of its host does not appear to have been ascertained, since the eggs are laid in old wood. Two hypotheses have been put forward: either the eggs are transferred along with wood fragments by the wasps to their nests, or the young larvae attach themselves to the wasps while the latter are gathering wood. Within the nest the larva becomes an endoparasite of that of *Vespa*: it subsequently becomes an ectoparasite, and gradually devours the whole of its host. Pupation takes place in the cell of the attacked individual, and the adult beetles are found up to the number of twenty or more in a single nest: more rarely they occur on flowers, etc., outside the nest. Among other genera *Emenadia* has a very similar life-history, but utilizes *Odynerus* as its host, while *Symbus* is an endoparasite of Blattidæ: the female is apterous and larviform and does not leave the body of its host.

**FAM. MELOIDÆ (Cantharide: Blister Beetles and Oil Beetles).**—This family is one of the most interesting of all groups of Coleoptera on account of the remarkable life-histories of its members and the general occurrence of hypermetamorphosis. At least 1,500 species have been described and they are very widely distributed: three genera, viz. *Meloe*, *Sitaris* and *Lyttia* occur in Britain. The Meloidæ include two sub-families of which the Melöine are ground insects, devoid of hind-wings, and with the elytra frequently much shorter than the abdomen. The Lyttinæ are generally winged and the elytra cover the abdomen: they mostly occur among herbage or...
on flowers. The female beetles lay a very large number of eggs (often 2,000 to 10,000) which is explainable on the grounds that the subsequent life-history is extremely precarious, and very large numbers of larvae perish in the first instar. Oviposition takes place in the soil or on the surface of the ground, and the result­
ing larvae prey upon the eggs of Orthoptera and aculeate Hymenoptera. In their first instar they are minute, active, hard-skinned, campodeiform larvae known as triungulins. At this stage they are principally engaged in seeking out their hosts: having discovered the latter, they subsequently undergo ecdysis and change either into soft-bodied, short-limbed eruciform larvae or, more rarely, into a modification of the campodeiform type known as the caraboid stage. The next succeeding instars differ from the preceding, and the second, or later larva, passes into a resting period when the insect assumes the pseudo-pupal or "coarctate" condition. The latter is followed by a further larval instar which is succeeded by the pupa.

The biology of Sitaris muralis has been investigated by Fabre (1857) and Valery-Mayet (1873). The eggs are deposited near the nests of Anthophora about August. The newly hatched triungulins remain lethargic and hibernate until spring when they become more active. A certain number succeed in attaching themselves to the hairy bodies of the male bees, which appear earlier than the females. When opportunity allows, they pass to the female bees and so get carried to the nests of the latter. Anthophora constructs cells in the ground, in each of which there is a supply of honey and a single egg. When the bee deposits an egg on the honey, a triungulin slips off her body, alights on the egg, and becomes imprisoned in the sealed-up cell. It consumes the contents of the egg, and changes into a fleshy ovoid eruciform larva with vestigial legs. In this instar it feeds upon the honey stored by its host, and subsequently changes into the so-called pseudo-pupal condition within the larval skin. After about one month, a certain number of individuals pass through the subsequent instars and appear as beetles the same year. More usually, they winter in the pseudo-pupal condition and, in spring, assume a second eruciform stage, which differs comparatively little from the earlier one. No food is taken during this period, and the larvae soon change into ordinary coleopterous pupae from which emerge the adult beetles.

Riley (1878) has studied the biology of Epicauta viitata in N. America. This insect deposits its eggs in parts of the ground frequented by the locust Caloptenus. Triun­
gulins emerge in due course, and explore the soil until they discover the egg-capsules of the Orthopteron. Having found the latter, a single triungulin eats its way in and commences to devour the contained eggs. After a few days ecdysis takes place, and the larva passes into the Caraboid or second instar. After about a week, ecdysis again occurs, and the larva becomes curved in shape. From its general body-form this instar is known as the Scarabæoid stage. The succeeding instar is very similar and, when fully grown, the larva deserts the egg-capsule, and changes near by into the pseudo-pupal stage in which it hibernates. In spring it undergoes further changes; and in the sixth instar it is only slightly different from the Scarabæoid stages. From this condition it passes into the pupa and subsequently into the imago (vide Fig. 188).

The life-history of Meloë has been partially followed by Newport (1853) and is apparently very similar to that of Sitaris. Its triungulins do not appear to exercise much discrimination, and although their hosts are Anthophora and Andrena, they have often been found attached to other bees and also hairy Coleoptera and Diptera. Large numbers consequently perish through selecting the wrong host, while still greater numbers probably never discover a host at all. The second instar corresponds with Riley’s Caraboid stage, although it more closely resembles the Scarabæoid larvae in general form. In this condition it feeds upon the stored honey, and afterwards transforms into a legless pseudo-pupa. This form moult and the final larval instar is a thick-bodied apodous grub. Space excludes references to the biology of other members of the family, and the student should consult the work of Beauregard (1890) for further information, also that of Milliken (U.S. Entom. Bull., 1976).

The "Spanish fly," Lytta (Cantharis) vesicatoria, of southern Europe is rarely found in England. It yields the pharmaceutical product cantharidin (C10 H12 O4) which is prepared from the dried insects. The elytra are alone used in pharmacy and contain more of the active principle than the soft parts collectively. Species of Mylabris are known to yield a larger amount of cantharidin than Lytta and are also used commercially.

FAM. PYROCHROIDÆ (Cardinal Beetles).—A small family allied to the Melan­dryideæ, but differing in the head being strongly constricted behind the eyes, and in the penultimate tarsal joints being dilated or bilobed. They mostly occur in the northern temperate region, and are usually large insects, brilliant scarlet, or scarlet and black, in colour. The antennæ are frequently deeply pectinate or ramose. The
adults are mostly found under bark or in wood where the larval stages are spent: in warm weather they occur among herbage and on flowers. The metamorphoses of *Pyrochroa coccinea* are well figured by Schiödte (Fig. 492): the larva is elongate and flattened with rather long legs and antennae. The 8th abdominal segment is very long and the 9th is upwardly inclined, terminating in a pair of stout chitinous processes. Only three species occur in the British Isles.

**FAM. XYLOPHILIDÆ.**—This small family is frequently united to the Anthicidæ and includes about 200 species, very widely distributed, and found mainly in old trees, dead hedges, or occasionally on flowers. Their larvae are presumably found in decaying wood. *Xylophilus* (*Hylophilus*) is represented in England by three species.

**FAM. ANTHICIDÆ.**—Many members of this family have the appearance of small Carabidæ while others bear a superficial resemblance to ants. A large number are known, and the British species of *Anthicus* mostly occur in salt-marshes, in heaps of vegetable débris, hotbeds, etc. *Notoxus* is remarkable for its long stout prothoracic horn which is prolonged over the head. The life-histories in this family appear to be unknown.

**FAM. TRICTENOTOMIDÆ.**—Only a very few species of these large and conspicuous insects are known and their systematic position has been much disputed. In appearance they strongly resemble Lucanidæ or Prionidæ but they exhibit closer affinities with the Heteromera. The curious larva of *Trictenotoma* has been figured by Gahan (*Trans. Ent. Soc.* 1908). The family is confined to the primate forests of certain of the moister parts of the oriental region.

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**Superfamily IV. Phytophaga**

VENATION OF THE CANTHARID TYPE. ANTENNALÆ GENERALLY SIMPLE, LESS OFTEN PECTINATE SERRATE OR DISTALLY THICKENED. TARSI APPARENTLY 4-JOINTED, THE FOURTH JOINT VERY SMALL AND UNITED WITH THE FIFTH. TESTICULAR FOLLICLES ROUNDED AND PEDICELLATE: ONE PAIR OF MALE ACCESSORY GLANDS: MALPIGHIAN TUBES SIX. LARVAE ERUCIFORM, LEGS SHORT OR RUDIMENTARY, OR ABSENT.

The members of this superfamily are easily recognizable by their tarsal characters, the third joint is either bilobed or dorsally grooved and receives the minute fourth joint at its base (Fig. 493): the first three joints, furthermore, are densely pubescent beneath. Nearly all the 35,000 or more species constituting this group are phytophagous: the Bruchidæ are seed-feeders, the Chrysomelidæ are usually leaf-feeders and the Cerambycidæ are wood and stem feeders. Deviations from this rule are comparatively few but certain members of the last two families are root-feeders. A few exceptions to the structural characters enumerated at the head of this section may be noted. In *Harmonia* and *Stenopodius* the first three tarsal joints are devoid of the ventral pubescence and the third joint is simple. In certain aberrant Cerambycidæ (Spondylidæ of some authorities) these same features also obtain and the fourth tarsal joint is frequently well developed. In *Donacia*, according to Dufour, there are only four Malpighian tubes and in *Timarcha*,
Melasoma and a few other Chrysomelidae the testicular follicles are of the sessile type (Bordas).

Table of families:

1 (2).—Mentum pedunculate.  
2 (1).—Mentum not pedunculate.
3 (4).—Antennae short or moderate, not inserted on frontal prominences; tibial spurs usually absent.
4 (3).—Antennae generally long or very long, frequently inserted on frontal prominences; tibial spurs present.

FAM. BRUCHIDÆ (Laridae) — These insects are distinguished from other Phytophaga by the head being shortly and flatly produced and by the stalked mentum. The truncated elytra, which leave the apex of the abdomen exposed, are also very characteristic. The position of the family has often been discussed, many authors having regarded it as being closely related to the Anthribidae (p. 506) through the genus Urodon, as Leconte and Horn observe, the Bruchidae may be defined as Chrysomelidae with a pedunculate mentum. Over 700 species are known and their larvae mostly live in seeds of Leguminosae, causing great injury to peas, beans, lentils, etc.; those of certain other species attack coco-nuts and palm-nuts. On account of this habit they are very often carried from one country to another in cargoes of seeds. They are frequently, though erroneously, known as pea and bean "weevils." About a dozen species have been found in the British Isles, several being direct introductions from other lands.

The eggs of Bruchidae are usually laid on the young seed pods, as for example in Bruchus pisorum, and the larvae mine their way through until they reach the seed. In Pachymerus chinensis and Acanthoscelides obtectus the eggs are laid either upon the pods or the seed, while Bruchus pruinosus lays them on the seed. In B. pisorum of the pea only a single larva enters a seed and dried peas are unattacked. A. obtectus readily attacks dried beans and in suitable climates six generations may occur in the year in the same batch of seed. The larva in this family are eruciform and grub-like with thick bodies, becoming curved in the later development when they resemble those of the Curculionidae. The head is small and often narrower than the prothorax, with short stout mandibles. The first instar differs from those that follow in possessing legs and prominent spinous pronotal processes. In B. pisorum and B. fabae Riley states the legs are slender and 3-jointed, but atrophy once the boring life within the seed is assumed. The retention of these appendages in certain species requires further investigation. Thus, in A. obtectus they are similarly present in the first instar, but most writers state that they subsequently atrophy. Razzauti, however, finds that they persist throughout life in the form of papilla-like vestiges. Owing probably to the nutritious nature of the endosperm upon which it feeds, a single larva usually devours only a small amount of nutriment but where many occur in a single seed, as in A. obtectus, destruction is more complete. Pupation takes place as a rule within the seed.

FAM. CHRYSOMELIDÆ.—This family competes very closely with the Curculionidae as regards number of species and probably over 20,000 have been described. They are extremely closely allied to the Cerambycidae, and there appear to be no definite and constant structural differences separating the two families. As a rule, the Chrysomelidae are very different in general appearance: their antennae are only of moderate length, and the eyes do not embrace their points of insertion; the upper surface of the body is generally bare and shining, frequently with metallic coloration. Jacoby ("Fauna of India") adopts six primary divisions of the family according to the following key.

1 (8).—Month placed anteriorly.
2 (7).—Antenna widely separated at base; elytra of hard texture.
3 (6).—Intermediate ventral segments not medially constricted; pygidium not exposed.
4 (5).—Thorax without distinct lateral margins, head produced, eyes prominent, prothorax exceedingly narrow.  
5 (4).—Thorax with distinct lateral margins (rarely without), head not produced, eyes not prominent, prothorax broad.  
6 (3).—Intermediate ventral segments constricted; pygidium usually exposed.
The Eupoda include the Sagrinæ, Donaciæ and Criocerinæ. The Sagrinæ are large brilliantly coloured tropical insects with strongly thickened hind femora. Only two species are European and both are rare in Britain. According to Sharp the larva of Sagra splendida lives in swellings on the stems of Dioscorea. The Donaciæ are elongate and usually metallic insects common in temperate climates. They are aquatic in the pre-imaginal stages and in Hamonia the adults also live beneath the water. The metamorphoses of Donacia have been investigated by Schmidt-Schwedt (Berlin Ent. Zeits., 1887, 1889), MacGillivray (1903), Boving (1910), and others. The larvae feed submerged at the roots or in the stems of water plants. They are elongate, sub-cylindrical whitish creatures with short, hooked thoracic legs. The abdomen is terminated by a pair of spinous processes, the structure and functions of which have been much discussed. They enable the insect to perforate the plant tissues and insert its caudal extremity into the air spaces for purposes of respiration. When feeding, they gnaw holes in the plants and, by means of their specially modified mouth-parts, they extract the sap which is pumped into the digestive system by the aid of the pharynx. The pupae are enclosed in tough cocoons attached to the roots of the host plants. The Criocerinæ are represented in Britain by a few species of Zeugophora, Lema and Crioceris. Their larvae are short, thick, fleshy grubs which feed externally on the leaves of plants. Some have the habit of concealing themselves with coverings of excrement while other, and often closely allied species, do not possess this trait. The asparagus beetle (Crioceris asparagi) is familiar to growers of that vegetable, and Lema melanopa is occasionally injurious to growing cereals.

The Cycliæ include the greater number of the species of the family and over 170 are British (Fig. 493). Their larvae live exposed on plants and are short and convex, frequently with leathery pigmented integument: those of Orina are well figured by Chapman (1901, 1903) and of Leptinotarsa by Tower (1906). The latter genus includes the well known Colorado potato beetle (L. decemlineata). The larvae and imagines of Phadon are destructive to Cruciferae, particularly mustard, the former feeding in companies on the leaves. According to Chapman (1901) certain species of Orina are viviparous and this same method of reproduction is recorded by Williams (Entom. 1914) in Phytodecta viminalis.

The Camptostomes are characterized by the peculiar structure of the abdomen which appears to be correlated with the formation of a case which envelops the egg. The larvae are also enclosed in cases which are composed, at least partially, of excrement. Owing to their concealed life they are usually devoid of pigment and resemble small Scarabeid larvae in general form. The larval cases of Cryptcephalus and Clythra are described by Weise, Fabre and others: in the former genus they are carried almost erect and the larvae move with a jerky action. The life-history of Clythra quadripunctata has been studied by Donisthorpe (Trans. Ent. Soc., 1902): its larva live in nests of Formica rufa and their cases are composed of a mixture of earth and excrement.

The Trichostomes include the Galerucineæ (Fig. 494) and Halticinæ, both sub-families comprising a number of highly injurious species. Their larval habits are extremely varied: many feed openly on the parenchyma of leaves, others live in roots, and a considerable number are leaf-miners. The turnip flea beetle, Phyllotreta nemorum, and other members of the genus, are exceedingly destructive to Cruciferae, especially to the turnip. This genus and other members of the Halticinæ have greatly developed leaping powers which reside in the swollen hind femora.

The Cryptostomes consist of the Hispinæ and Cassidinæ. The species of Hispa are usually covered with long stout upright spines: they are mainly tropical and
their sub-family is unrepresented in the British fauna. Their larvae so far as known are leaf-miners. The Cassidinae include the "tortoise" beetles, and have the lateral margins of the body greatly expanded which give these insects a flattened shield-like appearance. Many are notable for their extremely brilliant coloration which fades very quickly after death. Their metamorphoses are of a remarkable character (vide Muir and Sharp, 1904): in certain species the eggs are enclosed in an ootheca often of complex structure, in others the ootheca is very small and imperfect and a layer of excrement is laid over it. The larvae are short and oval, somewhat flattened and spiny, often assuming bizarre forms: they usually cover their bodies with excrement which is supported and attached by a forked caudal process. The cast skins also form part of this adventitious covering, and the excrement may either form a solid pad, attached to the exuviae, or assume the condition of long filaments.

**FAM. CERAMBYCIDÆ (Longicornia).** — The longicorn beetles number about 13,000 species mostly of elongate form and attractive coloration (Fig. 495). Some of the members, such as *Macrotoma heros* and *Titanus giganteus*, are among the largest of insects. The family exists throughout the world wherever there is woody vegetation, and includes an almost infinite variety of shape and ornamentation among its species. Although frequently dissociated into two or three divisions, each of separate family rank, it is scarcely necessary for general purposes to do otherwise than follow Sharp and regard these insects as forming a single family. The number of genera and species found in Europe is very small compared with those of the tropics. Only a few outlying representatives of this extensive group occur in Britain, and they comprise about 65 species, several being exceedingly rare or doubtfully indigenous. A number of forms are well known for their cryptic coloration, while others exhibit a close mimetic resemblance to insects of other families and also of other orders. One of the most striking cases of cryptic coloration is afforded by the African *Petrognatha gigas* whose whole upper surface resembles dead velvety moss and its irregular antennae are very like dried tendrils or twigs. The common British species *Clytus arietis* bears a close resemblance to *Vespa*: it, furthermore, runs actively and exhibits antennal movements highly suggestive of those of a wasp. An interesting digression on these subjects will be found in the work of Fowler (1912) where a number of instances are enumerated. Many Cerambycidae possess the faculty of stridulating: in some cases the sound is caused by the hind margin of the prothorax working against a specialized striated area at the base of the scutellum: in others sound is produced by the friction of the hind femora against the edges of the elytra. In the Hawaiian *Plagithmysus* both types of organs are present in the same insect.

The larvae of the Cerambycidae bore for the most part into the wood of trees, but a few are confined to the roots or pith of herbaceous plants. Most species affect dead or decaying trees, some selecting moist and others dry wood. Certain species bore into the bark or into the sap or heart-wood of living trees and a few, such as *Saperda*, live in stems. The pupal habits are likewise varied, this instar occurring in the wood, between the latter and the bark, or in the bark. The pupa lies in the final larval burrow or in a special gallery leading therefrom and, in either case, a closed chamber is formed by the entrance being plugged with frass or fibrous chips. Many species adopt further measures for sealing up the pupal chamber (vide Beeson,
In these cases a large amount of calcium carbonate is produced by the Malpighian tubes, this substance being mixed with gummy or silky matter and utilized for constructing an operculum which completely closes the pupal cell. In other cases the whole of the latter may be lined by an egg-shell-like coating of the same substances. Cells which are closed or lined in this manner are protected from various enemies and are also probably enabled to maintain the requisite moisture-content. On account of their concealed mode of life, the larvae (Fig. 496) are soft and fleshy and of a whitish or yellowish colour: they are, furthermore, often finely pubescent. The form of the larvae is largely correlated with their habits, the bark-boring species being more or less flattened while those living in wood or stems exhibit a tendency to become cylindrical. The head is invaginated into the prothorax and is usually small and transverse, but in the Lamiinæ it is longer than broad. The prothorax is large and is broader than the remaining trunk-segments. The 9th abdominal segment is often longer than those preceding and somewhat vesicular: in the Aseminæ it bears a pair of chitinous spines. Thoracic legs are generally present, but are usually so much reduced as to be non-functional: in most of the Lamiinæ they are wanting. Locomotion takes place by the aid of dorsal and ventral segmentally arranged abdominal swellings which, in some genera, bear chitinous asperities. In many larvae a variable number of the anterior abdominal segments bear small asteriform structures known as pleural discs which are the points of attachment of chordotonal organs (vide p. 82).

The writings of Perris and Schiodte include descriptions of a number of larvae belonging to this family, while among more recent works those of Craighead (Dept. Agric. Canada, Bull. 27 n.s.) and Kemner (Ent. Tidskr. 43, 1922) should be consulted. Among life-history studies those of Ritchie (1920) on Saperda and Crawshay (Trans. Ent. Soc. 1907) on Tetropium may be mentioned. In Saperda carcharias the life cycle occupies about four years in Scotland, the first winter being passed in the egg stage. In Tetropium gabrielii, on the other hand, the life-history is of one year's duration and hibernation occurs in the larval stage. The shorter cycle is more usual, but the relative supply of moisture and the nutrient qualities of the food tend to increase or diminish the normal time by months or even years. Several instances are recorded in which wood, made into furniture many years, has been found to contain larvae which finally emerged as imagines (Craighead).

Superfamily V. Rhynchophora

VENATION OF THE CANTHARID TYPE BUT OFTEN MUCH MODIFIED AND APPROXIMATING TO THE STAPHYLINID TYPE. HEAD GENERALLY PRODUCED INTO A ROSTRUM; GULAR SUTURES CONFLUENT: ANTENNAE STRAIGHT, OR GENICULATE AND CLAVATE. PLEURO-Sternal SUTURES OF PROTHORAX WANTING: TARSi APPARENTLY 4-JOINTED. TESTICULAR FOLLICLES ROUNDED AND PEDICELLATE: MALE ACCESSORY GLANDS VARIOUSLY DIFFERENTIATED: MALPIGHIAN TUBES SIX. Larvae ERUCIFORM, USUALLY APODOUS.

The Rhynchophora are a highly organized and much modified group, and the theory once held that they represent the lowest type of Coleoptera is now regarded as untenable. Their nearest affinities are with the Phyto-
phaga and, according to Ganglbauer, they were probably derived from them through the Bruchidae. As is pointed out by Gahan, there are a few genera in which the gular sutures are distinct and separated, viz. Rhinomacer and Oxycorynus, in the Curculionidae, and in some Scolytidae, as for example Crossotarsus. In the vast majority of the Rhynchophora, however, the gula is wanting and there is only a single median suture or even the latter may be absent. The pleuro-sternal sutures on the prothorax are present in Rhinomacer and its allies, and traces may be observed near the coxae in many genera of Curculionidae (Marshall). With very few exceptions, the prosternal epimera are fused in the middle line behind the coxae, except, according to Marshall, in the Curculionid sub-family Byrsopinae. In a few cases the tarsi are apparently 3-jointed (Aglycyderidae and Proterhinidae) and they are very rarely 5-jointed. In the Scolytidae and many Anthribidae there is no distinct rostrum. The larvae in this superfamily are phytophagous, feeding upon almost all parts of the plant including the wood, bark, and roots. Those of the Brenthidae and certain of the Anthribidae possess reduced legs, but for the most part they are apodous.

Table of the families (partly from Marshall):

1 (2).—Palpi normal, flexible: labrum distinct: pronotum with lateral margins carinate.
2 (1).—Palpi very short and rigid: labrum absent or concealed: lateral margins of pronotum not carinate.
3 (6).—Head with a rostrum, at least in female: tibiae never denticulate externally.
4 (5).—Antennae rarely clavate and never geniculate: narrow elongate insects.
5 (4).—Antennae clavate and usually geniculate, but often straight.
6 (3).—Head never with a rostrum: tibiae: denticulate externally.

**FAM. BRENTHIDÆ.—**A group of elongate narrow insects numbering about 800 species which are almost entirely confined to tropical countries. The size of the individuals of a species is often subject to a great range of variation and the males are usually much larger than the females. In many species the two sexes are structurally very different (Fig. 497). In such instances the mandibles of the male are very large and prominent and the rostrum broad and rudimentary. The females have minute jaws, but the rostrum is very slender, often equaling or exceeding the body in length. The early stages, so far as is known, are passed in wood, and the rostrum of the female is used for boring holes in which the eggs are laid. The larvae are very little known but are quite different from the usual Rhynchophorous type, being elongate and slender, and provided with thoracic legs. The adults of one or two genera have been observed to be predaceous upon wood-boring insect larvae. In some genera the antennae are clubbed, but the joints are quite separate, and not compact as in the Curculionidae.

**FAM. ANTHRIBIDÆ (Platyrrhinidae).—**This family is very largely tropical and less than a dozen species have been found in the British Isles. Its species are chiefly met with in old wood, dead branches and in fungi, but Brachytarsus is exceptional in that it preys upon Coccidæ. Xenocerus and other genera have very elongate antennae and closely resemble Cerambycidae. The larvae of several genera are described by Perris: they bear a general resemblance to those of the Curculionidae except that legs are present in some cases or replaced by tubercles in others.
FAM. CURCULIONIDÆ (Weevils).—The Curculionidae form the largest natural family in the animal kingdom. Sharp has estimated that 200,000 is the minimum number for the existing species, of which between 25,000 and 30,000 are described. The majority of these insects are characterized by the pronounced rostrum, geniculate clubbed antennæ, and reduced rigid palpi (Fig. 498). A certain number of exceptions are known: thus, in the Rhinomacerina the palpi are long and flexible and the labrum is distinct, while in a few Australian genera the rostrum is so short as to be almost absent. In Dryoporus the tarsi are 5-jointed. The function of the rostrum in the female is often that of a boring instrument, a hole being drilled by it for placing the eggs: in some species the eggs are inserted far into holes previously made by the ovipositor, but whether the rostrum plays any part in this act or not is uncertain: in a number of cases it is evidently not used for either of these purposes and its function is not understood. The significance of the rostrum in the male appears to be totally unknown. In many instances this organ exhibits sexual differences, being better developed in the female than in the male. This dimorphism is well exhibited among British weevils in Rhynchites and Balaninus: the S. African Antiarhynchus oviposits in cones of cycads and, in the female, the rostrum is about three times the whole length of the body and six times the length of the corresponding organ in the male. The presence of scrobes for the reception of the antennæ, and of provisional pupal mandibles in certain genera, have already been referred to (p. 458). Unlike other Coleoptera, an exceptionally large proportion of the species are clothed with scales, but very little attention has been devoted to their form and structure. As a rule, weevils are of sombre coloration. Exceptions are found in the Rhynchitinae whose integument exhibits metallic colours: in the brilliant green Phyllobius and Polydrusus, so common in Britain, the colour is a property of the scales. The Papuan Eupholus is sky-blue and the brilliancy of this colour even rivals that of the Lycæidae. The diamond beetles (Cyphus and Entimus) of Brazil are probably the most resplendent of all Coleoptera. In some weevils the colour is produced by a fine powdery exudation which is readily abraded and, in a few cases at least, it is stated to be renewed during the life of the insect.

The larvae of Curculionidae are apodous and exhibit great similarity of form. The body is more or less distinctly curved and stout, only slightly narrowing towards the caudal extremity. The head is rounded, exserted, and of a testaceous colour: the rest of the body is greyish or whitish, with a soft furrowed integument. The antennæ are usually reduced to small papillæ and, except in larvae which are external feeders, there are no ocelli. The vast majority are internal or subterranean feeders, and no part of the plants, from the roots to the seed, is entirely free from the attacks of one or more species. In those larvae which mine stems or leaves, the body is generally somewhat hairy with locomotory swellings. Such larvae do not exhibit the curved form prevalent in this family and are often narrowed posteriorly. A few genera are aquatic, their larvae inhabiting the submerged parts of water plants. The imagines of such genera as Bagous, Entycheius and Litodactylus are likewise aquatic and the two first mentioned swim by means of the hind-legs. A certain number of genera including Hypera, Cionus and Phytobius feed openly, and in both Hypera and Cionus the larvae maintain their position on the plant by means of a viscous secretion which envelopes the body. The larvae of Rhynchites, Attelabus and Apoderus live in tunnels formed of rolled leaves constructed by the adults: an interesting account of these structures in Deporaus (Rhynchites) betulae is given by Sharp (Ins. pt. II). In Hylobius,
Pissodes and Rhynchophorus the larval tunnel in tree-trunks, more particularly of Coniferae. Many of the Otiorrhynchinae, Sitones, etc., affect roots, while the various species of Apion attack the stems, leaves, flowers and seed. Calandra is entirely a seed feeder, and species of other genera (Nanophyes, Gymnetron, Ceuthorrhynchus, etc.) form either stem or root galls. When about to pupate, certain species construct cocoons from a product of the Malpighian tubes which is worked up by means of the larval mouth-parts (vide Knab, 1915). It exudes from the anus, and forms the reticulate cocoons of Hypera, the parchment-like capsules of Cionus, the chalky nodular cocoons of certain species of Larinus, and the felted cocoons of Orchestes. In the two first mentioned cases the material is the same as that which enveloped the larvae (vide above). Labial spinnerets occur in some weevil larvae, and it is likely that the latter may spin cocoons in the strict sense of that operation, or contribute material from stomodaeal glands to the cocoon-forming substance. A large number of Curculionid larvae pupate in the soil, but on the other hand, many others complete their transformations within the larval food-plant.

Parthenogenesis is known to occur in several species of Otiorrhynchus, the discovery being made by the Russian entomologist Silantjev in 1902. This observer found that 1,000 examples of O. turca collected at random proved to be all females and individuals were reared subsequently from unfertilized eggs (Zool. Anz. 29, 1906). Vassiliev (Ibid. 34, 1909) has demonstrated the same phenomenon in O. ligustici and Grandi (Boll. Lab. Zool. Portici 7, 1913) in O. cribricollis.

In a family of the size of the Curculionidae it is scarcely remarkable that a number of the species are highly injurious, either as larvae or as imagines also. The granary weevil (Calandra granaria) deposits its eggs in the grains of maize, wheat or barley and has become widely distributed through commerce. The cosmopolitan rice weevil (C. oryzae) affects a great variety of food substances including rice and other cereals, dried peas and beans, flour, meal, etc. Anthonomus grandis is the Mexican cotton boll weevil—the most serious enemy of the cotton crop in America, where it is estimated to destroy an equivalent of 400,000 bales annually. It is a comparatively recent introduction, having entered Texas about 1892 from tropical America. The eggs are laid in cavities made in the flower buds which usually fail to develop. Under suitable conditions the whole life-history only occupies two to three weeks. Anthonomus pomorum is the apple-blossom weevil, locally destructive in many parts of England. It is univoltine and the eggs are laid in the unopened blossom buds. The larvae feed upon the inner parts of the flower and on the receptacle: growth of the flower ceases, the petals dying and forming a kind of brown cap, hence the name of “capped blossom” for this affection of the tree. Rhynchophorus ferrugineus F. is the palm weevil, which infests the toddy and cocoa-nut palms. The eggs are laid in the soft tissue at the bases of the leaf-sheaths, in wounds, or in cuts made by the toddy drawer. The larvae tunnel the stems in all directions and pupate in fibrous cocoons. Hyllobius abietis is extremely injurious to young conifers: the weevils gnaw the bark and cambial layer, thus reducing or stopping the flow of sap. The larvae, on the other hand, are not injurious and mostly live below ground in the roots of trees that have been felled. Certain species of Apion and Sitones are pests of leguminous crops, and the larvae of Ceuthorrhynchus pleurostigma form conspicuous galls on the roots of cabbages and swedes.

The literature on the structure and biology of members of this family is not extensive, as very few species have been studied in any detail. General introductions to the family and its classification will be found in the works of Blatchley and Leng (1916) and Marshall (1916): from the morphological standpoint, Hopkins’ study of the larval and imaginal structure of Pissodes (1911) is valuable. For life-history studies those of Trägårdh (1910) on Orchestes, Jackson (1920–22) on Sitones and Champion (1903) on Nanophyes, may be mentioned.

**Fam. SCOLYTIDÆ** 1 (Ipidæae: Bark’ beetles).—These insects are for the most part small and cylindrical, and are well adapted for a concealed life within vegetable tissues (Fig. 499). The majority of the species bore into the bark and between the latter and the wood: others may attack the roots, twigs or solid wood, while still other species attack shrubs and a few select herbaceous plants. A small number of species bore into the fruit or seed of palms, etc., young fir cones, or the wood of casks and barrels. The larvae and adults feed upon the starches, sugars, and other substances found in the host plants, or upon fungi which grow in the brood galleries. Owing to the habits mentioned above these insects are among the most serious enemies

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1 Including the Platypodinae which are often regarded as a separate family on account of the broad head and slender first tarsal joint.
SCOLYTIDÆ

forester has to contend with. The method of attack is first to construct an entrance tunnel through the bark which, in the wood-boring forms, is carried deeply into the tree: in the bark-feeding species it does not reach further than the surface of the wood. From the inner end of the entrance tunnel two or more egg-tunnels are cut vertically, transversely, or radially between the bark and wood (Fig. 500). With many species a nuptial chamber is excavated at the end of the entrance tunnel and, in such cases, the egg-tunnels originate from it. In most species this chamber is probably constructed by the male. The eggs are laid in niches along the walls of the egg-tunnels and the larvae excavate slender mines or larval burrows usually at right angles to them. The larval burrows are generally filled with excrement and their calibre increases as the larvae grow. The form and arrangement of the egg-galleries and larval burrows exhibit various features characteristic of each species or group of species and consequently these excavations are of particular taxonomic value. The extremities of the larval burrows are widened to form the pupal cells, and the adult beetles finally construct exit burrows leading from the pupal cells to the exterior. "Ventilating burrows" are also often constructed: they are located in the roof of an egg gallery and extend to or near the exterior of the tree. Although perhaps serving for ventilation in some cases, they appear to serve more usually for the storage of boring dust, or as an opening through which this material may be ejected.

The social habits and relations of the sexes in this family are of a remarkable nature. As Hopkins remarks, there is a wide range of variation from simple or unorganized and intensive polygamy to specialized or organized polygamy, and a gradual reduction in the number of females associated with a single male from one male and sixty or more females (Xyleborus), to one male and two females (Ips) and finally to specialized monogamy (Scolytus). With many species copulation takes place on the bark of old trees or after alighting on the new host tree. Monogamous species often pair in the entrance tunnel and polygamous species in or near the nuptial chamber.

The ambrosia beetles penetrate the wood and their larvae are nourished by certain
fungi which develop upon the walls of the burrows. A carefully prepared bed or
carefully prepared bed or
layer of chips and excreta is provided by the female beetle, upon which the fungus
develops—ambrosia being the name applied to this fungus-food. The mycelium
spreads to the various galleries staining them dark brown or black owing to the action
of the fungus upon the wood. Certain species of fungi appear to be associated with
individual species of beetles. Unless eaten off regularly, the fungus develops and
spreads rapidly and during wet weather it may block up the galleries and kill the
occupants. The transportation of the reproductive bodies of the fungus from one
tree to another has received diverse explanations and takes place, either fortuitously
or intentionally, through the agency of the beetles themselves. In the case of *Xyle-
bornus* it has been stated that the conidia are either voided in the excreta or carried
in the crops of the female beetles, and regurgitated when a fungus-bed is being pre-
pared. In other cases it has been found that the brushes on the front of the head
in the female of certain species retain the conidia among their hairs, and facilitate
transportation. In *Diapaus furvius* Beeson (*Ind. Forest. Rec.* 6, 1917) has observed
the same method of conveyance. He also states that groups of large prothoracic
pores are found in many Platypodinae and are each filled with a globule of fatty
secretion to which the spores (conidia ?) readily adhere. He has observed the latter
germinating in *situ* but they speedily become separated from the insect once the
latter is established in its tunnel. Among the best known genera of ambrosia beetles
are *Xylebornus, Trypodendron, Crossotarsus, Diapaus, and Platypus.*

Scolytid larvae are apodous and usually closely resemble those of the Curculionide.
The literature on the family is very extensive; among the more important contributions
are those of Hopkins (1909, 1915), which are accompanied by a full bibliography,
and the writings of Hagedorn, Swaine, Nusslin, Fuchs, etc.: works on forest ento-
mology should also be consulted. Over 1,300 species are known and more than 50
occur in the British Isles.

In addition to the four families already dealt with the *AGLYCYDERIDÆ* and
*PROTERHINIDÆ* are two very small and highly aberrant families each consisting
of a single genus. *Aglycyderes* occurs in the Canary Islands, New Zealand and New
Caledonia and *Proterhinus* inhabits the Hawaiian Islands where it is represented by
many species, whose larvae are known to be leaf-miners.

**Superfamily VI. Lamellicornia**

VENATION OF THE CANTHARID TYPE OR APPROXIMATING BY REDUCTION
to the Staphylinid Type. Antennæ with a Highly Differentiated
Lamellate Club. Legs Usually Fossorial; Tarsi 5-Jointed, First
Pair Sometimes Wanting. Testicular follicles Rounded and Pedi-
cellate, and Almost Always One Pair of Male Accessory Glands:
Malpighian Tubes Four. Larvae Fleshy and Crescentic, Ocelli Gener-
ally Wanting, Legs Rather Long.

The Lamellicornia form one of the best defined and most easily recog-
nized of the major divisions of Coleoptera. They have no transitional forms
connecting them with other groups, and are regarded by Ganglbauer as
being the highest series of the order. They are primarily fossorial, and the
burrowing habit persists to a greater or less degree in the majority of the
species. In form they are compact and very stoutly built; they are
endowed with remarkable muscular powers but they walk without much
agility, and in an ungainly fashion. Nearly all species, however, are active
fliers: apterous forms are relatively few and, although most frequent in
the female, they may occur in both sexes. In some members of the group
the colours are bright and striking, and the head and thorax are often
ornamented with remarkable cuticular outgrowths, producing some of the
most bizarre forms in the insect world. Sexual dimorphism is a very char-
acteristic phenomenon, the differences affect almost every part of the body
and, in many cases, the males and females of a species are so unlike that
they have been relegated to different genera (*Fig. 445*). Lamellicornia are
also remarkable for the variety of their stridulating organs, not only in the
imagines, but more particularly among the larvae: the sound produced is usually very highly pitched, and often inaudible to the human ear, if the insect be held more than a few inches distant. The eggs are large and few in number: they are noteworthy from the fact that they have been observed to considerably change their form and size during growth after deposition. During the larval stage these insects feed upon dead vegetable or animal matter, roots, or dung and occur in the ground, in the decaying parts of trees, or in débris, etc. The larvae are described by Schödte, Perris and others. They are easily recognized and exhibit great similarity. They are broad and fleshy, whitish or greyish white and the body is curved in the form of a letter C; the legs are well developed, but are rarely used for locomotion. The majority of species lie upon the back or side and are surrounded by sufficient food to render active movement unnecessary. The head is large and downwardly inclined and strongly chitinized; the three thoracic segments are short, bringing the legs closely together, and the last two to four abdominal segments have a somewhat inflated appearance being much larger than those preceding. Eyes are seldom present, but the antennæ are well developed and 2- to 5-jointed. The mandibles are powerful and exposed, and the maxilla terminate either in one or two lobes. The prothorax and first eight abdominal segments each bear a pair of spiracles.

A general account of the Lamellicornia is given by Arrow (1910); they are divided into three families which may be recognized by the following characters:

1 (4).—Antennæ not elbowed.
2 (3).—Joints of antennal club not very thin, brought together by rolling up.
3 (2).—Joints of antennal club very thin, closely coadapted and incapable of being rolled up.
4 (1).—Antennæ almost always elbowed, the joints of the club not very thin or coadapted.

FAM. PASSALIDÆ.—The members of this family are somewhat flattened, black or dark brown insects. The elytra completely cover the abdomen and are deeply longitudinally striated, and the mandibles are not specially developed in the male. About 250 species have been described and they inhabit decaying wood in the moist warm forests of the world. None are European, and only a single species occurs in America north of Mexico. These insects appear to have attained a degree of social organization that is quite exceptional among Coleoptera. Ohaus has observed the two parent beetles accompanied by several larvae which they tend throughout life until maturity is attained. The adults disintegrate the wood and chew it into a condition suitable for consumption by their progeny. The larvae (vide Gravely, 1916) are more elongate and less markedly crescentic than those of most Lamellicornia (Fig. 501). They are, furthermore, active and have the first two pairs of legs relatively long: the third pair are greatly modified, each leg being reduced to a very short coxa and a more elongate trochanter. The latter is adapted to form an organ which works across a striated area on the mesocoxa, thus producing a squeaking noise. Stridulation is effected in the adults by friction between the wings and the upper surface of the abdomen.

FAM. LUCANIDÆ (Stag beetles).—In these insects the abdomen is covered by the elytra but the latter are almost always devoid of longitudinal striae. Stag beetles are familiar on account of the great development of the mandibles in the males which in some cases attain a length equal to that of the rest of the body (Fig. 502).
significance of these enormous mandibles is not clear: notwithstanding their formidable appearance in *Lucanus cervus*, for example, they are not as strong, or as capable of inflicting as severe a bite, as the short stout mandibles of the female. The male insects are usually much larger than those of the other sex and they exhibit great variation in size among individuals of the same species. These variations are coupled with striking differences in the development of the head and mandibles and it is often possible to distinguish large (teleodont), small (priodont), and intermediate (mesodont) forms. In other cases there are no intermediates known between the extremes and species, like *Odontolabis sinensis*, consequently exhibit what has been termed high and low dimorphism. Lucanid larvae inhabit the rotting wood of trees or their roots. They possess well developed antennae and legs, the maxillae are single-lobed and they differ from many Scarabeid larvae in that the segments are not raised into three folds. The larva of *Lucanus cervus* stridulates by rubbing certain hard ridges on the third pair of legs over a rugose area at the base of the second pair: the third pair, however, is not specially modified or reduced in size as in the Passalidae and Geotrupes. The duration of larval existence in this family does not appear to have been definitely ascertained: in *L. cervus* it lasts about four years, while certain other species are stated to require six years to complete their development. Pupation takes place in a cell formed of gnawed wood fragments. The holarctic genus *Sinodon* is of an aberrant character and several recent authorities accord to it family rank. The species are completely cylindrical and instead of the mandibles differing in the male, the latter sex carries a cephalic horn. The thorax is very truncated in front and the antennae are short and non-geniculate. The larva occurs in rotting wood of ash, etc.: it is more slender than the usual Lamellicorn type and gradually narrowed posteriorly. About 600 species of *Laciniæ* are known but only three genera, each with a single species, occur in the British Isles.

**FAM. SCARABÆIDÆ** (Chafers, etc.).—A very large family of more or less convex insects, with the mandibles not specially developed in the males, and with the elytra not usually completely covering the abdomen. Over 14,000 species are known and about 90 occur in the British Isles. A classification of this extensive group, with a table of sub-families, is given by Arrow but only certain of the more important of the latter can be referred to here: a key to a number of the larvae is provided by Perris.

The Cetoninæ are typically represented in England by the "rose chafer"—*Cetonia aurata*. They are exceedingly brilliantly coloured, mostly diurnal insects, especially found in the tropics, and number about 2,500 species. Their mouth-parts are adapted for dealing with soft or liquid food and the labrum is membranous and concealed; the mandibles, with few exceptions, are thin and incapable of biting, and the maxillae are invested with long hairs. The larvae are generally found among roots, in decaying wood, accumulations of dead leaves and other plant refuse. The life-histories of *Cetonia*, *Oxythyrea*, and *Proletia* have been followed by Fabre (Sav. Ent. 8). The larvae of *P. cuprea*, and other species, inhabit the nests of *Formica* where they have been found consuming the woody material of which these habitations are composed. The Cremastocheilini are exceptional in being mostly sombre-coloured nocturnal insects, living as larvae and adults in the nests of ants and termites.

The Dynastinæ include some of the largest and most striking of all Coleoptera. The majority of this species are black and, being nocturnal or crepuscular in habits, they are not very often seen at large. They are chiefly remarkable on account of the extreme development of sexual dimorphism which is exemplified in the presence of large horny processes in the males. On the head there is usually a slender, recurved, and sometimes toothed or bifurcated frontal horn: on the prothorax there are commonly one or more processes which often arise from the margins of a dorsal cavity. In a few cases, e.g. *Oryctes rhinoceros* both sexes are horned. Many species possess stridulating organs consisting of a file-like area on the penultimate tergum which is rasped by the apices of the elytra. The Dynastinæ include about 100 species, almost all of which are tropical, and more especially neotropical. Very little is known of their

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**Fig. 502.** — *Lucanus cervus*, male, natural size. Europe.
biology, but their larvae have been found in decaying vegetable matter, among roots, and in the stems of palms. Several species are injurious, their larvae attacking the roots of sugarcane and rice. *O. rhinoceros* is a great pest of coco-nut plantations, its larvae destroying the tissue at the leaf-bases and providing for the onset of decay.

**Fig. 503.—Scarabeus Sacer and External Anatomy.**

h, head; c, clypeus; pro, prothorax; pst, prosternum; mes, mesothorax with mst, sternum; mp, epiméron; met, metathorax with mst, sternum; mep, epimeron; pg, pygidium; fl, fl., hl., fore, middle and hind legs; ast, antenna; sc, scape; cl, club; ml, mandible; mx, maxilla; lr, labrum; la, labium. After Arrow (F.B.I).

Banks (Philippine Journ. Sci. 1906) states that it will also develop freely in vegetable refuse and in soil. *O. nasicornis* is often found in decomposing bark refuse of tanneries in S. Europe.

The Melolonthinæ include the “cockchafer” and the common European *Melolontha vulgaris* (Fig. 504) formed the subject of the classical anatomical memoir by Straus-Durckheim. They differ from the two preceding groups in the presence of an evident chitinized labrum, and comprise nearly 4,500 species. The larvae feed among decaying vegetable matter or among the roots of plants and are, in some cases, exceedingly injurious. In the case of *M. vulgaris* the eggs are laid in several batches of fifteen or more during early summer which are deposited to a depth of 6 to 8 inches in the ground. The larvae hatch after an interval of about three weeks, and the insect remains in this stage for three years in England, and for a longer or shorter period in other countries according to climatic conditions. During the cold months the larvae descend into the ground but, for the rest of the year, they come nearer the surface and devour the roots of corn, grass, etc., sometimes causing great injury. At the end of the third summer, they form

**Fig. 504.—Melolontha vulgaris. 1, Imago and 1a, Larva.**

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oval pupal cells at a depth of two feet or more in the soil. The adults emerge about October but do not leave the ground until about the following May, when they are common about oak and other trees upon whose foliage they feed.

The Rutelinae are likewise an extensive sub-family and many of the species are brightly coloured. In general facies they resemble the Melolonthinae but are usually separable on account of the mobile claws which are of unequal size. They are represented in Britain by *Phyllopertha horticola*, whose imagines often devour the leaves and blossoms of roses and fruit trees, and *Anomala frischii*. Species of *Lachnosterna* are very destructive, as larvae, in N. America.

The Geotrupinae or "dor" beetles are large convex insects mostly of coprophilous habits. The labrum and mandibles are large and horizontal, the eyes are divided in front and the antennae are 11-jointed. The best known species are those of *Geotrupes* of which *G. stercorarius* L. and its allies are familiar objects in Britain. They attract attention on still warm summer evenings by their blundering flight accompanied by a loud humming noise. The above species is evidently the "shard-born beetle" of Shakespeare and the "drowsy beetle" of Gray's Elegy. *Geotrupes* constructs burrows about 18 inches deep in the earth, below a patch of dung, and portions of the latter are carried down to serve as food for the larvae. Each burrow is filled at its blind end with a plug of dung in which a single egg is deposited. The larvae stridulate very much after the manner of Passalids, only the hind-legs have suffered less reduction and the positions of the file and rasping organ are reversed. The adults stridulate by rubbing together a file on the hind coxae and the sharp edge of the coxal cavity.

The Troginae are a small group which differ from the Geotrupinae in the labrum and mandibles being not horizontal. They mostly live in dried decomposing animal matter, and are represented in Britain by two species of *Trox*.

The Aphodiine are more or less oblong convex species of small size with concealed labrum and mandibles. They are useful scavenagers and are found abundantly in dung. The extensive genus *Aphodius* is represented in Britain by about 40 species, and the larva of *A. fossor* is described and figured by Schiötte.

The Coprine are round or oval and often very convex beetles living almost entirely in dung. Their mandibles are membranous and incapable of biting. Much of our knowledge of their biology is due to Fabre, and the curious ball rolling habit of the sacred *Scarabaeus* of the ancient Egyptians has attracted attention from very early times. Similar habits are met with among the close allies of this insect living in S. Europe, Asia and Africa. The ball is composed of dung which, in this form, is transported to a suitable retreat as food for the beetle itself. The mass of dung which contains the egg is pyriform and it is constructed in a separate underground chamber of material brought there for the purpose. In *Copris* this chamber is very large and is the combined work of the male and female. It contains two to seven pyriform cells of dung, each containing a single egg, and the "nest" is guarded and tended by the female. In some of the Indian species of *Heliocopris* and *Cartharus* the egg balls are very large and coated with clay. When first discovered they were thought to be ancient stone cannon balls, and Lefroy mentions one being found 8 feet below ground. Certain species, including *Copris hispanicus*, are unique among solitary insects in that the female, instead of dying after oviposition, tends her brood to maturity and then produces a second generation, but the number of eggs laid in each case does not appear to exceed four. Several genera are myrmecophilous and have the usual secretory glands and hair tufts indicative of symphiles. The sub-family is represented in Britain by *Copris lunaris* and several species of *Onthophagus*.

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Order 20. **STREPSIPTERA** ("Stylops")

Small or minute endoparasitic insects, the males winged and free-living, the females larviform and never leaving the hosts. Male with conspicuous flabellate antennae and degenerate mouth-parts of the biting type. Metathorax very greatly developed: fore-wings reduced to small clubbed halteres, hind-wings large and fan-shaped. Female apodous with the head and thorax fused: eyes and antennae atrophied, mouth-parts vestigial or wanting. Sexual openings unpaired and segmentally arranged on several of the abdominal somites. Hypermetamorphosis present.

The order Strepsiptera comprises a small number of very anomalous insects whose larvae exhibit an endoparasitic mode of existence which is retained throughout life in the female. In common parlance the adults are termed "stylops" and an insect harbouring these parasites is said to be "stylopized." Their hosts consist principally of members of the series Auchenorrhyncha of the Homoptera and superfamilies Vespoidea, Sphecoidea and Apoidea among the Hymenoptera. Among the most extensively parasitized hosts are species of the Homopterous genus *Liburnia* and the genera *Vespa*, *Polistes*, *Halictus* and *Andrena* among Hymenoptera. The last-mentioned genus is more often attacked than any other and it includes a very long list of parasitized species.

The majority of English and American writers have included the Strepsiptera among the Coleoptera, placing them near the heteromerous families Meloidae and Rhipiphoridae, mainly on account of similarities in the larvae and metamorphosis. The characters of the Strepsiptera, however, are so different from those of any other group of insects, that it appears desirable to regard them as an order of their own (vide Pierce 1909).

About 170 species are known and the majority have been discovered in the Holarctic region, nevertheless, the order is also represented in the remaining zoogeographical regions: a synopsis of British species of *Stylops* and *Halictoxenus* is given by Perkins (1918). All members of the order are very small or minute, the males commonly measuring about 1.5–4 mm. in length. In colour they are either black, or some shade of brown, and the portion of the female which protrudes from the host is usually yellowish brown.

**External Anatomy** (Fig. 505).—In the males the integument is very thin and in many parts transparent. The head is transverse, the compound eyes are very protuberant, and there are no ocelli. The antennae are 4- to 7-jointed, but are variable in form and of peculiar structure: the third joint is flabellate, giving the antennae a bifurcate appearance, and the succeeding joints may also be similarly produced, the antennae then appearing as if branched. The surface of the joints is studded with complex sensory organs. The mouth-parts exhibit modification and great reduction from the normal biting type. Only vestiges of parts corresponding with the labrum and labium are recognizable; the mandibles are usually narrow and sickle-like or, more rarely, they are short and membranous, while a
pair of 2- or 3-jointed organs have been variously interpreted as maxillae or labial palpi. In the thorax the first two segments are greatly reduced, but the metathorax is very large, occupying at least half the length of the body. The legs are only used for clinging to the female during copulation:

![Diagram of Strepsiptera](image)

The tarsi are ordinarily 2- to 4-jointed, without claws, and usually each joint is provided with a ventral adhesive pad. The anterior wings are represented by small club-like processes, but the hind-wings are relatively large and fan-shaped, with radiating veins. The venation is degenerate; in the most generalized forms eight simple longitudinal veins are recognizable but their homologies in relation to the pupal wing-tracheation have not been determined, and there are no cross-veins. The abdomen is ro-segmented: an aedeagus or genital sheath encloses the penis and is located on the 9th sternum; cerci are absent.

The female (Fig. 506) is highly modified through degeneration in accordance with a permanently endoparasitic life. She is larviform, apodous, and enclosed in the persistent larval cuticle. The head and thorax are adnate forming a cephalothorax which is separated by a constriction from the long sac-like abdomen. Antennae and eyes are wanting and the mouth-parts are vestigial: mandibles are present in some groups but wanting in others. The thorax is separated ventrally from the head by the aperture of the brood canal, which is a passage between the body of the female and the last larval cuticle, leading from the genital apertures to the exterior.

**Internal Anatomy.**—Our knowledge of the internal anatomy of Strepsiptera is mainly due to Nassonow whose work forms the basis of the account
given by Pierce (1909). The alimentary canal is an unconvoluted tube of simple structure. In the male it exhibits three well-marked regions—the fore, middle and hind intestine, but there is no communication between the two latter parts of the gut: in the adult female the hind intestine has atrophied, the posterior end of the stomach being in contact with the integument of the last abdominal segment, there being no anal opening. The Malpighian tubes are only doubtfully represented by small papillae.

The nervous system is highly concentrated in both sexes: in the male the brain assumes much larger proportions than in the female, owing to the presence of the antennary and visual centres. The para-oesophageal connectives pass to a common ganglionic mass formed by the union of all the ventral ganglia up to, and including, the ganglia of the 2nd or 3rd abdominal segment: a median abdominal nerve cord terminates in a nervous centre formed by the coalescence of the posterior ganglia. The tracheal system opens to the exterior by one or two pairs of thoracic spiracles and, in the male, up to eight pairs of abdominal spiracles. The reproductive system is very similar in the larvae of both sexes and consists of a pair of tubes lying one on either side of the gut. In the adult male, these organs maintain their paired structure, and communicate with the exterior by means of a common duct. In the female, the reproductive organs are stated to disintegrate, and the egg-masses are scattered through the body space. Cuticular invaginations, which develop into funnel-like tubes, function as genital ducts. The number of these apertures appears to vary from three to five: they are segmentally disposed on the median ventral region of the 2nd and following abdominal segments.

**Biology and Host Relations.**—The biology of these insects has been mainly studied with reference to species parasitizing Hymenoptera. The only tolerably complete study of the life-history of any species is the account given by Nassonow (in Russian) of *Xenos vesparum*. Male Strepsiptera are free-living, and usually only survive a few hours after emerging from their hosts. The females, on the other hand, remain permanently endoparasitic, and only the cephalothorax is visible externally, where it protrudes through the body wall of the wasp or bee. The males are by no means rare insects, but their small size and brief life cause them to elude the observation of most entomologists. They emerge from their hosts early in the morning, very soon after the latter have taken to the wing. Pairing takes place by the male alighting on the host, and inserting the aedeagus into the aperture of the brood canal of the female (Perkins): in some cases it appears probable that the eggs are able to develop parthenogenetically. The larvae hatch within the body of the female and issue in large numbers (sometimes several thousand) through the genital canals previously alluded to. They pass into the space (or brood pouch) between the ventral surface of the parent and the persistent larval cuticle, ultimately emerging through the aperture of the brood canal. They then remain upon the body of the host until opportunity is afforded for escape. At this stage the young larvae bear a resemblance to the triungulins of *Meloe*: they are very minute, active creatures with well formed eyes and legs, and pairs of long caudal setae (Fig. 507). Their method of securing a new host has not been directly observed but, presumably, they leave the “maternal” hosts when the latter are on flowers, in the nest, or in other situations. If liberated on to flowers, they probably attach themselves to other host individuals that come along, and become transported thereby to the nests. Within the latter, they seek out the larvae, and speedily burrow through the body-wall and become
endoparasitic. Having entered the host, the stylopid larvae undergo ecdysis, assuming an apodous maggot-like form in the second instar (Fig. 506). Their subsequent history has been followed by Nasonnow in the case of Xenos. Nutrition appears to take place by the filtration of the host's blood through the delicate cuticle of the parasite. The parasite does not penetrate the organs of the host, but occupies the body space between them, pushing them out of position. At the 7th instar the parasitic larva works its way outwards, so as to protrude from the abdomen of the host and, at this stage, the wasp or bee has assumed the pupal condition. In the case of Stylops protrusion usually takes place through the intersegmental membrane between the 4th and 5th abdominal segments. The male parasite now undergoes pupation and the pupa is enclosed in the exuviae of the two preceding instars. The rounded tuberculated apex of the puparium, thus formed, is the only region visible externally and the winged insect emerges by pushing open an operculum. The female parasite is recognizable by the flattened disc-like cephalothorax, the large white grub-like after-body remaining within the abdomen of the host.

Both sexes of the host are liable to parasitization but, in most cases, the largest number of attacked examples are females. As a rule, male parasites are the commoner, but both sexes may occur in the same individual host. The latter often nourishes several parasites: Pierce (1909) mentions the exceptional number of 31 larvae in a single host and states that the largest number of male puparia found exserted from the body of a host is 15. The effects of stylopization on the hosts have been studied by Pérez (1886), Smith and Hamm (1914), Perkins (1918) and others with reference to Andrena and by Wheeler (1910) in Polistes; the whole subject is also discussed by Pierce and by Wheeler. In the first-mentioned genus, stylopized examples often exhibit a shorter and more globular abdomen with increased pilosity, the head is usually smaller than in normal specimens, while the puncturation of the body becomes finer, but different individuals do not necessarily react similarly to the presence of the parasite. These changes are common to both sexes and affect the specific characters. Much confusion has consequently arisen through the founding of new species on stylopized individuals. The following changes affect the secondary sexual characters. (1) Parasitized females have the pollen-collecting apparatus so diminished that the hind-legs resemble those of the males. (2) The clypeus or frons in the males is normally marked with a greater amount of yellow than in the females: stylopization may result in the females acquiring the yellow coloration of the males, and individuals of the latter sex having the light colour very markedly diminished. (3) The sting is curtailed in size and the copulatory apparatus of the male suffers reduction. Certain
minor changes may also occur and Pérez concludes that, in the case of *Andrena*, secondary sexual modifications induced by stylopization are inversions of development, and that parasitized examples are not merely diminished individuals, but that the female acquires certain characters belonging to the male and the male develops certain of those which pertain to the female.

Before maturity the parasites live on the fat-body and blood-tissues of the hosts. As already mentioned, they do not directly attack the other organs but the latter undergo partial atrophy through inadequate nutrition. The gonads become more or less reduced in size, and the oocytes degenerate in their follicles. There is no evidence that the females are ever fertile, but the males are known to be capable of producing spermatozoa, and parasitized examples of both sexes of *Andrena* have been taken in *copula*.

Much less information is available with regard to the stylopization of Homoptera. The phenomenon is known among the Jassidae, and various members of the Fulgoroidea: according to Perkins (1905) either nymphal or adult hosts may produce mature parasites, which protrude through the tergal, sternal, or pleural regions of the abdomen. *Elenchus* is a parasite of the Fulgorid genus *Liburnia* in England.

**Classification.**—The Strepsiptera are divisible into four principal families and a general account of the order, with a full bibliography, is given by Pierce (1909, 1918). About sixteen species are known from Great Britain.

1.—Male tarsi 5-jointed with paired claws: female unknown. *Mengea triozocera.*

2.—Male tarsi with less than 5 joints and no claws.

3.—Male tarsi 4-jointed: female with 4 or 5 genital tubes. *Stylops, Xenos.*

4.—Male tarsi 3-jointed: female with 2 genital tubes. *Halictophagus,* *Pentozocera.*

5.—Male tarsi 2-jointed: female with 3 genital tubes. *Elenchus.*

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Order 21. **HYMENOPTERA** (Ants, Bees, Wasps, Ichneumon Flies, etc.)

Insects with two pairs of membranous wings, often with the venation greatly reduced, or almost absent; the hind-wings smaller than the fore pair and interlocked with the latter by means of chitinous hooklets. Mouth-parts primarily adapted for biting and often for lapping or sucking also. The abdomen usually basally constricted and its first segment fused with the meta-thorax; an ovipositor always present and modified for sawing, piercing, or stinging. Metamorphosis complete; larva generally apodous with a more or less well developed head, more rarely eruciform with locomotory appendages; tracheal system peripneustic throughout life, or at least in the final instar. Pupæ exarate and a cocoon generally present.

This order is one of enormous extent comprising probably about 60,000 described species and many thousands of forms still await discovery. If the Hymenoptera be judged by their intelligence, as betrayed by their actions, they must be regarded as including the highest members of their class. Structurally the majority of their species have attained an advanced degree of specialization which is only surpassed by the Diptera. In certain species of the order the individuals have acquired the habit of living together in great societies, as in the case of the ants, wasps of the family Vespidæ and bees of the families Bombidæ and Apidæ. A large proportion of the members of these societies have undergone structural changes, in some cases slight, in others more pronounced, so that they constitute a separate caste or type of individual known as the worker. These worker forms are imperfect females whose power of reproduction is either in abeyance or usually limited to the laying of male-producing eggs. Their functions include those of nest-building, feeding and tending the brood and the defence of the colony. The normal reproduction of the species in the social Hymenoptera is either performed, as in certain wasps, by all the female members of a colony or more usually by a single individual of large size known as the queen. The sole function of the males is that of impregnating the females, an act which often comparatively few succeed in consummating.

Indications of what, in the higher Hymenoptera, constitutes social behaviour are found among solitary wasps and bees (vide Wheeler, 1923). Thus, Verhoeff observed that the female *Halicuts quadricinctus* constructs a number of cells associated with a common entrance tunnel in the ground. These cells resemble a rude comb and, after being provisioned and closed, are guarded by the parent who may even survive until the adults emerge. Solitary bees and wasps practise “mass provisioning”—i.e. they store their cells with sufficient food to satisfy their developing offspring and close them down before the eggs hatch. There are, however, species which
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feed their larvae from time to time ("progressive provisioning"), thus becoming acquainted with their offspring. Among tropical Vespidae of the sub-families Rhopalidiinae and Epiphoninae primitive types of social life are evident. They live in perennial colonies, containing numerous fecundated females, and their offsprings are reared by progressive provisioning. Workers are either absent, or but slightly differentiated, and numerically weak. Such colonies, when fully developed, often emit swarms consisting of fecundated females—sometimes accompanied by workers. This polygynous state is possibly more primitive than what obtains among the Vespidae of temperate zones, whose colonies are monogynous and dominated by a single fecundated female or queen: such colonies are seasonal only and the worker caste is clearly differentiated. The Bombidae are the most primitive among social bees. They construct no true comb, their cells resembling those of solitary bees: their young are fed at first by mass provisioning, but the cells are opened later periodically to feed the older larvae. In temperate regions their colonies are monogynous and only last for a season. Among the Apidae the colonies are perennial and monogynous, giving off swarms. Melipona and Trigona practise mass provisioning and close their cells: they are, in fact, the only social Hymenoptera where there is complete absence of contact between parent and brood; in many cases the three castes are all reared in identical cells on a similar diet. In Apis the cells are open throughout larval development: the castes are reared in differentiated cells and queen-producing larvae are fed on a specialized diet. Among ants the castes exhibit their maximum differentiation: the larvae are reared in clusters, there being no cells, and there is a more intimate acquaintance between the workers and the brood than in other social Hymenoptera.

The phenomenon termed by Wheeler *trophallaxis*, or the mutual exchange of food between imagines and their larvae, is of general significance among those social Hymenoptera which adopt progressive provisioning. Among the Vespidae the larvae, either before or after feeding, exude saliva which is eagerly imbibed by the attendant imagines. Ant larvae also produce secretion highly acceptable to their nurses. In some species it is saliva, in others an exudation of the integument, while in the Pseudomyrmicinae it is a product of special papillae or appendages known as exudatoria. It appears that an avidity for these larval secretions, rather than maternal solicitude, initiates and sustains the bond between social Hymenoptera and their brood. Trophallaxis is also evident among termites: and it further accounts for the relations which both ants and termites have acquired with alien insects and other arthropods (vide Wheeler 1923). Among bees the phenomenon seems wanting: possibly the storing of pollen and honey, which can readily be obtained, has rendered the exploitation of larval secretions unnecessary.

Hymenoptera are also remarkable on account of the highly evolved condition which parasitism has reached in the order, and it has been independently acquired among species belonging to very diverse superfamilies. The Symphyta are essentially phytophagous, nevertheless Oryssus is parasitic in its larval stage, but its habits have been very little studied. Among the Apocrita, about one half the known species of Cynipoidea are parasites, and this same habit occurs in the whole of the Ichneumonoidea and Proctotyrpoidea, and in almost all the Chalcidoidea. Associated with parasitism is the phenomenon of polyembryony (vide p. 154) which is known to occur in a few of the Chalcidoidea and Proctotyrpoidea. Among the aculeate
families true parasitism is much rarer and, in the majority of cases of this kind, their larvae devour the provisions accumulated by the host for its own progeny. This involves the destruction of the latter but it is not parasitism in the strict sense. For a general discussion of parasitism in its different phases, and the more important literature thereon, reference should be made to papers by Wheeler (1919) and Brues (1921).

The effects of hymenopterous parasites upon their hosts vary in different cases. Certain of the Chalcid parasites of Coccidæ are bivoltine. One generation attacks the young hosts who fail to reach maturity and succumb to the parasitism. The following generation of parasites attacks the older hosts and, in this case, the females of the latter are usually able to lay some or even all their ova prior to being overcome by the parasites. Wheeler has shown that the ectoparasite Orasema produces abortion, or malformation, of certain parts in the ants which it attacks, and none of the latter become imagines. Certain of the Dryininae are known to parasitize nymphal Homoptera and may modify or otherwise inhibit the development of the secondary sexual characters of their hosts. Lists of parasites and their hosts are given in the catalogues of Dalla Torre (1892-02) and de Gaulle (1898). In so far as the hosts are British species, the papers of Morley on the parasites of Coccidæ (Entom. 42 and 43) and other Hemiptera (Zoologist, 1909) are useful, also the papers by Elliott and Morley (Trans. Ent. Soc. 1907, 1911) on those of the Coleoptera.

Parthenogenesis (vide also p. 153) is more frequent among Hymenoptera than in any other order of the animal kingdom, and this method of reproduction is prevalent in a number of widely separated families. In many it is not an occasional phenomenon, but plays an important part in the continuity of the species, and may also be accompanied by an alternation of generations. The best known instance of parthenogenesis is found in the honey bee, in which unfertilized eggs, whether laid by the queens—or by fertile workers, produce males and the same applies to Vespa. Among ants parthenogenesis has been less thoroughly investigated, and it has been claimed that the unfertilized eggs similarly only give rise to males, but Reichenbach, Donisthorpe and others have shown, that the workers are capable of laying unfertilized eggs which develop into other workers. In the Cynipidæ both sexes may be produced parthenogenetically and the generations, which arise in this way, alternate with those produced by the sexual method. In other species heterogony is absent, and females are produced parthenogenetically generation after generation; in some cases males are absent and in others rare. Among the Tenthredinidæ parthenogenesis is also prevalent; in certain species only males arise from the unfertilized eggs, in others only females, or both males and females may be produced. In some Chalcidoidea parthenogenesis is the usual method of reproduction as in Aphelinus mytilaspidis and Isosoma grandis, in which examples males are very rare. Many other parasitic Hymenoptera are capable of both sexual and parthenogenetic reproduction and, in these cases, the latter process generally gives rise to males.

General Structure of the Imago

The general structure of the Hymenoptera has been well investigated in comparatively few types. The paper of Snodgrass (1910) on the anatomy of the honey bee will serve as an introduction to the general morphology of the order. For the Formicoidea the numerous papers by Janet should
be consulted: for the Ichneumonoidea Seurat's study (1899) of Doryctes is important, and for the Chalcidoidea Grandi (1920) has investigated the structure of Blastophaga with great completeness.

A. EXTERNAL ANATOMY

The head is free from the thorax and often extremely mobile. It varies considerably in form and, as a rule, the long axis is the longitudinal one. The cranial capsule is very completely consolidated but both clypeus and labrum are usually distinct; the epipharynx is well developed and trilobed in the higher forms, the median lobe being pointed and projecting. Acuteness of vision is a characteristic of the order and the compound eyes are therefore almost always large; in the male they are sometimes strongly convergent or holoptic. In certain species of ants belonging to the genera Dorylus and Eciton the eyes have atrophied, and in other species of the latter genus, they are reduced to a single facet on either side. Three ocelli are commonly present but, in some cases, they are aborted, as in the Bembecidae and in the workers of many of the ants. The antennae are extremely variable in character in the Symphyta and among the parasitic families of the Apocrita. As a rule, they are longer in the males than in the females, and frequently exhibit pronounced sexual dimorphism. The latter feature attains its greatest development among the Protoctrypoidea and Chalcidoidea, where these organs in the male may be either filiform, clavate, pectinate, branched or verticillate. The number of joints present is singularly inconstant in the lower superfamilies: thus among the Ichneumonidae, for example, it may be as low as 14, or as high as 70. In the sawfly Hylotoma there are only three joints, and four are present in some of the ants. In the Sphecoidea, Vespoidae and Apoidea the number for the most part is fixed, there being usually 13 joints in the males and 12 in the females.

The mouth-parts exhibit a wide range of differentiation from the generalized biting, orthopterous type found among the Symphyta to the highly modified sucking type of Apis, Euglossa and other bees. Mandibles are universally present throughout the order but, except in the predaceous members of the Tenthredinidae, their principal function is industrial rather than trophic. They are used to enable the imagines to cut their way through the walls of their hosts in the case of the parasitic superfamilies, while among the Sphecoidea, Vespoidae and Apoidea their principal functions are the gathering of material and nest-building. If the mouth-parts of Nematopus, or other typical sawfly (Fig. 508), be examined it will be observed that well-developed dentate mandibles are present; the complete number of parts are evident in the maxillae, and their palpi are 6-jointed. In the labium both mentum and submentum are well developed, the labial palpi are 4-jointed, and the ligula appears deeply cleft into three nearly equal lobes—a median glossa and lateral paraglossae. Among the Apocrita this same type of mouth-parts is retained in the parasitic groups, but it has undergone a variable amount of specialization. The labial and maxillary palpi usually exhibit a reduction in the number of their joints, particularly in the Chalcidoidea. The maxillae are frequently single-lobed, and the ligula is commonly formed by the broadened glossa, the paraglossae being either vestigial or absent. In the higher superfamilies, the glossa becomes increasingly prominent, in conformity with the habit of feeding upon and collecting nectar. This organ becomes progressively lengthened, the associated mouth-parts become attenuated accordingly, and the result of these modifications is the formation of a proboscis. The latter organ is
an adaptation which is necessary in order to extract the juices from the deeply seated nectaries of many flowers.

It is possible to trace the evolution of the proboscis in different genera of the Apoidea, from the simple condition found in the Colletidae and Prospidae, up to the highly specialized apparatus seen in Apis, Euglossa, etc. In the two previously mentioned families the glossa is extremely short and broad with a bifid extremity; the labial palpi are non-sheathing and 4-jointed, and the maxillary palpi are 6-jointed. In Andrena the glossa, although still short, is acuminate, while in Panurgus and Nomada it is appreciably lengthened, as are also the labial palpi and the maxillary lobes. In Melecta the first two joints of the labial palpi ensheath the greatly drawn out glossa, and the maxillary palpi are reduced to small 4-jointed organs. In Psithyrus and Bombus the glossa is still further elongated, and the maxillary palpi are represented by inconspicuous 2-jointed organs, while in Apis they have undergone further degeneration and are in the form of minute single-jointed papillae. In Anthophora the glossa is longer than in any other British bees, but the two pairs of palpi are not specialized to a correspondingly high degree. In the tropical Euglossa the maxillary palpi are single jointed, the labial palpi 2-jointed and the glossa attains a length exceeding that of the whole insect.

In Figs. 508, 509 and 510 the mouth-parts of a saw-fly, Vespa and Apis are represented. In the case of the first mentioned type the essentially biting nature of their component
parts is evident. In *Vespa* these organs are adapted both for biting (and mastication) and licking. The maxillae are comparatively little modified; the cardines and stipites are well developed, and the palpi are 6-jointed. The laciniae are reduced to small scales, while the galeae assume the form of broad 2-jointed membranous lobes. The labium is composed of a large shield-shaped mentum, the ligula is represented by the curious elongated paraglossae and a wide bilobed glossa, while the palpi are slender 4-jointed organs. In *Apis* the mouth-parts are highly modified to form a proboscis and the glossa has become a sucking organ. The chief basal plate or stipites of the maxilla represents, morphologically, the combined stipites and palpifer: at its proximal end the stipites is articulated with the stalk-like cardo, and near its apex on the outer border, is a minute peg-like maxillary palp. Articulating with the distal extremity of the stipites is a large blade-like lobe or galea; a reduced lacinia is present though often overlooked. In the labium, the large strongly chitinized basal plate is the mentum, and the latter articulates distally with a small triangular sclerite or submentum. The base of the latter is supported by a flexible transverse band the lorum (lorum of some authors) whose extremities are attached to the distal ends of the cardines. The labial palpi are conspicuous 4-jointed organs, each being carried by a basal palpiger. The elongate central organ of the proboscis is the glossa (often erroneously termed the hypopharynx, lingua or ligula), and at the base of the latter are two small concealed lobes or paraglossae. The glossa is invested with long hairs and at its apex is a small spoon-shaped lobe—the *labellum* or bouton. The side walls of the glossa are inclined downwards and inwards, until they almost meet along the mid-ventral line, and thereby form the boundaries of a central cavity. Embedded in the roof of the latter is a longitudinal rod which is grooved along its entire length, and this groove is converted into an imperfect tube by means of two rows of hairs which converge from its margins. The dorsal rod is flexible and becomes continuous basally with the ventral supporting plate of the ligula. The lining of the cavity of the glossa and its rod can be evaginated through the cleft, a process which admits of the cleansing of the parts in question. In transverse sections, the space between the outer and inner walls of the glossa is seen to contain blood and is in communication with the head cavity. The complete extension of the organ is due to blood pressure. Its retraction is partly due to the release of that pressure, and partly to the contraction of muscles inserted into the base of the dorsal rod. The latter, when drawn backwards, shortens the glossa which, as Snodgrass remarks, become bushy just as does a squirrel's

![Diagram](image-url)
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tail if one attempts to pull out the bone at the base. When at rest, the mouth-parts are folded down beneath the head against the stipites and mentum. During feeding they are straightened out with the two modified proximal joints of the labial palpi closely applied to the glossa, and partly embraced by the ensheathing laciniae. The glossa is very active while food is being imbibed: not only is the whole ligula alternately retracted into and protruded from the base of the mentum, but the glossa itself alters its length in the manner just described. The liquid food ascends by means of capillary action in the central channel of the glossa, and the effect of the shortening of the latter organ is to squeeze the nectar backwards, until it enters the space between the paraglossae, and so on into the mouth. Its passage onwards is probably ensured by means of a sucking action exerted by the pharynx. For a detailed investigation of the structure and mode of action of the proboscis, and its musculature, reference should be made to

FIG. 511.—I, SIREX, LATERAL ASPECT OF THORAX. II, A.PUS MELIGRIS, LATERAL ASPECT OF THORAX. III, DORSAL ASPECT OF SAME.

A, 1A, 1st and 2nd abdominal segments; AL, axilla; C, coxa; EP, epimeron; ES, episternum; MT, metanotum; P, pleuron; PN, pronotum; S, scutum; SL, scutellum; SP, spiracle; T, tegula. (Pro- and meta-thorax are lined, mesothorax and abdomen are left plain.)

the memoir by Wolff (Nova Acta Ksl., Leop.-Carol. Akad., 66, 1875) and to that of Snodgrass (1910): the anatomy of this organ in different genera of bees is described by Saunders (1890) and Demoll (1908).

THE THORAX of Hymenoptera (Fig. 511) is principally characterized by the fusion of the first abdominal segment with the metathorax, and its complete incorporation in the latter region—a change which is brought about during the prepupa. The transferred abdominal segment is termed the *propodeum* which was first described by Latrielle as the "median segment." Among the Symphyta the latter is still evidently part of the abdomen and has undergone but little specialization. In the Apocrita it has become transferred to the thorax and fused up with the metapostnotum and metapleura. Its existence in all cases, however, may be ascertained by the fact that it bears the first pair of abdominal spiracles. The study of the thorax in the order, as a whole, indicates that a progressive series of modifications has taken place in the higher forms (vide Snodgrass, 1910).
The **pronotum** is dismembered from the body of the prothorax and attached to the front of the mesothorax. The sternum and pleura are fused to form the **propectus**, which supports the head and carries the anterior pair of legs. The **mesonotum** is completely divided by a membranous transverse suture into an anterior plate or **scutoprescutum**, and a posterior plate or **scutellum**. In the Chalcidoidea (Fig. 512), and other of the parasitic forms, the sides of the mesoscutum are separately demarcated as **parapsides**, and similarly the lateral walls of the mesoscutellum may be separately developed to form sclerites which are often termed **axilla**. Tegulae are very generally present throughout the order. The **meso-postnotum** and its phragma are concealed through being invaginated within the cavity of the thorax: the phragma is often extensive, and may extend backwards into the base of the abdomen as in *Apheinis* and other Chalcids. The **metanotum** is reduced to a single transverse plate carrying the hind-wings, while the **metapostnotum**, in all the higher members of the order, is indistinguishably merged into the front margin of the propodeum.

**The Wings.** No insects have deviated so far from the primitive venational type as the Hymenoptera, and even the most generalized members of the order are highly specialized as regards the wing veins. Great difficulties confront any attempt to determine their homologies and, as Comstock has pointed out, the courses of the tracheae do not afford a reliable clue in this respect. An examination of the young pupae of the honey bee also reveals the fact that the venation is already foreshadowed before the tracheae develop, and that the latter are formed after the vein cavities are laid down. We have, therefore, to depend very largely upon comparative studies within the order and also with members of related orders. A dominant feature is the extensive fusion of the principal veins and the tendency of their branches to assume a transverse course, and also to become coalesced from the wing-margin inwards. This venational specialization in Hymenoptera renders the Comstock-Needham system of nomenclature very difficult to interpret, in many cases, by the general student. It has, therefore, been deemed desirable to offer an alternative terminology (that largely used by Cresson: Figs. 515, 516) which also affords greater facilities for reference and has been adopted in the keys to the families. Owing to multiplicity of systems that have been brought forward, and the want of agreement in the terminology used, reference should be made to a paper by Rohwer and Gahan (1916) which provides a key to the greatly involved synonymy of vein- and cell-nomenclature. In so far as the Symphyta are concerned, the venation has received a good deal of attention from MacGillivray (1906) but the Apocrita have not been studied with similar thoroughness. In the sawflies, *Pamphilius* and *Macroxyela* (Figs. 513, 514) the venation is more generalized than in most other members of the order but, even in these cases,
the principal veins have undergone extensive coalescence and the branches of the forked veins are greatly modified. Specialization by reduction and fusion is evident throughout the Apocrita.

FIG. 513.—RIGHT WINGS OF A SAWFLY (PAMPHILEUS) WITH THE VEINS LETTERED.
After Comstock "Wings of Insects."

These features attain their maximum development among certain of the Evaniidae and in the Chalcidoidea, where there is a solitary compound vein, running near the costa of the fore-wing, and the hind-wing is veinless;

FIG. 514.—RIGHT WINGS OF A SAWFLY (MACROXERA) WITH THE CELLS LETTERED.
After Comstock, loc. cit.

in the Platygasteridae both pairs of wings are devoid of veins. Throughout the order the wings of each side are held together by a row of hooks or hamuli along the costal margins of the hind pair: these hooks catch on to
a fold along the posterior margin of the fore-wing, so that the wings of a side become interlocked. Among the Chalcids the hamuli are reduced to a localized group of two or three hooks and, in the Mymaridae, the latter may be totally wanting. Apterous forms are a common feature in the order, and are the rule among the workers of all species of ants, and occasionally also among the males of these insects and of many Torymidae. Wingless females are present in the Mutillidae, Thynnidae and Myrmosidae, in which families the males alone are winged. Similarly aperous females occur frequently in the
Proctotyrpoeida and in certain of the Ichneumonidae and Braconidae. Apterous members of both sexes of the same species are rare but are known, for example, in the Diapriid *Platymischus*, and in certain members of the Ichneumonid sub-family Cryptinae.

**THE LEGS** exhibit various modifications: in all the parasitic groups, excepting the Pelecinidae, the trochanters are commonly 2-jointed. In many forms, the spur or calcar at the apex of the fore-tibia is knife-like in character, and fits against a semicircular emargination of the basal joint of the tarsus. This cavity is beset with fine comb-like teeth, and the antennae are repeatedly passed through the apparatus, which functions as a preening organ. The Sphecoidea, and the majority of the Vespoidea, are often termed the "Fossores," and their legs are adapted for digging and running, or for nest-building. In the Apoidea, the legs are comparatively simple in certain primitive genera but, in the higher forms, the posterior pair is adapted for pollen-carrying. The posterior tibia is more or less dilated and margined with long hairs, being thus modified to form a corbicula or pollen basket. The metatarsus is flattened on its inner aspect, and provided with several rows of short stiff spines which form a brush or scopula; by means of the latter the bee gathers the pollen adhering to the hairs of its body. When a sufficient quantity has accumulated on the brushes, it is scraped off over the edge of the hind-tibia of the opposite side and stored in the pollen basket. As a rule the tarsi of Hymenoptera are 5-jointed, and an empodium is present between the claws.

**THE ABDOMEN** is restricted physiologically to the region which commences with the second segment, the first abdominal segment being the propodeum already referred to. The number of segments that can be identified in the imago varies very greatly: the maximum number of nine can be distinguished in the Tenthredinidae, while among the Chrysididae it is difficult to make out more than four. As a rule, in the higher groups, there are six exposed segments in the females and seven or eight in the males. In the Symphyta the first abdominal (second actual) segment is always unmodified and forms a broad base of attachment. In the Apocrita this region is wholly or partially constricted to form a narrow neck-like zone, which is termed the petiole or pedicel. In the honey bee the latter is so short as to be only visible when the abdomen is deflexed. Almost every transition can be found between this condition and the extremely attenuated bristle-like petiole of *Sphex*, *Sceliphron* and other genera.

**THE OVIPOSITOR** (Fig. 517) is a very highly developed organ which is modified in different groups for sawing, boring, piercing or stinging but, in all cases, it exhibits a fundamental similarity of structure. Its general anatomical features are well exhibited in the hive bee and have been fully investigated by Kraepelin, Cheshire, Snodgrass and others. Morphologically, the ovipositor is composed of three pairs of gonapophyses, which have been shown by Zander to arise from a similar number of abdominal processes in the larva— one pair on the eighth segment and two pairs on the ninth segment. Those belonging to the first pair develop into the stylets, the middle pair on the ninth segment fuse to form the stylet-sheath, and the outer pair give rise to the palp-like processes. The actual sting or terebra is a hollow organ formed of three pieces bounding a central canal. The dorsal part or stylet-sheath has three functions: (a) to form the wound; (b) to serve as the dorsal wall for the poison canal; and (c) to hold the stylets in position. The stylet-sheath (SH) expands at its base to form the bulb of the sting (B) and the latter is prolonged inwards as a pair of diverging
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arms (SHA). The stylets or lancets (S) are each grooved along their entire length, and along the sheath are two guide-rails, which fit accurately into the stylet-grooves (Fig. 517). By means of this arrangement, the stylets are maintained in position and are permitted of no other than an up and down movement. The apices of the stylets and their sheath are provided with forwardly directed barbs. At their bases, the stylets diverge into a pair of arms closely associated with those of their sheath by means of a prolongation of the groove and rail device. Associated with the sting are three pairs of plates: the innermost or posterior pair is termed the inner or oblong plates (OP), which represent the divided ninth sternum and, attached to each, is the basal arm of the stylet-sheath of its side. Distally, the oblong plates carry a pair of palp-like appendages (SP). The two triangular or fulcral plates (TP) represent, according to Zander, the reduced sternum of the eighth segment and to each is attached the corresponding arm of a stylet. At its dorsal and posterior angle, the triangular plate is articulated with a large outer or quadrate plate (QP) and, at its ventral angle, with the oblong plate of its side. The quadrate plates represent part of the ninth sternum, the median portion of the latter region being probably seen in a membranous lobe (S9) which overlies the bulb of the sting.

The three pairs of plates already described function as levers, and powerful muscles are attached thereto. By means of the rotation of the fulcral and oblong plates, the sheath and its stylets are driven through the tissues of the victim when stinging takes place. The secretions of the two types of glands intermingle, and the fluid then finds its way down the canal formed by the sheath and the stylets, thus entering the wound made by the former. The structure of the ovipositor in certain Chalcidoidea has been shown by Imms (1918) to be essentially similar to that already described in the case of the honey bee, and in the Braconid Doryctes Seurat (1899) has found the same type of mechanism. In the Symphyta the stylets are adapted for sawing or boring and the sheaths remain separate and unfused.

Two sets of poison glands are found associated with the ovipositor, and are best developed when the latter organ is modified into a sting (Figs. 518, 521). A pair of filiform \textit{acid glands} open, either separately or by means of a common duct, into a large poison-sac. Their secretion has an acid reaction and, in certain ants, contains formic acid. The poison-sac discharges into the anterior end of the bulb of the sting and, situated close to its opening, is the aperture of an unpaired \textit{alkaline gland}, so called from the alkaline

AG, alkaline gland; PC, poison canal; PS, poison sac; for other lettering vide pp. 512-33.
reaction given by its secretion. Experiments conducted by Carlet (1890) indicate that the full stinging properties are effected by a mixture of the secretions of the two types of glands. This observer found that certain Diptera die almost instantly when stung by the hive bee: the same species inoculated with the secretion of either kind of gland alone did not succumb for a considerable time, while a successive inoculation of the same individual first with the secretion from one gland, and then with that from the other, resulted in death in a much shorter time than in the case of an individual which had been inoculated from either gland alone. According to Bordas (1897), in the Ichneumonidae the acid gland consists of numerous filiform tubes, and an accessory poison gland is present in those same insects and also in the Crabronidae.

B. INTERNAL ANATOMY

THE ALIMENTARY CANAL (Fig. 519) is of a tolerably uniform character throughout the order and presents but few notable deviations in its morphology (vide Bordas, 1894). In ants there is an infra-buccal "chamber below the floor of the mouth: it takes the form of a spheroidal sac and opens into the mouth cavity by means of a short narrow canal. According to Wheeler (1910), this chamber is used by the ant as a receptacle for the fine particles of solid and viscous food, rasped off or licked up by the tongue. Any juices that may be contained in this nutriment are sucked back into the pharynx, and the solid residue thrown out as a pellet, which retains the form of the chamber in which it was moulded. The mouth-cavity leads into the pharynx, which is an organ of suction, and is moved by powerful dilator muscles. The oesophagus is a long narrow tube, especially in forms with an elongate petiole, but is relatively short in Apis and Vespa. Among the Aculeata the oesophagus dilates in the anterior portion of the abdomen into a thin-walled crop or honey-stomach. The latter is lined with a chitinous membrane and its walls contain muscle fibres: it serves as a reservoir for the liquid that has been imbibed, regurgitating it when required. In the repletes, or honey ants, the crop is remarkably distensible and, when full, largely determines the shape of the gaster. The crop is succeeded by the proventriculus, which is a very characteristic part of the gut in Hymenoptera and forms the neck-like region between the crop and true stomach. In Apis it is invaginated into the posterior wall of the crop, and has a X-shaped aperture provided with four triangular lips. The posterior opening of the proventriculus into the stomach is guarded by a well-developed valve. The function of the proventriculus, and its method of action, have given rise to discussion: it apparently serves to pump food from the crop into the stomach and, when closed, to prevent its regurgitation. The stomach or ventriculus is the largest part of the alimentary canal in Apis and Vespa, and is bent into a U-shaped loop. In the Crabronidae, Sphegidae, Formicoidea and the Parasitica it is reduced to a small elliptical chamber. In the female of Doryctes, which lives but a short time and takes no nourishment, its anterior portion has undergone atrophy
The food in most Hymenoptera is of a fluid nature and a peri­
trophic membrane is usually wanting. The structure described by Snodgrass (1910) in *Apis* is of a different nature, and consists of a matrix of secretion, in which are embedded a number of dismembered secretory cells, the whole mass separating from the underlying epithelium, and contracting around the food which it surrounds as a membrane. In most Hymenoptera, the *ileum* is a short simple tube but, in *Apis*, its length is much increased, and this region of the gut is looped upon itself. The *rectum* forms an enlarged terminal chamber, and its walls are furnished with three rectal papillae in ants, four in *Doryctes* and six in *Apis* and most other Hymenoptera. Little is known of the physiology of the digestive system but a contribution to the subject has been made by Pavlovsky and Zarin (Quart. Journ. Mic. Sci., 1922).

The Malpighian tubes are extremely variable in number and, in the Aculeata, they vary from 100 to 125 in the Vespidæ; from 20 or 30 in *Megachile* and its allies; and from 6 to 20 among ants. They all open separately into the ileum, and are often disposed in groups. Thus, in *Bombus* and *Apis* there are about 100 of these tubuli and, in the former genus, they are arranged in four bundles; in the Chrysididae there are about 40 Malpighian tubes arranged in three bundles; and in the Eumenidæ they number from 40 to 70, which are disposed in two groups. Among the Parasitica, these organs are often much less numerous: in *Blastophaga* they number from 8 to 14 (Grandi), in *Doryctes* 9, in the Ichneumonidae there are generally from 50 to 60, and in the Tenthredinidæ 20 to 25. Among hymenopterous larvae there are four Malpighian tubes in *Apis* and the Formicoidea, but in most of the parasitic families there is only a single pair of these organs.

**SALIVARY GLANDS** (vide Bordas, 1894, etc.) are well developed in the bee and consist of two pairs—one situated in the head and the other in the
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Their four ducts unite to form a common canal which opens on the hypopharynx. The cephalic salivary glands (postcerebral glands of Bordas; system No. 2 of Cheshire) lie against the posterior wall of the head. The thoracic salivary glands (system No. 3 of Cheshire) correspond with the ordinary salivary glands of most other insects. The contents of each gland are discharged into a reservoir, whose duct unites with its fellow to form the main salivary duct which, also, receives those of the cephalic glands. In the drones and queen there is a mass of gland cells situated just above the ocelli. These are the post-ocellar glands of Bordas but, according to Snodgrass, they are detached lobes of the cephalic glands. In addition to the foregoing, there is a pair of large lateral pharyngeal glands (supracerebral glands of Bordas; system No. 1 of Cheshire) which are regarded by many authorities as being the source of the royal jelly, which is fed to the larval and adult queens and drones by the workers. Each is in the form of a long coiled chain of follicles packed away in the antero-dorsal region of the head; these glands are absent in the drone and rudimentary in the queen. Opening into the floor of the pharynx, between the ducts of the lateral pharyngeal glands, is a transverse row of cells which forms the ventral pharyngeal gland of Snodgrass (sublingual gland of Bordas). A sac-like mandibular gland opens at the inner angle of each jaw: its function has not been ascertained, but it is larger in the queen than in the worker, and poorly developed in the drone. A second or internal mandibular gland has been described by Bordas in the worker of Apis, and also found in Bombus and Vespa: it is a delicate racemose mass, opening near the posterior inner edge of the mandible.

The heart is well developed, and is usually composed of four or five chambers, with a corresponding number of pairs of alary muscles. In Apis the chambers are situated in the third to sixth abdominal segments and, in ants, in the fourth to eighth segments. The heart is continued forwards as the aorta which, in the bee, is folded into about eighteen loops in the region of the petiole. In the latter insect both dorsal and ventral diaphragms are well developed.

The muscular system has been principally worked out in ants; it is one of great complexity and the reader is referred to articles by Janet, Lubbock, Berlese and others. In the deálated queens, among ants, the wing muscles are broken down by phagocytes, which take up and convert their substance, and somewhat later discharge it in the form of fat and albuminoid globules into the blood. In this manner the histolysis of the muscles provides nutrient material which contributes to the growth of the eggs (Janet).

The nervous system.—The brain has been studied among the higher
members of the order and more especially by von Alten (1910), Jonescu (1909), Kenyon (1896), Thompson (1913) and Viallanes (1886). It is principally characterized by the high degree of differentiation of the mushroom bodies and their related fibre-tracts. In ants, for example, there is considerable variation in their development, not only among different species, but also in different castes of the same species. According to Viallanes, the highest type of brain is found in *Vespa* where the calyces are complexly folded.

The ventral nerve cord is considerably less specialized than in the cyclorhaphous Diptera. According to Brandt (1879) the most generalized condition is exhibited in the Tenthredinoidea where there are three thoracic and nine abdominal ganglia. Among the Apocrita the majority of the species similarly possess three thoracic ganglia, but among the Crabronidae and Apoidea there are only two thoracic centres. The first is the prothoracic ganglion and the second is a complex formed by the fusion of the meso- and meta-thoracic and one, or more, of the abdominal ganglia. The second thoracic centre innervates the 2nd and 3rd pairs of legs, the wings, propodeum, and first abdominal segment. Six abdominal centres are present in many Ichneumonoidea and Formicoidea, also in *Ammophilia, Ceraceris, Odynerus*, and others. In most other Apocrita there are fewer abdominal ganglia, and the latter may be reduced to two centres as in the Cynipid *Dryophanta fœlii* (L.) Forst., or to a single centre, as in certain Chalcids. In the females of many Aculeata the last two abdominal ganglia are more or less fused: thus in *Mutilla europæa* and *Megachile* there are five such ganglia in the latter sex and four in the male. In *Bombus* the worker and female have six ganglia and the male five. In the worker of the hive bee there are five ganglia, while the female as well as the male has but four. In *Vespa* the worker similarly has five ganglia, but the male and female are exceptional in having six. In *Blastophaga* there are two abdominal centres in the female, while in the male they are fused into a common mass (Grandi).

**THE MALE REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM.**—The testes are separate in the Symphyta and also in *Apis* and *Bombus*. According to Bordas (1894) they are in close contact in *Vespa* and fused together in other Hymenoptera studied by him. Each testis is enclosed in a double membrane and may consist of 250–300 seminiferous tubuli as, in *Vespa, Bombus* and *Apis*; these tubuli are much less numerous in ants, and are usually reduced to three in other Hymenoptera. The vasa deferentia enlarge to form vesiculae seminales which are usually cylindrical or sac-like in form. In *Vespa* and *Apis* they are particularly voluminous, while they are tubular and convoluted in *Alitelia, Cimbex*, and *Bombus*. The two ejaculatory canals, which leave the vesicular, receive the ducts of a pair of accessory glands. The latter are large and sac-like in almost all members of the order. In *Apis* the ejaculatory canals are rudimentary, and the accessory glands open into the common ejaculatory duct.

**THE FEMALE REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM** (Fig. 321). The ovaries are composed of polytrophic ovarioles; in *Apis* the latter are very numerous but their number is inconstant. In *Blastophaga* the ovarioles are very attenuated and closely packed together; according to Grandi there are 130–182 to each ovary. In *Cimbex* there are usually 20–30 ovarioles in each ovary; in *Aphelinus* there are five, while in other Chalcids and in the Ichneumonoidea there are commonly four. In *Doryctes*, however, each ovary is greatly developed and consists of a single pair of ovarioles; in *Aphidius* the latter
are wanting and the follicles are simply enclosed in a sac-like membrane. Among ants the number varies, in different genera and species, between two (Leptothorax emersoni) and about 250 (Eciton schmitti) : in the workers, however, the number is very much lower, there is often a single ovary to each ovary and rarely there are as many as twelve. The two oviducts unite to form the vagina and, in Apis, the latter is dilated posteriorly as the bursa copulatrix. A median spermatheca is generally present together with a pair of colleterial glands : the latter may open into a median reservoir as in Cimbex (Severin) or into the duct of the spermatheca as in Apis.

Metamorphoses

THE EGG

The eggs of Hymenoptera are usually ovoid or sausage-shaped and, in the parasitic groups, they are frequently provided with a pedicel. The latter structure may arise from either pole of the egg (Adler) and is of very general occurrence among the Cynipoidea. In the gall-forming species of the latter group it may be five or six times the length of the egg itself. Stalked eggs are also found among the Chalcidoidea and Proctotrypoidea: in Blastophaga the pedicel may measure more than twice the length of the egg. In the majority of cases the function of this appendage is obscure, but in Blastothrix it protrudes through the body-wall of the host, and functions as a kind of respiratory funnel, which enables the newly hatched larva to breathe the outside air (vide Imms, 1918). In Schedius kuvanae the eggs are deposited within those of the gipsy moth, with their pedicels protruding to the exterior (Howard and Fiske), and it is probable that the latter organs fulfil a similar function in this instance also. A reduced pedicel is found in other Chalcids as well as in certain of the Ichneumonoidea; it is met with both in the case of eggs which are laid externally to their hosts, and in those which are laid within the latter.

THE LARVA

A typical hymenopterous larva is composed of a well-developed head, three thoracic and usually nine or ten abdominal segments. With few exceptions the tracheal system is peripneustic or holopneustic, either throughout life or in the later instars. Among the Symphyta the head is strongly chitinized and there are powerful biting mouth-parts. Three pairs of thoracic limbs and six or eight pairs of abdominal feet are generally present. Such larvae feed upon plant tissues, and are peripneustic or holopneustic throughout life, with nine or ten pairs of spiracles. Larvae which
bore into stems or wood have lost the abdominal feet, but retain the thoracic limbs usually in a more or less reduced condition. Among the Apocrita, the larvae are apodous: evanescent thoracic appendages are present, however, in *Eucolila*, and a single pair is found in larvae of the Platygasteridae, and in these instances they are probably modified survivals of true appendages. As a general rule, the larvae of the Apocrita (Fig. 522) are maggot-like in form; the head is less strongly chitinized than in the Symphyta, and in the parasitic forms it is often greatly reduced and sunk into the prothorax. Degeneration of the organs of special sense is very evident and, in most cases, the larvae are sluggish and move but little. These features are associated with the fact that their possessors live in darkness, and are supplied with an abundance of nutrient in their immediate vicinity, there being no necessity to seek for it. Definite ocelli are wanting, and the antennae are reduced to short sensory processes, small papillae, or may be atrophied. The mandibles may be either dentate, sickle-shaped or simple pointed spines with broad flattened bases. The labrum, maxillae and labium are fleshy lobes, and the two last-mentioned organs exhibit little or no differentiation into separate sclerites. Both the maxillary and labial palpi are usually represented by small papillae or are totally wanting. In almost all the larvae of the Apocrita the stomach is a blind sac and does not communicate with the hind intestine until the final instar, the fecal contents only being evacuated at the conclusion of the larval stage. Well-developed salivary glands are present, often of considerable length, and the ganglia of the ventral nerve cord are often undifferentiated. In the Aculeata the tracheal system is holopneustic throughout life and generally ten pairs of spiracles are present. In the Parasitica the respiratory system undergoes profound modifications in correlation with varying modes of life (vide Seurat 1890). Thus, among the ectoparasitic species (Fig. 523) the larvae are hatched with a peripneustic tracheal system but the full number of spiracles is not always acquired until later in life. The typical number of spiracles is nine pairs but they are not always borne on the same segments in different species. The Chalcid *Aphelinus* has eight pairs of spiracles and the Ichneumon *Pimpla pomorum* has ten pairs. In the Proctotrypeid *Lygocerus* the larva is hatched with two pairs and there are seven pairs in the last instar. Among the endoparasitic forms the young larvae are
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commonly apneustic, but this condition is rarely retained throughout life. In the apneustic condition the cuticle is extremely thin and admits of the interchange of gases by means of osmosis. At this stage the larva is hemophagous but it subsequently becomes carnivorous, devouring the various internal organs of its host. When it assumes this mode of life, a certain number of spiracles open on the surface of the body, and in the final instar there are usually nine pairs present.

Hypermetamorphosis occurs among many of the Parasitica and examples of this type of development are known in five of the major divisions of the order (vide Richardson, 1913). At least ten distinct primary larval forms are known in addition to the usual larval type already described. Any attempt at the classification of these forms at present can only be a tentative one pending the growth of more detailed knowledge. The principal types of primary larveal forms are as follows (Figs. 524, 525).

(1) The **PLANIDIUM** (Fig. 524) is an active larva invested with strongly chitinized imbricated segmental plates and provided with spine-like locomotory processes. It develops from an egg which is laid away from the host and is a migratory form adapted to seek out the latter. This type is known in the Chalcid genera *Orasema, Perilampus, Leucospis* and, in a modified form, in *Spalangia.*

(2) The **CAUDATE TYPE** is well exhibited in certain Ichneumonidæ, Braconidæ, and in a few of the Chalcidoidea, notably *Encyrtus aphidivorus.* It is somewhat vermiform in shape with a caudal outgrowth of variable length (vide also p. 548).

(3) The **CYCLOPOID OR NAUPLIIFORM TYPE** occurs in certain of the Proctotrypoidea. It is characterized by the large swollen cephalothorax, very large sickle-like mandibles and a pair of bifurcate caudal processes of variable form. In its general facies it bears a resemblance to the nauplius of Crustacea.

(4) The **TELEAFORM TYPE** is found in certain other Proctotrypoidea and in several of the Chalcidoidea; it derives its name from the primary larva of *Teleas.* The cephalic extremity is prominently hooked or curved; posteriorly the body is prolonged into a caudal process, and the trunk is armed with one or more girdles of setae. Apparently modified examples of this larval type have been described by McColloch in *Eumicrosoma* and by Silvestri in the Chalcids *Poropcea* and *Anaphoidea.*

(5) The **VESICLE-BEARING TYPE** occurs in *Apanteles* and *Microgaster* and is characterized by the proctodeum being everted to form a swollen anal vesicle.

(6) The **EUOILIFORM TYPE** is known in *Eucolla keilini*; it differs from the teleaform type in possessing three pairs of long
thoracic appendages, and in the absence of the cephalic process and the girdles of setae. In addition to the foregoing, other highly modified types of larvæ have been described by Klapalek in *Agriotypus*, by Ferton in *Chrysis dichroa*, and by Silvestri in *Trichogramma*. The subsequent stages in development in those species in which hypermetamorphosis occurs exhibits wide variation; thus the second larval instar of *Teleas* is of the cyclopoid type, but the final instar in all cases is the ovoid maggot-like type of larva characteristic of the Apocrita.

The presence of a trophic membrane or trophamnion (Fig. 526) enclosing the embryo in certain endoparasitic Hymenoptera, has been already alluded to (p. 164). It has been found in diverse species, comprising members of each of the main parasitic groups, but is evidently not homologous in all cases, and very different methods of formation have been described. This membrane is believed to play an important part in the nutrition of the embryo.

**THE PUPA**

In the Apocrita the prepupa is well defined and is intermediate in its characters between the larva and pupa (Fig. 192). The prothoracic segment is distended by the developing pupal head, the wings and legs have assumed the form of those of the pupa, and it is in this stage that the first abdominal segment or propodeum becomes incorporated with the thorax. After the final larval moult, the prepupa passes into the pupa and the latter is of the exarate type, in which the wings and appendages are free and not

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**FIG. 525.** PRIMARY LARVAE OF VARIOUS PARASITIC HYMENOPTERA.


**FIG. 526.** CHALCIS (*SMICRA*) CLAVIPES.

A, EGG WITH EMBRYO SURROUNDED BY TROPHAMNION. B, YOUNG LARVA AND DISINTEGRATED TROPHAMNION.

*After Henneguy “Les Insectes.”*
soldered to the surface of the body (Fig. 189). With the exception of the Cynipidæ and Chalcidoidea a cocoon, though often slight, is of general occurrence in the order. In many Tenthredinidæ it is parchment-like; in others it is formed of agglutinated soil particles; while in Cimbex the cocoon is formed of an outer and inner coat, and attains a higher degree of development than in other Hymenoptera. In many of the Aculeata the cocoon is little more than a silken lining to the larval cell, and in some of the ants it is totally wanting. Among the Braconidæ dense masses of silken cocoons are often formed by the members of a species which issue from a single individual host.

Classification of Hymenoptera

The classification followed in the present work is based upon that of Ashmead (1900). In the older works, the Apocrita were usually divided into the series Parasitica, Tubulifera, and Aculeata. The absence of any essential point of difference between a sting and an ovipositor renders it impossible to give any clear distinction between the Parasitica and Aculeata. Furthermore, a considerable number of the Parasitica are phytophagous and nonparasitic. A good deal of stress has been laid in the past upon the two-jointed trochanters among the Parasitica. This character, however, is somewhat inconsistent and the extent to which it is due to an actual subdivision of the trochanter, or to a differentiation of the proximal extremity of the femur, is uncertain. The terms Parasitica and Aculeata are only used in the present work for convenience of reference. The Chrysididæ are usually retained apart to form the group Tubulifera but are merged by Ashmead into the Vespoidea. The Fossores, or digging wasps, are comprised in two sections, of which one forms the superfamily Sphecoidea, and the other is united with the Chrysididæ and true wasps to form the superfamily Vespoidea.

The standard work on European Hymenoptera is that of André (1879, etc.) and for a synonymic catalogue of the species of the world vide Dalla Torre (1892–1902).

Sub-order I. SYMPHYTA

(Phytophaga, Sessiliventres or Chalastogastra).

ABDOMEN BROADLY SESSILE WITH NO MARKED CONstriction AT ITS BASE; TROCHANTERS 2-JOINTED. LARVAE WITH THORACIC AND GENERALLY ABDOMINAL FEET.¹

This sub-order includes the single superfamily TENTHREDINOIDEA (p. 543).

Sub-order II. APOCRITA

(Heterophaga, Petiolata or Clistogastra).

ABDOMEN NEVER BROADLY SESSILE, SEPARATED FROM THORAX BY A DEEP CONSTRUCTION OR A PETIOLE: TROCHANTERS 1- OR 2-JOINTED. LARVAE APODUS.

¹ Except in Oryssus.
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(formicoideae *  (p. 562)

apoidea *  (p. 582)

sphecoidea *  (p. 578)

vespoida *  (p. 572)

proctotrypoidea *  (p. 559)

3 (4).—Petiole with one or two nodes: tegulae absent or imperfect in winged forms.

4 (3).—Petiole simple.

5 (8).—Pronotum not extending back to tegulae.

6 (7).—Hind tarsi dilated or thickened: pubescence of head and thorax feathery or plumose.

7 (6).—Hind tarsi slender: pubescence simple.

8 (5).—Pronotum extending back to tegulae or latter absent.

9 (2).—Trochanters 2-jointed.

10 (1).—Hypopygium divided, or not closely united with pygidium: ovipositor issuing some distance before apex of abdomen.

11 (14).—Pronotum extending back to tegulae: antennae not elbowed: trochanters 1- or 2-jointed.

12 (13).—Fore-wings without a stigma: trochanters usually 1-jointed.

13 (12).—Fore-wings with a stigma: trochanters 2-jointed

14 (11).—Pronotum not extending back to tegulae: antennae elbowed: trochanters 2-jointed.

Superfamilies indicated * form the series Aculeata—the remainder constitute the Parasitica.

Sub-order I. SYMPHYTA

Included in this division are all the more primitive members of the Hymenoptera which are recognized by the broadly sessile abdomen and the fact that its first segment is only partially amalgamated with the thorax. The imagines do not exhibit the highly specialized habits and instincts so prevalent among the Apocrita and the ovipositor is adapted for sawing or boring: except in Oryssus parasitism is wanting. The larvae (vide Yuasa, 1922) have a well developed head and 13 trunk segments: three pairs of thoracic legs and frequently 6 or more pairs of abdominal limbs are present. The tarsus and claw of each thoracic leg are fused into a single piece while the abdominal limbs are devoid of crochets. A single pair of ocelli is present and the maxillary and labial palpi are usually 4- and 3-jointed respectively. Spiracles are always present on the prothorax and first eight abdominal segments: metathoracic spiracles are also present in the Cephidae, and in Sirex and Tremex, but are vestigial or wanting in the larvae of other Symphyta.

The single superfamily Tenthredinoidea is divisible into four principal families. A number of the sub-families, however, have been raised to family rank by various authorities.

1 (6).—Anterior tibiæ each with a single apical spur.

2 (3).—Antennæ inserted below the clypeus and eyes, beneath a frontal ridge: propodeum not divided.

3 (2).—Antennæ inserted above the clypeus: propodeum mediately divided. Prothorax large.

4 (5).—Pronotum truncated behind; middle lobe of mesonotum not reaching the scutellum; ovipositor very short.

5 (4).—Pronotum strongly curved or emarginate behind; middle lobe of mesonotum reaching the scutellum; ovipositor long and very powerful.

6 (1).—Anterior tibiæ with two apical spurs.

1 In many Chrysididae and some Bethylidae the pronotum does not extend back to the tegulae. In the Trigonalidae the trochanters are 2-jointed.

2 In the Peleciniidae the trochanters are 1-jointed.
FAM. CEPHIDÆ (Stem Saw-flies).—The Cephidæ are a small family of slender, narrow-bodied insects with a thin integument (Fig. 527). The prothorax is exceptionally large and movably articulated with the following segment. They are mostly black or darkly coloured, either with or without narrow yellow bands. In length they seldom measure more than 18 mm. and are usually smaller. The larva bore into the stems and shoots of various plants and are apodous, with the exception of three pairs of reduced tubercle-like thoracic limbs. They are also characterized by the vestigial ocelli, the well developed metathoracic spiracles and the presence of vestigial sub-anal appendages. The abdomen terminates in a small retractile point or spine which arises from a fleshy protuberance on the last segment, above the anus. The pupae are usually enclosed in transparent cocoons within the stems of the food-plant. For an enumeration of the larval characters in different genera vide Middleton (Proc. Ent. Soc. Washington 19, 1897). Less than a dozen species occur in the British Isles, the best known being Cephus pygmaeus L., the Wheat-stem Borer. Although destructive in many parts of Europe, and introduced into N. America, it is rarely injurious in Britain. The eggs of this species are laid in the stem of the wheat plant, and the larva bores its way upwards through the latter, ultimately weakening it below the ear. The insect subsequently descends to near the root when about to pupate.

Janus (Phyllocaeus) flaviventris Fitch lays its eggs in the centre of the pith of the shoots of currants and its larva bore through the stems: its metamorphoses are figured by Marlatt (Inst. Life, 7).

FAM. SIRICIDÆ (URO-CERIDÆ: Wood-wasps or Horn-tails).—A family of large-sized insects with conspicuous coloration, being often black and yellow or metallic blue. The abdomen usually terminates in a spine or horn, which is short and triangular in the males and lanceolate in the females. The ovipositor is exceedingly strong and, when at rest, projects backwards in the horizontal plane, and has the appearance of a powerful sting. This instrument is used for boring and drilling, and not for sawing as in the Tenthredinidæ. Holes are made through the bark into the new wood of various forest and shade trees and a single egg is deposited in each hole. The larva on hatching burrow into the heart wood and often cause considerable damage. Pupation takes place in the larval gallery and a cocoon of silk and gnawed wood is constructed. The larva has a tolerably large head and three pairs of reduced thoracic limbs: the last trunk segment terminates in a horny process which aids in locomotion. The best known species in the British Isles is Sirex gigas which lives in Coniferæ, and its life-history appears seldom to occupy less than two years. It usually only attacks trees which have passed their full vigour and are not perfectly healthy, but sound felled trees are sometimes selected. The metallic blue S. (Paurura) noctilio F. is also not infrequently met with, but it is difficult to say whether either species is truly indigenous. Xiphydria is readily separated from Sirex by the conspicuous cercicum, and its larva lives in the wood of broad-leaved trees. X. dromedarius has occurred rarely in Britain, its larva being found in willow. Tremex also affects various broad-leaved trees and its metamorphosis is figured by Riley (Inst. Life). The genera of the family have been monographed by Konow (Gen. Insectorum 28).

FAM. ORYSSIDÆ.—An extremely small family represented in Europe by the genus Oryssus which comprises several species but all are rare. O. abietinus Scop. has occurred in Britain: it is a black insect with the greater part of the abdomen bright red, and with clouded wings. The only known larva of this genus is an apodous ectoparasite of the Buprestidæ: for an account of its metamorphosis vide Rohwer and Cushman (Proc. Ent. Soc. Washington, 19).

FAM. TENTHREDINIDÆ (Saw-flies).—In this family the head and thorax are broad and the abdomen is provided with a saw-like ovipositor. The antennæ are,
perhaps, more variable in character than in any other family of insects, and often exhibit marked sexual differences. The most frequent number of joints is nine, but in *Hylotoma* there are only three, while in *Pamphilius* (Lyda F.) their number may exceed 40. In *Cimbex* and its allies the antennae are clavate, in *Lophyrus* they are deeply pectinated in the males, and in *Hylotoma* the third joint in the male is bifurcate and shaped like a tuning fork. Two curious organs known as *cenchri* are situated one on each side of the middle of the mesothorax; they are pale coloured membranous areas whose function does not appear to have been ascertained. Saw-flies are usually to be obtained by shaking the foliage of bushes and trees; many frequent flowers and some are carnivorous, preying upon small Coleoptera and Diptera.

Great variation exists as to the proportion of individuals of the sexes and in only a few species are the males as numerous as the females. Cameron has shown that in one-third the British species males are unknown. Parthenogenesis occurs somewhat extensively in this family and in some species males, in others females, and in a third group individuals of both sexes are produced from unfertilized eggs. Thus in *Nematus (Pteronus) ribesii* only males have been reared from the unfertilized eggs. The impregnated females give rise to individuals of both sexes, but females predominate. In *Crassus varus* and *Paezilosoma luteolum* the parthenogenetic eggs produce females, and there is no indubitable case of males arising in this manner. For further information on the subject of parthenogenesis in this family vide Enslin (1914).

The eggs are usually laid in young shoots or in leaves and the saw, or cutting instrument of the ovipositor, is toothed in various ways in conformity with the nature of the oviposition. Its serrations are large and stout in species which lay their eggs in woody twigs; very fine in those which oviposit in leaf-tissue; or scarcely evident at all in *Nematus ribesii*, which simply attaches its eggs each by means of a small flange into a minute slit on the underside of a leaf. In most species, during oviposition the blades of the ovipositor move alternately, one being thrust forward while the other is withdrawn, until an incision or pocket of the required depth is formed. The larvae are termed caterpillars and often bear a close general resemblance to those of the Lepidoptera. They are exclusively phytophagous in habit and affect almost all orders of Phanerogamia and certain of the Filices. Trees and bushes, however, support a larger number of species than herbaceous plants. The larvae (Yuasa, 1922), exhibit much diversity of habit and a large number are nocturnal feeders: many are solitary, while others are gregarious. The vast majority live exposed but some live internally in stems, fruit, or galls and a certain number are leaf-miners. Many closely simulate their environment and are cryptically coloured, while others are very conspicuous with bright colours. In numerous species the larvae are covered with a whitish powdery exudation: in *Caliroa* they are slug-like and the body is obscured by a darkly coloured slime or exudation and some species of *Blennocampa* are invested with bifurcate spines. The body-segments of saw-fly larvae are usually subdivided, by means of transverse folds, into annulets whose number appears to be constant for each species (Fig. 528). Three pairs of thoracic limbs are present and almost all species carry abdominal feet also. Unlike those of the Lepidoptera ¹ there are usually more than five pairs of the latter organs and they are devoid of crochets. The number of these appendages varies among different sub-families. The Xyelinæ are exceptional in that they are borne on all the abdominal segments: it is also noteworthy that MacGillivray considers that the venation in this group is the most generalized of all Hymenoptera. In other Tenthredinidae abdominal feet are absent from the 1st and 9th segments and in the Pamphiliæ they are wanting on all the segments. The head is large and chitinized and there is a single ocellus on either side (Fig. 529).

¹ Except certain Micropterygidae.
composed of a variable number of joints, attaining a maximum of seven in the Xyelinae and Pamphiliine. In the latter sub-family there are 3-jointed sub-anal appendages which are wanting in other Tenthredinidae. In many cases the larvae emit secretions which are produced by special glands. The latter in the Cimbicine open just above the 2nd to 8th abdominal spiracles and in some instances eject a jet of spray. Caliroa has a pair of ventral digit-like glands opening between the head and prothorax; many larvae are provided with glands resembling osmatoria, which open by means of a slit-like aperture on the sternum of each of the first 7 abdominal segments. Pupation, as a rule, takes place in an elongate-oval silken cocoon which may or may not be mixed with soil particles; in other cases an earthen cell is constructed. In Cimex and Trichiosoma the cocoon is double, the outer one being of a leathery consistency. In these two genera it is found attached to the larval food-plant but, as a rule, pupation occurs in the soil.

During their larval stage some species are capable of causing great destruction of foliage and are thereby injurious. In this way Nematus ribesii is destructive to Ribes, Athalia spinarum F. to turnips and allied plants, various species of Lophurus are injurious to pines, Lygaeomatus erichsonii is sometimes exceedingly destructive to larch and Caliroa cerasi L. (limacina Retz.) to pear. Species of several genera, notably Pontania, form galls, particularly upon the leaves of Sativ. Beyerinck (Botan. Zeit. 46) has made a study of the development of the galls produced by Pontania proxima Lep. (Nematus capreae). Unlike what happens in the case of Cynipid galls, those produced by this insect very quickly commence to develop and may be fully grown before the larva hatches. The cause of the gall is stated to be an albuminous secretion that is injected along with the egg into the tissue of the leaf, and Beyerinck suggests that it contains an enzyme that acts upon the plant cells in such a manner as to lead to gall formation. It appears that, in this case, it is the secretion and not the presence of the egg that is the primary cause, since after the egg has been killed by puncturing with a fine needle the gall continues to develop. In the case of P. viminalis Htg. Beyerinck finds that the galls produced by this insect fall to the ground during winter, but have the property of independent existence. In the spring they increase in size, develop additional chlorophyll and also produce lenticels.

One of the best general accounts of the family is that of Enslin (1914) which contains a full bibliography: among monographic works that of Konow (Gen. Insectorum, 27, 29) is important. The British species are dealt with by Cameron (1882-92) and a useful aid to their identification is given in the more recent series of articles by Morice (Ent. Month. Mag., 1903 onwards).

Sub-order II. APOCRITA

Included in this sub-order are the vast majority of Hymenoptera, all of which are recognizable by the abdomen being basally constricted or petiolate. The imagines are almost always highly specialized in their habits and are often social, living in large communities. The ovipositor is adapted for piercing in the Parasitica and usually for stinging in the Aculeata. The larva are apodous, and the head is generally well developed but, among certain of the parasitic families, it is greatly reduced. The larval habits are extremely diverse. Thus many of the Cynipoidea and a few of the Chalcidoidea are phytophagous. Other of the Cynipoidea, all the Ichneumonoidea, and almost all the Chalcidoidea, are carnivorous, being either ecto- or endoparasites. The Sphecoidea and Vespoida are largely predaceous, and the Apoidea are nourished upon nectar and pollen.

The British Aculeata are described and figured in the work of Saunders
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Among the Parasitica, the Cynipoidea are dealt with by Cameron (1882-92) and the Ichneumonoidea by Marshall (1885-99) and Morley (1903-14), but no monographic works exist on the remaining British parasitic groups.

The literature on the biology of the Aculeata has assumed enormous proportions. Among the more important works are those of Fabre (1879-1891), Ferton (1901-1921), Friese (1922-23), G. W. and E. G. Peckham (1898), Roubaud (1916), Verhoeff (1892), Williams (1919), and Wheeler (1910). The latter authority (1923) has recently given an admirable annotated bibliography of the subject to which the reader is referred.

Superfamily Ichneumonoidea (Fig. 530)

Antennae not elbowed. Pronotum always extending back to the tegule. Trochanters 2-jointed. Fore-wings with a stigma. Abdomen with the ventral segments most frequently soft and membranous and with a fold. The opisthosoma issuing some distance before the apex of the abdomen.

With the possible exception of the Chalcidoidea it is the largest super-family of the order. At the present time probably less than 16,000 species have been described but undoubtedly many times this number inhabit the world. Without exception all are parasites preying upon some stage in the life-history of other insects, or occasionally upon other Arthropoda. It will, therefore, be readily appreciated that the group, as a whole, is of the greatest importance, not only on account of the rôle which it plays in the economy of nature, but also from the fact that the majority of the species are beneficial to man. For the classification of the superfamily vide Ashmead (1900).

Table of Families:

1. (8).—Winged forms.
2. (3).—Abdomen inserted upon the dorsum of the metathorax.
3. (2).—Abdomen inserted normally.
4. (7).—Fore-wings with one recurrent vein or none.
5. (6).—A narrow costal cell present.
6. (5).—Costal cell obliterated.
7. (4).—Fore-wings with two recurrent veins.
8. (1).—Apterous forms.
9. (10).—All the abdominal segments flexible.
10. (9).—Abdominal segments not as above.

1. Except in Lysiognatha Ashm. which has two recurrent veins.
2. Except in Pharsalia Cress. which has one recurrent vein.
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11 (12).—Abdominal segments 2 and 3 flexible. Ichneumonidae

12 (11).—Abdominal segments 2 and 3 rigid and connate. Braconidae

FAM. EVANIIDÆ.—The members of this family are often known in America as Ensign flies from their curious habit of carrying the abdomen upraised. This region of the body is, as a rule, strongly compressed with a very slender base which is inserted on the dorsum of the metathorax. These insects are also distinguishable from all other families (except the Stephanidae) by the presence of a distinct costal cell, the costal and sub-costal veins being clearly separated. Evania III. is an egg parasite of the Blattidae and E. appendigaster L. is distributed in most parts of the world, its host being Periplaneta. Gasteruptiun Latr. (Fanni F.) has been bred from various genera of solitary bees and wasps and its life-history has been studied by Hoppner (All. Zeits. /Ent. 1904). Aulacus Jur. and its allies are parasitic upon Coleopterous larvae, particularly those of the Cerambycidae. The family has been monographed by Bradley (Trans. Am. Ent. Soc. 1908) and is nearly world-wide, including about 300 species.

FAM. ICHNEUMONIDÆ (Ichneumon Flies).—The vast majority of these insects are parasites, or less frequently hyperparasites, of Lepidoptera. After the latter come the Hymenoptera, and more especially the family Tenthredinidae, but all groups including the Parasitica may be attacked. A considerable number of Ichneumonidae are known to utilize Coleoptera as their hosts, but Diptera are much less frequently selected. A still smaller number parasitize Arachnida, and a few attack Aphididae and also Hemerobiidae, Chrysopidae and Raphidiidae. Most species of the family are probably seldom restricted to any individual specific host, and those so accredited are becoming reduced in number with increasing knowledge. Psychologically, the Ichneumons are among the most highly evolved of all solitary insects. The remarkable instincts exhibited in the discovery of their hosts and in providing for their offspring, their mating habits, behaviour in captivity, etc., afford a wide field for investigation. The imagines are most active on warm sunny days and are partial to flowers, especially Umbelliferae. Many species hibernate as adults but it appears to be the female, the male perishing before the advent of winter. Apterous and brachypterous forms are comparatively frequent in the sub-family Cryptinae, and it is often a matter of difficulty to discriminate them from similarly wingless Braconidae. In the Cryptinae, however, the abdominal segments are soft and telescopic whereas, among the Braconidae, the middle segments are connate and rigidly fixed. Ichneumon larvae are composed of a variably shaped head and usually 13 body segments. Spiracles, when present, consist typically of nine pairs, which are situated on the pro- or meso-thorax, and first eight abdominal segments. Among endoparasitic larvae, there are frequently striking differences between the earlier and later instars. One of the most characteristic features of the newly hatched larva of many species is the presence of a prominent caudal prolongation or tail. Owing to the fact that it disappears when the tracheal system becomes open to the exterior, this appendage has been regarded as an accessory respiratory organ, functional during the earlier stages of life. As Timberlake has remarked, there is nothing in its structure to contradict this view as it is a hollow structure lined with hypodermal cells, and is filled with blood a greater part of the time. Seurat, on the other hand, assigns to it a locomotory function. The head in the young larva is large, and often strongly chitinized, the segments between that region and the caudal appendage are sometimes greatly compressed, and the respiratory system is apneustic. The second instar is usually of a transitional nature between the first and third. The tail, though greatly reduced, is still evident, and the head has also undergone reduction and is less strongly chitinized. In the third instar the larva generally becomes maggot-like, with a greatly abbreviated head, and the tail, as a rule, has disappeared or is vestigial. Towards the end of this stadium Timberlake states that, in Limmerium, the tracheal system communicates with the exterior by the spiracles. The number of instars present is obviously extremely difficult to determine: according to Cushman there are five in Thersilochus, and the same number is stated by Smith to be present in Calliephialtes. Ectophasous larvae are always devoid of the caudal appendage, the head is well developed and chitinized, a variable growth of body hairs is evident, and the tracheal system is peripneustic from an early stage. When fully fed, Ichneumon larvæ construct silken cocoons often composed of iridescent black or white threads, and in some cases the cocoon is suspended by means of a filament from the food-plant of the host. Some of the most remarkable members of the family belong to the genera Thalessa and Rhyssa whose larvæ are...
ectoparasites of those of the Siricidae. The adults are notable on account of the great length of the ovipositor and for their specialized habits of egg-laying. Thalessa has an ovipositor which may attain a length of six inches, with which it pierces or drills the wood of trees in order to reach the burrows occupied by Tremex. The English Rhysya persiusoria similarly parasitizes Sirex, and it has been recorded to reach its host by inserting the terebra along the burrows of the latter and also by passing it through the bark and solid wood. An interesting account of the habits of both genera is given by Riley (Ins. Life i). The familiar reddish-brown species of Ophion, so often attracted to lights, are common parasites of Noctuid larvae. Hemileles reator has been bred from a remarkable range of hosts comprising many Lepidoptera, various Hymenoptera including other Ichneumonidae, and also from several Coleoptera and Diptera. Agriontypus Walk is an endoparasite of trichopterous larvae, and the adults have been observed to dive and swim beneath the water while seeking their host (vide Klapalek, Ent. Month. Mag. 1889). Ashmead places this genus in a family of its own on account of the hardened abdominal sterna and the spined scutellum. Among the more important life-history studies of individual species of Ichneumonidae the reader should consult the old though important work of Ratzeburg (vol. 1, 1844), particularly for the larval development of Anomalon; among others, the papers of Cushman on Calliephialtes (Journ. Agric. Res. 1) and Thersilochus (ib. 6), Newport (1855) on Panisicus, Timberlake (U. S. Bur. Ent. Tech. Ser. 19) on Limnerium, and Imms (Ann. App. Biol. 1918) on Pimpla may be mentioned. Morley (1903–1914) has monographed the British species, Berthoumieu (1894, etc.) those of Europe, and Schmiedeknecht (1902–11) has produced a general systematic treatise on the family.

FAM. BRACONIDÆ (Supplementary Ichneumon Flies).—These insects are closely related in structure and habits to the Ichneumonidae but are readily separated by 3rd discoidal and 2nd apical cells in the fore-wings being confluent. Further points of distinction are afforded by the 1st cubital and 1st discoidal cells which are usually separate, whereas in the Ichneumonidae they are merged into one (Fig. 531). Also, with the exception of the sub-family Aphidiinae, there is no articulation between the second and third abdominal segments. Braconidae are easily distinguished from the Evanidae and Stephanidae by the absence of the costal cell. With regard to their hosts a great variety of insects are selected; the Lepidoptera are the most commonly parasitized, and more than one hundred examples of an individual species of Braconid may issue from a single caterpillar. Braconid larve are composed of thirteen body segments and, in the first instar, the head is often large and chitinized. As in the preceding family, the most frequent number of spiracles in the adult larva is nine pairs, of which the first is placed as a rule on the mesothorax, and the remainder on the first eight abdominal segments. The endoparasitic forms are often provided with a caudal appendage similar to that found in Ichneumonid larve. In Apanteles, Microplitis, Microgaster, and probably in other closely allied genera, this appendage is wanting, and the proctodeme is evacuated to form a swollen anal vesicle, which has been regarded as an accessory respiratory organ. Weissenberg (Sitz. Ges. Natur. Freunde Berlin, 1908), from the analogy of the hind-gut of other parasitic larve, considers its most important function to be that of excretion. Pupation may occur within the host as in Rhogas and Aphidius or, more usually, externally as in Apanteles and many other genera. The pupa is enclosed in a cocoon which, in the last-named genus, is composed of fine threads of white, yellow, or buff-coloured silk. In Microgaster the cocoon is of a glistening papyraceous nature. Very frequently members of a species emerging from the same host construct their cocoons in a mass, often enveloped by a common web. They may be closely compacted to form a cake, the individual cocoons being regularly arranged so as to resemble honeycomb. The
biology of *Apanteles* has been studied by many observers, notably Martelli (1907), Seurat (1899), Muesebeck (1918) and others. It is a common endoparasite of lepidopterous larvae, *A. glomeratus* being an abundant enemy of *Pieris*, a single larva of which may support nearly 150 examples. When mature the larval parasites gnaw their way through the skin of the host, and construct sulphur-yellow cocoons, irregularly heaped together. The biology of *Microgaster* is very similar and *M. connexus* is a common parasite of *Porthesia similis* (Gatenby, 1919). The species of *Alysia* and their allies are distinguished by the peculiar attachment of the mandibles, the apices of the latter being directed outwards and not meeting when closed. Those Braconids which exhibit this curious feature are separated by Ashmead into a distinct family—the Alysiidae. Almost all their species are parasitic upon dipterous larvae and the biology of *Alysia manducator* Panz has been followed by Altson (Proc. Zool. Soc. 1920). It is a common endoparasite of *Calliphora*, *Lucilia* and other Muscids; the young larva has a caudal appendage, and becomes maggot-like with nine pairs of open spiracles in the last instar. One of the most remarkable Braconids is *Sycosoter lavagnei* which is an ectoparasite of the Scolytid *Hypoborus ficus* (vide Lichtenstein and Picard, 1918): both sexes are dimorphic, having winged and apterous forms, but in the male the alate forms are the commoner.

The Aphidiidae are parasites of Aphididae, more especially of the apterous viviparous females and, as a general rule, only a single larval parasite develops within the body of an individual host. The life-history of *Aphidius testaceipes*, which is a common enemy of *Toxoptera graminum*, has been followed by Webster and Phillips (U.S. Bur. Ent. Bull. 110). These observers state that the aphid may be attacked in any of its instars but if parasitized before the second ecdysis the host fails to reach to maturity. On the other hand, if the *Aphidius* deposits its egg in an aphid which has passed the second ecdysis the parasitism does not prevent its attaining the adult stage. If the aphid has passed the third ecdysis before becoming parasitized, it is capable in all cases of producing a small number of young before succumbing. When about to pupate the *Aphidius* larva makes a ventral fissure in the body-wall of its host, and cements the latter down to the object upon which it finally rests. The dead parasitized aphids are familiar straw-coloured objects and each bears a circular hole through which the adult parasite issued. Species of *Praon* leave their host prior to pupation and construct for themselves a separate shelter, which is usually surmounted by the empty body of its victim (Fig. 532). The British species of Braconidae have been monographed by Marshall (1885-99), and Lyle has contributed notes on their biology (Entom. 1914 et seq.).

**FAM. STEPHANIDÆ.**—The members of this small family have very slender antennæ composed of 30 or more joints and the abdomen and the ovipositor are likewise elongate. The antennæ are situated far forwards near to the clypeus, the hind femora are usually swollen and spined beneath, and the hind-wings are most frequently without basal cells. About 100 species have been described (vide Gen. Insectorum, 77) but nothing definite appears to be known concerning their biology.

**Superfamily Chalcidoidea** (Fig. 533)

Antennæ elbowed. Pronotum not extending back to the tegule. Trochanters 2-jointed. Fore-wings without a stigma or closed cells. Abdominal sternae hard and chitinized without a fold; ovipositor issuing some distance before the anal extremity.

The superfamily is probably the largest in the order as regards number of species and it also includes some of the smallest members of the Insecta. The bulk of its species are either parasites or hyperparasites of other insects, and are of even greater economic importance than those of the Ichneu-
monoidea as a natural means of control. Non-parasitic vegetable-feeding forms are comprised in the families Agaonidē, Torymidē and Eurytomidē: in the majority of cases they infest seeds but certain members of the last-mentioned family are gall-producers on various Graminē. The parasitic species, in a relatively small number of instances, are indirectly injurious from the fact that they destroy beneficial insects such as Tachardia lacca, or are hyperparasites of other insects which, in their turn, are destroyers of harmful species. The orders most commonly parasitized are the Lepidoptera, Hemiptera-Homoptera and Diptera. Lepidoptera are more frequently selected than any other major group, enormous numbers of their eggs and larvae succumbing to infestation by various Chalcids: on the other hand their pupae are rarely affected. Certain Pteromalidē, however, prefer to oviposit in larvae just about to pupate or in newly transformed pupae. The Coccidē are the most universally attacked of any family of insects, and some species (Coccus caprea, etc.) are so freely infested that it is often rare to find an immune individual. In temperate regions Chalcids seem to pass through from one to three generations in the year—a higher number is apparently rare. One of the shortest life-cycles occurs in Euplectris comstockii, which develops from the egg to the adult in seven days (Schwarz, Am. Nat. 1881), and an equally rapid development is found in Trichogramma pretiosa, which has been reared from the eggs of Aletia xylina (Hubbard). Chalcid larvae are composed, as a rule, of a reduced head and thirteen trunk segments. In the ectophagous forms open spiracles are evident at the time of hatching: thus in Aphelinus mytilaspis the full number of eight pairs are present at this stage. In other cases, as in Torymus propinquus, a reduced number of spiracles is present at the time of eclosion from the egg, additional pairs being acquired subsequently. Among endophagous species the younger larvae are usually apneustic, open spiracles developing later when the destruction of their hosts reaches an advanced stage. In Blastothrix and other genera the newly hatched larva is exceptional in being metapneustic (Fig. 534). This condition is an adaptation which allows of the respiration of atmospheric air through the pedicel of the egg, which protrudes externally through the body-wall of the host and functions as a kind of respiratory tube. In Blastophaga pseudes
the tracheal system is apneustic throughout life (Grandi). Hypermetamorphosis is common in the superfamily, and at least five types of primary larvae are known, but probably others await discovery. In the later instars all these types assume an ovoid maggot-like form and, in the majority of species, the latter kind of larva is retained throughout life. Chalcid larvae construct no cocoons, and pupation usually occurs either within or in close proximity to the remains of their hosts.

For the classification of the Chalcidoidea and keys to the major divisions and genera vide Ashmead (1904): a general account of the biology of the group is given by Howard (1891) and a useful summary of much of what is known concerning the larval forms by Richardson (1913). Life-history studies of individual species are numerous; in Europe a series of papers has been contributed by Silvestri (Boll. Lab. Zool. Portici) and a large number by other authors will be found in various American journals and bulletins. Some of the more important of these papers are referred to under the families concerned. A monograph on the British species is greatly to be desired and over 1,400 species are listed by Morley (1910).

Key to the families:

1. Thorax greatly elevated, scutellum much enlarged and produced behind apex in a bizarre manner.
   - Eucharidæ (p. 555)

2. Wings nearly veinless, with very long fringes: hind pair linear, very narrow and stalked at the base. Antennæ without ring-joints, scape short. Ovipositor issuing near apex of abdomen.
   - Mymaridæ (p. 556)

3. Females with head oblong, marked with a broad longitudinal dorsal furrow. Fore and hind legs very stout, middle pair short or aborted, ovipositor long and prominent. Males apterous, with short 3–9 jointed antennæ. Abdomen broadly sessile, long and tubular.
   - Agaonidæ (p. 553)

4. Not as in 1, 2 or 3.

5 (20).—Tarsi generally 5-jointed, anterior tibial spur large: axillæ with anterior margin straight and not produced in front of tegulae.

6 (7).—Middle legs long, with large stout tibial spurs: mesopleura without a femoral furrow.
   - Encyrtidæ (p. 555)

7 (6).—Spurs of middle tibiae short or weak: mesopleura with a femoral furrow.

8 (9).—Hind tibiae with one apical spur: ovipositor rarely long: mandibles stout with 3 or 4 apical teeth.
   - Pteromalidæ (p. 555)

9 (8).—Hind tibiae with two apical spurs.

10 (13).—Hind coxae very large and long.
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II (12).—Hind coxae sharply ridged above, triangular in section: hind femora rarely inflated. Ovipositor usually long.

12 (11).—Hind coxae more or less cylindrical: hind femora much swollen and toothed or denticulate ventrally. Hind tibiae arcuate, the tarsi inserted just before the apex.

13 (10).—Hind coxae not conspicuously large.

14 (17).—Pronotum large and quadrate or not narrower than the mesonotum.

15 (16).—Abdomen rounded or ovate: 2nd tergum never very large: mandibles commonly 4-dentate.

16 (15).—Abdomen small, triangular, mostly formed by the 2nd and 3rd terga: mandibles 2–3 dentate.

17 (14).—Pronotum narrower in front or transverse, rarely as wide as the mesonotum.

18 (19).—Mesepisternum small: femora never much dilated.

19 (18).—Mesepisternum large: either the anterior, posterior, or both femora much dilated.

20 (5).—Tarsi 3–5-jointed: axillae produced forward level with or in advance of the tegulae: tibial spurs small or weak.

21 (22).—Tarsi 4–5 jointed: fore-wings not short and broad, pubescence normal.

22 (21).—Tarsi 3-jointed: fore-wings short and broad, pubescence usually arranged in lines.

FAM. AGAONIDÆ (Fig insects).—A family which includes some of the most remarkable of all Chalcids both as regards their structure and biology. Sexual dimorphism has reached a very highly specialized condition, the males being wingless and greatly modified in other respects, bearing no resemblance to the members of the opposite sex. The species are caprifiers that live within the receptacles and pollinate, or fructify, the flowers of various species of Ficus. The number of known species and varieties of fig is said to reach five hundred and, in certain of these, the caprification phenomena are known to vary widely, and many of the insects involved are apparently confined to certain definite species of figs. The investigation of the symbiotic relationship between plant and insect offers, therefore, an extremely wide field for investigation. The best known species is Blastophaga psenes L., which exists in a state of symbiosis within the fruit of Ficus carica. It is well known that, in the Smyrna variety of fig, the receptacles contain only female flowers, and pollination is brought about by the agency of this Chalcid. On the other hand, the caprifigs, or varieties which contain male flowers, are the natural hosts of the Blastophaga. Caprification, or the process of hanging caprifigs in the Smyrna trees, is an old custom based upon the belief that the figs would not mature unless it were carried out. Much discussion has arisen with reference to whether caprification is essential or not. In California it is agreed that the culture of the Smyrna fig necessitates the simultaneous cultivation of caprifying varieties in which the Blastophaga lives. If the latter insect fails to pollinate the Smyrna figs, the fruit falls without maturing. The eggs of this Chalcid are laid in the ovaries of the caprfig and give rise to galls therein. The male imago emerges first and, on finding a gall containing a female, commences to gnaw a hole through the wall of the ovary and fertilizes the female while the latter is still in situ (Fig. 535). The female leaves the receptacle through the opening at its apex and, laden with adherent pollen, flies to a neighbouring fruit. If the latter be in the right condition she seeks the opening and gains admission into the interior of the receptacle, where she commences oviposition. Should the caprfig, from which she has emerged, be suspended in a tree of the Smyrna variety she enters a fruit of the latter, but subsequently discovers that she has selected a wrong host, as the flowers are of such a shape that they do not allow of oviposition within them. After wandering about for a while, she usually crawls out of the receptacle and incidentally pollinates the flowers. The males mostly die without ever leaving the receptacles in which their development took place.

According to Baker (1913) the active caprifer and normal inhabitant of the receptacles of Ficus nota in the Philippines is Blastophaga nota Bak., and related to the latter species is a complex Chalcid association. Agaonella larvalis and Sycophaga are...
probably inquilines, and Sycooryctes philippensis, along with other Chalcids parasitizes the Blastophaga. In India Cunningham (Ann. Bot. Gard. Calcutta) states that the complete development of Ficus roxburghii is dependent upon the access of the fig-insects to the interior of the receptacles and, should their entry fail to occur, both male and female flowers abort. Grandi (1920) has investigated the structure and biology of Blastophaga psenes and gives a full bibliography. The taxonomic writings of the latter author (Boll. Lab. Zool. Portici 1916 et. seq.) also deal with the external morphology of many genera. Papers by Mayr, Saunders, and Muller should also be consulted.

**FAM. TORYMIDÆ.**—A very large family whose affinities lie more closely with the Agaonidæ than any other group. Members of the sub-family Idarninae are found associated with fig-insects either as parasites or inquilines. Their males are often apterous, but the abdomen is short and not tubularly lengthened or broadened at the apex as in the Agaonidæ. The great majority of Torymidæ are parasites of galling insects, but a certain number have been reared from the nests of bees and wasps. Species of Megastigmus have been bred from hymenopterous and dipterous gall-makers while others are phytophagous, attacking the seeds of Coniferæ, Rosa, etc. Syntomaspis druparum Boh. is the apple-seed Chalcid of Europe and North America. Monodontomerus Westw. parasitizes many insects, M. obsoletus F. having been bred from both Lepidoptera and Hymenoptera. Podagrion Spin. is quite exceptional in being a parasite of the eggs of Mantidae, and Tormynus proptenus Forst. is an ectoparasite of gall-forming Cecidomyids (vide Seurat 1899).

**FAM. CHALCIDIDÆ.**—This group according to Ashmead attains its maximum development in S. America and is rather poorly represented elsewhere: eight species are listed by Morley as being British. Many of its members are primary or secondary parasites of lepidopterous larvæ or pupæ; Chalcis Spin. has also been reared from larvae of Stratiomyia and Leucospis F. from various genera of bees and wasps. The biology of L. gigas has been observed by Fabre (1886): it undergoes hypermetamorphosis and is an ectoparasite of Chalicodoma muraria.

**FAM. EURYTOMIDÆ.**—Probably no other family of Chalcids exhibits so wide a diversity of habits as is met with among the members of this group. Isosoma (Harmolita) produces galls on the stems of wheat, rye, barley and various grasses (vide Phillips, U.S. Dep. Agric. Bull. 808). I. grandis Riley exhibits alternation of generations: the apterous form, minutum, occurs in spring, laying its eggs at the base of the young wheat plant, and the larva destroys the tiller affected, or may kill the entire plant. The alate form, grandis, is the summer generation which lays its eggs slightly above the nodes. Males are rare and have only been found in the case of the spring brood: I. orchidearum Westw. is exceptional in that it produces galls on the stems and leaves of certain orchids (Cattleya). Bruchophagus fanebris How. is likewise phytophagous and passes its developmental stages in the seeds of clover and alfalfa. Species of Eurymela and other genera attack the seeds of plum, grape, Ampelopsis, etc. Other members of the family live in the nests of bees and wasps or are parasites of gall-forming Diptera and Hymenoptera; a few are egg-parasites of Orthoptera, while several species of Eurytoma appear almost ubiquitous in their selection of hosts.

**FAM. PERILAMPIDÆ.**—A small family distinguishable from the preceding by the large thorax and small triangular abdomen. The biology of Perilampus hyalinus Say, a hyperparasite of the larva of Hyphantria and other hosts, has been studied by Smith (Bur. Ent., Tech. Ser., 19, pt. 4: Psyche, 1917). The newly hatched larva is an active planidium which bores its way into the Hyphantria, in whose body-cavity it remains until it meets with either the larva of the Tachinid Varichæta or of the Ichneumon Limnerium, which are primary parasites. Upon discovering one or other
of the latter hosts it becomes endoparasitic: subsequently it makes its way out, undergoes hypermetamorphosis into a white maggot-like larva and becomes an ectoparasite of the same host.

**FAM. EUCHARID.É.**—Included herewith are certain remarkable metallic blue or green Chalcids characterized by the configuration of the scutellum which is frequently produced backwards in the form of powerful spines. So far as known they are ectoparasites of ants and are mainly found in the tropics. *Oraesena* Cam. attacks members of the genera *Pheidole* and *Solenopsis*. According to Wheeler (1907) it parasitizes the prepupa just after the last exuviae have been stripped off by the worker ants. Its newly hatched larva is a planidium and is found attached near to the head of the host. As a result of the parasitism the hosts undergo degeneration and fail to become imagines.

**FAM. ENCYRTID.É.**—The Chalcids comprised in this extensive family live as parasites of the ova, larva, or pupa of various insects. Although the Hemiptera-Homoptera and Lepidoptera are parasitized the prepupa just after the last exuviae have been stripped off by the worker ants. Its newly hatched larva is a planidium and is found attached near to the head of the host. As a result of the parasitism the hosts undergo degeneration and fail to become imagines.

**FAM. PTEROMALID.É.**—This family is the largest among Chalcids and its members, like those of the Encyrtidae, affect almost all orders of insects either as parasites or hyperparasites. *Pteromalus puparum* is one of the commonest of all Chalcids and is widely distributed: it especially parasitizes *Piers rapae* and *brassicae* and an account of its biology is given by Silvestri (1906). *Nasonia brutii* Cameron is a common pupal parasite of *Musca domestica*, *Calliphora* and other Calliphræ (vide Altson 1920). *Spalangia muscidarum* by Imms (1918), on *Aphycus* and *Blastothrix* by Imms (1918), on *Copidosoma* by Leiby (1923) and *Litomastix* by Silvestri (1906). The work of Mayr (Verh. Zoo. Bot. Ges. Wien 1875) on the European species should also be consulted.

**FAM. EULOPHID.É.**—A very large family consisting for the most part of very small species. The Aphelinini are important parasites of the Diaspine coccids and of aphids, their larva being either ectophagous or endophagous. *Aphelinus mytilas* (de B.) is a common ectoparasite of the Mussel Scale and its structure and biology has been fully studied (Imms, 1916), *Prospaltella berlesei* Silv. has been introduced into Italy for the purpose of controlling *Diaspis pentagona* and there is now a voluminous literature on the subject. The Tetrastichini affect nearly all orders of insects either as primary or secondary parasites: the majority parasitize gallicolous Diptera, Hymenoptera, and Coleoptera. *Tetrastichus asparagi* Cam. is an egg-parasite of *Crioceris asparagi* and, according to Johnston (Journ. Ag. Res. 4, 1915), from 1 to 10 larvae occur in a single egg. The beetle larvae emerge from the infested eggs but fail to pupate, although a pupal cell is constructed, and the adult parasites issue from the latter.

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FAM. TRICHOGRAMMIDÆ.—The 3-jointed tarsi separate this family from all others and, according to Ashmead, it is related to the Eulophidae, connecting the latter with the Mymaridae. Over 100 species are known, all are egg-parasites, and they include some of the most minute examples of the Insecta. Trichogramma usually parasitizes Lepidoptera and Howard mentions that as many as 20 individuals will develop within a single egg of Papilio turnus: T. evanescens Westw. is a parasite of Donacia and certain Odonata (vide Gatenby 1917). T. semblidis Aur., which has been reared from the eggs of Mammestra brassica, has both alate and apterous males. Prestwichia aquatica Lubb. has been reared from the eggs of Notonecta, Ranatra, Dytiscus and Pelobius, while Hydrophylax aquivolans parasitizes those of Ichnura. The last-named Chalcid swims beneath the water by the aid of its wings. Poropora stollweberi Forst. affects the eggs of Atelabius and, according to Silvestri, it passes through five larval forms.

FAM. MYMARIDÆ (Fairy Flies).—The species of this family are all exceedingly minute and, similarly to those of the preceding group, they are exclusively egg-parasites. They are mostly black or yellowish and devoid of metallic colours. Most authorities place them among the Proctotrypoidea but Ashmead regards their position to be in the present superfamily. One of the most remarkable genera is Polynema which parasitizes Hemiptera: P. natans utilizes Notonecta as its host and both sexes swim readily beneath the water by means of their wings. Alaptus Hal. includes probably the smallest of all insects, A. magnanimus Ann. measuring only 21 mm. in length. Anaphes conotraeheli Gir. has been reared from the eggs of weevils and Litus Krygeri Kieff. from those of Oeypus aemens.

In addition to the preceding there are several other families of lesser importance. The MISCOGASTERIDÆ are allied to the Pteromalidæ and, according to Ashmead, the only reliable character to separate them is the number of apical spines on the hind tibiae. Very little information exists as to their biology but they have been reared from a variety of hosts. The CLEONYMIDÆ are nearest related to the Encyrtidæ and the European forms have been mainly reared from coleopterous hosts. The Brazilian Pelecinella Westw. includes some of the largest and most striking of all Chalcids. The ELASMIDÆ are a small family resembling the Eulophidae on account of their 4-jointed tarsi but their inflated hind coxae and the compressed femora serve to separate them. They are mostly minute black species infesting lepidopterous larvae.

Superfamily Cynipoidea

ANTENNAE NOT ELBOWED. PRONOTUM EXTENDING BACK TO THE TEGULAE. TROCHANTERS USUALLY 1-JOINTED. FORE-WINGS WITHOUT A STIGMA, WITH FEW CLOSED CELLS AND REDUCED VENATION. ABDOMINAL STERNUM HARD AND CHITINIZED WITHOUT A FOLD: OVIPOSITOR ISSUING SOME DISTANCE BEFORE THE ANAL EXTREMITY.

Included in this superfamily are about 1,200 species of small, and often minute, insects which are usually black or darkly coloured. Biologically, they are of great interest as the various species are either gall-makers, inquilines or parasites, the first-mentioned exhibiting the phenomena of heterogeny and agamogenesis. The eggs are provided with a usually elongate pedicel, the larvae are apodous and maggot-like, and there is no cocoon. In the great majority of the imagines the second abdominal tergum is larger than the remainder and in many cases forms almost the whole of the dorsal surface of the abdomen. The trochanters are described by most authors as being 2-jointed but, as Kieffer points out, the apparent second joint is formed by the contracted base of the femur. These insects are generally regarded as a single family but, in the opinion of Ashmead, they consist of at least two well-defined families, the greater number of whose members exhibit different modes of life in the two cases. The leading work on the group is that of Kieffer (1879, etc.) which forms part of the great treatise of André. The former author (1914) has also written an admirable shorter account, which is accompanied by a full bibliography,
Ashmead's papers on the classification (*Psyche*, 10) and Cameron's monograph (1882-92) of the British species are also important. For a catalogue of the world's species vide Dalla Torre and Kieffer (1910).

**FAM. CYNIPIDAE** (Gall Wasps).—**Abdominal terga not meeting ventrally, all or nearly all the sternae visible.** This family includes not only true gall-makers but also inquilines and a small number of parasites. The greater number of its members belong to the sub-family Cynipinae, all of which produce galls for the purpose of providing shelter and nutriment for their offspring. Their larvae are consequently internal feeders and are maggot-like in form, with well chitinized dentate mandibles. The head is small and is followed by twelve body segments, and there are nine pairs of spiracles. The antennae and both pairs of palpi are vestigial. Pupation takes place within the larval cell and a cocoon is wanting. The forms of galls produced by these insects are almost endless and all parts of plants may be affected, from the roots to the flowers. In every case the female insect lays an egg or eggs in the tissues of the growing plant, in the interior of which the subsequent development takes place. As a rule this mode of life is accompanied by the production of a gall. Many theories have been advanced to account for the phenomena of gall-formation, but the problem appears to be still far from being solved, largely on account of difficulties attending the experimental side of the subject. A full discussion of the various views which are or have been held is given in the works of Kieffer. The irritation of the tissues produced by the insertion of the ovipositor is not the initial cause. There also appears to be no evidence that the fluid injected by the female during oviposition is anything more than of the nature of a lubricant. The mere presence of the Cynipid egg in the tissues is not in itself sufficient to produce the gall as, ordinarily, the latter does not commence to develop until the larva has hatched; many months may elapse between the date of oviposition and that of eclosion. All that can be said is that the galls are produced as the result of reactions of the cambium and other meristematic tissues of the plant in response to the stimulus induced by the presence of the living larva. It is probable also that the latter exudes a secretion which exercises an influence upon the growth of the cells of the plant (vide Triggerson 1914). The formation and structure of the galls have been studied by Beyerinck (1882), Cook (1902-04), Cosens (1912) and others. Viewed in section, a gall is usually seen to be composed of the following layers of tissue passing from without inwards (Fig. 536). The outermost coat is the epidermis and beneath the latter is an extensive development of parenchymatous tissue. The third layer is protective in function and is usually of a hard consistency but is sometimes wanting, while the innermost layer is nutritive and surrounds the cell containing the larva. Cook concludes that the morphology of a gall is dependent, as a rule, upon the insect which produces it rather than upon the plant upon which it is produced. Galls formed by the same genus of insects exhibit great similarity even though produced on widely different plants. Furthermore, those produced on a particular genus of plants by different insects are very dissimilar. In addition to the species which actually forms the gall, the latter frequently supports a definite biological association of other insects. A large number are inquilines, which comprise not only other Cynipideae but also larvae of Diptera, Coleoptera and Lepidoptera. Furthermore, the larva and pupa of the true gall-maker, and of the inquilines, are very subject to the attacks of hymenopterous parasites, more particularly Chalcids. Kinsey (1920) estimates that 86 per cent. of the known species of gall-wasps produce galls on *Quercus* and are confined to that genus. Another 7 per cent. are restricted to species of *Rosa* and the remaining 7 per cent. are found on plants belonging to 35 genera of Angiosperms, more especially the Composite. The reason for this very marked selection of a single genus of plants is hard to understand, particularly as oaks have a limited distribution in the present age. It is true that the galls on this genus are more conspicuous than on other plants where they are more liable to become overlooked.
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According to Kinsey the tribe Aulacini is, in many respects, the most primitive of the gall-wasps. Its members are not confined to a particular plant host but select those belonging to many genera. Not only are they more or less polyphagous as a group, but certain of the species utilize several genera of plants, Aulacidea tumida for example, selecting Solidago, Sonchus and Lactuca. The various species of Aulacidea either induce extremely simple gall-formation or live in stems, producing no gall at all. They have not acquired agamic reproduction, the sexes are produced in about equal numbers, and the alternation of generations so characteristic of the higher Cynipinae is absent. Almost every transition may be observed from the simple condition prevalent in Aulacidea to the many types of highly complex galls, and the alternation of morphologically and physiologically different generations found in many other genera. The most highly evolved galls are to be looked upon as almost entirely separate organisms, which are only connected to the host plant by means of a narrow neck of tissue. In some cases the galls develop in size and form new tissue after separation from the parent plant. The galls of two successive generations, produced on different parts of the same plant, often present entirely different forms; and the insects of the two generations are frequently so divergent in characters that they have often been allocated to separate genera until their relationships have been detected. Heterogeny among Cynipidae is of an exceptionally remarkable nature. In many species males have never been seen at all, out of many thousands of the insects which have been reared, and there appears to be little doubt of their non-existence. In these very highly specialized cases the successive generations are all similar and agamic and a secondary simplication of the life-cycle results. The majority of the Cynipinae have only the alternate generations alike: each agamic generation is followed by a bisexual generation which, in its turn, produces the agamic one. The latter is the overwintering stage while the bisexual generation is produced during summer. A few of the commoner species, which are prevalent in Britain, may be selected as illustrating the principal biological phenomena already referred to. Neuroterus lenticularis is a very abundant gall wasp in England. The galls from which the spring (agamic) generation emerges are lenticular growths found on the lower surface of oak leaves in October. The insects remain in the galls all the winter, and appear as adults early in April. They consist entirely of parthenogenetic females which deposit their eggs deep down among the catkins and young leaves. The resulting galls occur in May and June and are quite different from those preceding, being spherical and sappy in character. The summer generation which emerges from them was originally referred to a different insect, i.e. Spathegaster baccarum. Both males and females are produced but the latter largely predominate in numbers. After copulation the eggs are laid at the sides of the veins in the tissues of the young leaves, and the resulting galls are of the lenticular kind found in October. The most conspicuous difference in the females of the two generations is seen in the ovipositor, which is much larger in the agamic than in the summer individuals. Biorrhiza pallida Oliv. is another very characteristic oak species. In the bisexual generation the males are winged, and the females are either apterous or have vestigial wings. This generation emerges from the “oak apple” galls and the eggs are laid in the roots of that tree. In this situation other galls are produced from which, in spring, the agamic generation (known as B. aptera Bosc.) is produced. The individuals of this brood consist exclusively of apterous females which migrate up the tree and produce the “oak apple” galls in due course. The genus Rhodites is confined to the Rosaceae—Rosa and Rubus being most usually selected. The familiar and striking bedeguar or “pin-cushion” galls are produced on the former genus by Rhodites rosce. These galls consist of a mass of moss-like filaments surrounding a cluster of hard cells containing the Rhodites larvae. There is no alternation of generations in this species, males are much less frequent than females, and the eggs are known to be capable of parthenogenetic development. The hard spherical “marble” galls of Cynips kollari on the oak produce the agamic generation of that species. This insect was apparently introduced into England about 1830 and is now abundant. According to Beyerinck the bisexual generation is the insect known as Andricus circulans Mayr.

The Synerginae are almost entirely inquilines, and are often mistaken for true gall-makers to which they frequently bear an extremely close resemblance. They mostly lay their eggs in cynipid galls found on oak, but have also been reared from galls formed by Diptera and other insects.

The Ibalinae are a very small group quite distinct from other Cynipidae, and have been raised by some authorities to the rank of a separate family. They are known to attack larval Siricidae.
The principal work on the biology of the Cynipidæ is that of Adler, translated by Straton (1894) and, in addition to the writings already mentioned, the British oak galls are figured by Connold (1908) and the known galls produced by members of the family are enumerated by Houard.

**FAM. FIGITIDÆ (Fig. 537).—Abdominal terga meeting ventrally and entirely concealing the sternum or, at most, only part of the hypopygium exposed.** An extensive family, comprising about 500 species, which are mostly parasites of larval Diptera. A few, however, are known to attack Aphidæ and Coccidæ and the larvae of the Hemerobiidæ, while certain others have been recorded from coleopterous larvae. The venation is more variable than in the Cynipidæ and, in some cases, it is almost as much reduced as in the Chalcids. Very little information exists with regard to the biology of the family. *Charips* (*Allotria*) is a hyperparasite, through *Aphidius*, of various Aphididae and an account of its structure and biology is given by Haviland (1921). The biology of *Eucolla keilini* Kieff. has been partially followed by Keilin and Pluvinel (Bull. Sci. Fr. et Belg. 47). It lives as an endoparasite of the larva of *Pegomyia* *winthami* Mg. and the primary larva resembles that of *Teleas* except that it is provided with three pairs of long pointed thoracic outgrowths. The fully-grown larva is maggot-like, and of the usual hymenopterous type, with nine pairs of spiracles.

**Superfamily Proctotrypoidea (Serphoidea, Oxyura)**

*Pronotum extending back to the tegulae, trochanters two-jointed (except in Pelecínidæ).* Ovipositor issuing from the apex of the abdomen, its outer sheaths conjoined to form a more or less cylindrical tube.

The members of this superfamily are slender insects mostly of small size and nearly all are parasites. Many attack the eggs of other insects, other species are endoparasites of larvae or pupae, some are hyperparasites and a small number are inquilines. The majority of species form a cocoon of a silky or parchment-like nature but in the aphid-infesting genera the pupa is protected by the body of the host. The wings exhibit the greatest diversity of venation and in many forms they are almost veinless, while apterous species are very frequent. For a general account of the group vide Ashmead (1893) who, in his later work (1902–03), revised its classification. By some authorities these insects are considered to be closely allied to the Chalcids but according to Ashmead they are in every respect more intimately related to the Vespoidea. The British species have scarcely been investigated, but an account of them is being contributed by Morley (Entom. 1922, et seq.).

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8 (9).—Hind-wings with a basal cell: antennæ 14 to 15-jointed, labial palpi 3-jointed.

9 (8).—Hind-wings without a basal cell: antennæ 11 to 14-jointed, labial palpi 2-jointed.

10 (3).—Antennæ inserted at the junction of the clypeus and face.

11 (12).—Abdomen never acute or margined along the sides: antennæ 10 or 11-jointed.

12 (11).—Sides of abdomen acute or margined.

13 (14).—Antennæ usually 12-jointed, sometimes 7- or 11-jointed in female: fore-wings generally with marginal and stigma veins.

14 (13).—Antennæ not more than 10-jointed: fore-wings usually veinless.

B. WINGLESS FORMS

1 (6).—Antennæ inserted on the middle of the face, often on a frontal protuberance.

2 (3).—Mandibles edentate: apex of abdomen stylate.

3 (2).—Mandibles dentate: apex of abdomen non-stylate.

4 (5).—Labial palpi 3-jointed.

5 (4).—Labial palpi 2-jointed.

6 (1).—Antennæ inserted at the junction of the clypeus and face.

7 (8).—Abdomen never acute or margined along the sides.

8 (7).—Sides of abdomen acute or margined.

9 (10).—Antennæ 12-jointed or, if clavate, 7-jointed: labial palpi 2-jointed.

10 (9).—Antennæ usually 10-jointed: labial palpi 1-jointed.

The PELECINIDÆ occur in N. and S. America and are in many ways an exceptional family. In the female the abdomen is greatly attenuated and measures about five times the length of the head and thorax, while in the male the abdomen is short and clavate. Pelecinus polyturator Dr. is tolerably common in the temperate parts of N. America where it has been recorded as a parasite of the larvae of Lachnosterna: its females attain a length of 50 to 60 mm. The HELORIDÆ are a small but widely distributed family known to parasitize Chrysopidæ. The PROCTOTRYPIDÆ may be recognized by the long tubular sheath to the ovipositor and, in the male, the abdomen is terminated by a pair of spine-like processes. Their larvae appear to be mainly parasitic upon those of Coleoptera. The BELYTIDÆ are known to parasitize fungivorous dipterous larvae and Belyta fulva Cam. has been recorded from Boliophila luminosa. The DIAPRIIDÆ are also known to parasitize dipterous larvae, and the biology of Diapria conica, which attacks Eristalis tenax has been followed by Sanders (Can. Ent., 1911). The SCELIONIDÆ are a very large and widely distributed family and its species are egg-parasites of other insects (mainly Orthoptera and Hemiptera) or, in a few cases, of spiders. The biology of Teleas has been studied by Ganin (1869) and Ayers (1884) and that of Eumicrosoma by McColloch (Journ. Econ. Ent., 1915): the former attacks the eggs of Ecanthus and the latter parasitizes those of Blissus leucopterus. In Rielia niantica Kieff. an exceptionally advanced type of parasitism is presented (vide Chopard, Ann. Soc. Ent. Fr., 1911). Its development takes place in the eggs of Mantis religiosa and the adult parasites make their way to the imagines of the host upon whose bodies they settle down. In this situation they cast off their wings and lead an ectoparasitic life. Where the mantis is a female, and has commenced oviposition, the Rielia migrates to the genital region in order to lay its eggs in the viscid mass of the ootheca while the latter is being formed. Parasites which settle upon male mantids are short-lived and perish along with their hosts. The CERAPHRIONIDÆ are known to parasitize Cecidomyiidae and Aphidiidae, but it appears to
be uncertain in many cases whether they are parasites or hyperparasites. The biology of Lygocerus has been followed by Haviland (*Q.J.M.S.*, 1920) the species observed being ectoparasites of the larva and pupae of Aphidius which lives as an internal parasite of various aphides. There appear to be four larval instars and the primary larva is ovoid, with a reduced head and no tail-like appendage. Only two pairs of spiracles are present and these are placed between the first and second segments and on the fourth segment respectively: at a later stage seven pairs of spiracles are present. The Platygasteridae (Fig. 538) form the largest family of Proctotrypoidea and its species mainly parasitize Cecidomyidae (vide Marchal, 1906). Their eggs are usually laid within those of their host, but the development of the latter is not arrested since the larval parasite does not develop until after the eclosion of the larval Cecidomyid. The localization of these parasitic larvae within their hosts is variable. Thus, Synopeas rhanis lives free in the body-cavity of the larva of *Per- risia ulmariae*: Platygaster minutus lives in the stomach of *Mayetiola destructor* while *Trichacis renulus* forms cysts in the ventral nerve cord of that same host. On the other hand, larvae of Platygaster dryomiae (Fig. 539) and *Inostemma piricola* live in cysts in the brain of their hosts. The females of the last-mentioned genus possess a long horn-like growth on the 1st abdominal segment which curves forwards over the thorax. This peculiar projection is a special adaptation for lodging the elongate ovipositor, and the latter instrument is used for piercing the blossom-buds of the pear in order to insert the eggs within those of the host (*Contarinia pirivora*).
Superfamily. **Formicoidea (Heterogyyna: Ants)**

**SOCIAL AND POLYMORPHIC INSECTS WITH GENICULATE ANTENNAE.** Pronotum extending back to the tegulae but the latter are either absent or imperfect in the winged forms. Trochanters 1-jointed. Petiole with one or two scales or nodes.

The ants constitute a single very large family—the Formicidae which embraces, according to Wheeler, about 3,500 described species. They are all social and, with the exception of a few parasitic forms, have a well-differentiated worker caste (Fig. 540). The demarcation between the head, thorax and abdomen is highly accentuated; the latter region, furthermore, is sharply differentiated into a narrow basal region or pedicel, formed by the apparent first or first and second segments, and a globular or ovoid gaster formed by the remaining seven or eight segments.

The head varies enormously in shape, and the mandibles present an almost bewildering variety of form, and are subjected to many uses. The labrum is vestigial, the maxillae are composed of the usual sclerites, and their palpi are 1-jointed. The laciniae are membranous and toothless, thereby indicating a liquid diet. In the labium both submentum and mentum are evident, together with a median glossa: at the base of the latter is a pair of small paraglossae beset with rows of setae. The labial palpi are 1 to 4-jointed. The antennae are composed of 4 to 13 joints and usually the male has one more joint than the female or worker. Compound eyes and three ocelli are well developed in the males, but in the females, and especially the workers, the eyes are usually reduced or vestigial. The abdomen is the seat of a stridulating organ which consists of an area of extremely fine parallel striae on the mid-dorsal integument of the base of the gaster (Fig. 92). The sharp edge of the preceding segment overlaps this area, and is deflexed, so that it may scrape backwards and forwards when the segments are moved on each other, thereby producing a highly pitched sound. A large and well developed sting is present in the females and
workers of the sub-families Ponerinæ, Dorylinæ and most Mymecinæ, but is vestigial or absent in the remainder.

Ants, as Wheeler observes, have acquired an extensive and uniform experience with all developmental stages of their progeny which they not only feed and clean, but also transport from place to place as conditions may demand. The eggs are small, hardly more than 5 mm. long even in the largest species, and the popular expression of "ants' eggs" is erroneously applied to the cocoons or even to the larvæ or pupæ. The larva consists of a head and 13 trunk segments: eyes are wanting and in a few cases vestigial antennæ are present. There are ten pairs of spiracles, situated on the meso- and meta-thorax and the first eight abdominal segments. The body is almost always invested with hairs which assume many forms and are most abundant in the first instar. In many genera of the Ponerinæ there are girdles of large segmentally repeated tubercles. Different species adopt very different methods of nourishing their larvæ. Many

![Diagram of Polymorphism among Ants](image)

Wheeler states that a cocoon is constantly present in the most primitive ants and equally constantly absent in large groups of highly specialized forms.

Polymorphism attains its highest expression among ants and no less than 29 distinct types of morphologically different individuals have been recognized. The various phases among ants may be divided into the normal and the pathological and, in the accompanying diagram (Fig. 541), the latter are represented in italics. The normal phases may be subdivided into primary or typical and secondary or atypical. The normal phases comprise only the original male, female and worker, while the atypical phases form the remainder. It will be observed that in the diagram the three typical phases are at the angles of an isosceles triangle; excess developments are placed to the right side and defect developments to the left, of a vertical line passing through the middle of the diagram. The arrows
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indicate the directions of the affinities of the secondary phases and suggest that those on the sides of the triangle are annexant, whereas those which radiate outward from its angles represent new departures with excess and defect characters. The pathological phases are in italics.

A. The male (anē) is the most stable of the three typical castes. The sense organs, wings and genitalia are highly developed but the mandibles are imperfectly so. The head is proportionately shorter, smaller and rounder than in females and workers of the same species, and the antennae longer and more slender.

B. The female (gynē) or queen is characterized by her large stature and well developed reproductive organs. She is usually longer than the male and worker of the same species and attains a great size in certain exotic forms. The antennae and legs are often shorter and stouter than in the male, the mandibles are well developed and the gaster large.

C. The worker (ergate) is characterized by the absence of wings and the reduced thorax and small gaster. The eyes are small and the ocelli either absent or minute. A receptaculum seminis is usually wanting and the ovarioles are greatly diminished in number. The antennae, mandibles, and legs are well developed. In many species the workers are of various sizes; in others they are dimorphic, there being no intermediate forms.

D. When a member of any of the above castes assumes an unusually large size it is known as a macraner, macrogyne or macer­gate according to whether it is a male, female, or worker.

E. A dwarf form of these castes is termed a micraner, microgyne or micrergate as the case may be.

F. Individuals of certain tropical ants are sometimes parasitized in the larval or prepupal stage by Orasema (p. 555). They fail to attain the imago stage; wings, if normally present, are suppressed, and many parts remain abortive. Such an individual is termed a phthisaner, phthisogyne or phthis­ergate according to its caste.

G. Similarly, individuals may be parasitized by the Nematode Mermis. The effect of this parasitism is to produce a shortening of the wings in the male or female: in the worker the body becomes enlarged and has a tendency to exhibit female characters as regards the thorax and ocelli (Fig. 542). An individual supporting this worm is termed a mermithaner, mermithogyne or mermithergate.

H. The males and females sometimes resemble the worker and are devoid of wings. In the case of the males they may possess only the same number of joints to the antennae as the worker. In some species the sexes are dimorphic, the normal individuals coexisting with the modified apterous forms. An individual of the latter type is designated an ergataner or ergatogyne according to its sex.

I. An unusually large form of the male occurs in the Dorylinae and is termed a dorylaner. It is characterized by the large and peculiar mandibles, the long cylindrical abdomen and the singular genitalia. It may be regarded as an aberrant macraner that has become the typical male form in this sub-family.

J. The gynacaner is a male which resembles the female rather than the male, and has the same number of antennal joints as the former sex. This phase occurs in the parasitic workerless genera Anergates and Epocus.

K. The gynandromorph is an anomalous individual in which the male and female characters are combined either laterally or in a more or less mosaic manner. An ergatandromorph is a similar anomaly but has the worker instead of the female characters combined with those of the male.
L. The \( \beta \)-female is an aberrant female characterized by the excessive developments of the antennae and legs and in the pilosity of the body. If it coexists with the normal female the latter is then termed the \( \alpha \)-female.

M. An apterous worker-like individual which combines the size and gaster of the worker with the thoracic characters of the female is termed a pseudogyne.

N. The gynaeoid is an egg-laying worker and is a physiological rather than a morphological phase, as it is probable that all worker ants if abundantly fed become capable of oviposition. Should a colony lose its queen one or more workers may become egg-laying substitution queens as has been found by Donisthorpe in several species of British ants. In a few cases the queen phase has disappeared and is replaced by the gynaeoid worker. The \( \text{dichthadiigyne} \) is peculiar to the Dorylinea and is probably a further development of the gynaeoid. It is without eyes, ocelli or wings and the gaster and ovaries are exceedingly voluminous.

O. The \( \text{dinergate} \) or soldier is recognized by the large head and mandibles which are often adapted to particular functions such as fighting, guarding the nest, crushing seeds and other hard food particles, etc.

P. The \( \text{desmergate} \) is a form intermediate between the ordinary worker and the dinergate.

Q. The \( \text{plerergate} \) or replete is a worker which has acquired the peculiar habit of distending the gaster with stored liquid food until it becomes a spherical sac often so large as to interfere with locomotion.

R. The \( \text{pterergate} \) is a worker or dinergate with vestigial wings, the thorax remaining unmodified.

When both sexes are winged mating nearly always takes place during what is termed the nuptial flight. As a rule one or other sex predominates in any particular colony and, since the nuptial flight for the colonies of a particular species in the same neighbourhood takes place synchronously, means is thus afforded for intercrossing with individuals of different colonies. Prior to the marriage flight, the workers become much excited and direct the operation, preventing the males and females from leaving the nest until the right time. There is good reason to believe that meteorological conditions exercise an important influence in this matter. There exist in literature many references to great nuptial swarms of ants which sometimes cloud the air like smoke. On descending to earth the impregnated female divests herself of her wings, and the dealated individual commences to excavate a small chamber, within which she remains in seclusion until her eggs are mature, and ready to be laid. During the whole of this period, which may extend for months, the chamber is sealed up, and the female draws entirely upon the nutriment afforded by her fat-body and degenerating flight muscles. When the first larvae appear, they are fed by the secretion of her salivary glands until they pupate. As soon as the workers are mature they break through the soil and establish a communication between the brood chamber and the outer world. They then go abroad and forage for food, and share it with their exhausted parent. The latter is now relieved from the care of the brood, and she limits her activities to egg laying, imbibing liquid food directly from the mouths of the attendant workers. In this capacity, she lives on solely for the purpose of egg-production, sometimes to an age of fifteen years. The number of ants in a fully developed colony appears to vary between wide limits. Yung has made actual counts in the case of \( \text{Formica rufa} \) and found that the numbers vary between about 19,900 and 93,700; in \( \text{Formica pratensis} \) Forel estimated that the largest mound may contain as many as 500,000 individuals, a figure which Yung regards as excessive.

The nests or formicaries present an almost bewildering variety of architecture. Not only has every species its own plan of construction, but this plan may be modified in various ways in adaptation to special local con-
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ditions. The Dorylinae can hardly be stated to construct nests, and usually have their abode in some available recess beneath a stone, or log, or they may even temporarily occupy nests of other ants. A large number of ants construct nests in the soil and these habitations consist of a number of more or less irregular excavations, either with or without a definite superstructure around the entrances. The excavations are divided into galleries, or passages of communication, and chambers leading off from the latter. The chambers are used as nurseries for the brood, as granaries for storing seeds, as fungus gardens and for other purposes. In some species there is nothing to indicate the situation of a subterranean nest, the excavated soil being carried some distance away and scattered irregularly. In others it is heaped up in the vicinity of the entrance, or entrances, to the nests, to form a crater, which varies in size and construction among different ants. Such craters are often difficult to distinguish from mound or hill nests. The latter are usually much larger and are formed not only of excavated soil but also of straws, twigs, pine-needles, leaves, etc., and are perforated with galleries and chambers. Such mound nests are well exhibited in the European Formica fusca. Perhaps the largest number of ants’ nests are excavated beneath stones or logs. In the tropics many ants take advantage of cavities found in stems, petioles, thorns and bulbs, or even in the spaces enclosed by the overlapping leaves of certain epiphytes. Cavities in the bark, the dead wood, and stumps of trees are also frequently utilized, and even old deserted Cynipid galls. Suspended nests are of frequent occurrence, hanging from trees in tropical and subtropical forests. These are constructed of earth, carton, or silk and contain anastomozing galleries and chambers. Ecophylla smaragdina forms leaf nests, the leaves being fastened together by means of a silken web. The observations of Doflein and others have proved that the silk is provided by the larvae of the species concerned. They are held by the workers in their jaws and used, as it were, as shuttles in weaving the silken tissue of the nest.

Of the seven \(^1\) sub-families into which the Formicidae are divided the most primitive are the Ponerinae (Fig. 543). They are characteristic of the tropics and are the dominant group of ants in Australia. The only genus found in Britain is Ponera which is represented by two species, and in P. punctatissima Rof. the males are ergatoid. The nests of the Ponerinae are subterranean and are usually only occupied by a few dozen individuals. The three castes differ very little in size; the workers are monomorphic, they feed their larvae with portions of other insects, and the pupae are enclosed in cocoons. The “bull-dog” ants (Myrmecia) of Australia attain a length of 2–2.5 cm. and, as Wheeler remarks, they bite and sting with such ferocity that few observers care to study them at close quarters.

The Dorylinae include the driver and legionary ants of the tropics; they are likewise carnivorous, but the workers are blind and highly polymorphic, varying from large soldiers with toothed mandibles, though intermediates, to micrergates. The females (dichthadiigynes) are very little known and seldom found: they are very large, blind, and wingless like the workers, and have relatively enormous abdomens. The males (dorylaners) are likewise very large, with sickle-shaped mandibles, and peculiar genitalia. These insects do not construct permanent nests but merely bivouac in

\(^1\) For the characters of these sub-families vide Wheeler (1922); the classification of ants has been somewhat modified since the one given in that author’s text-book (1910).
temporary quarters, and wander from place to place in long files. Their sorties are only made on sunless days or at night and are for predatory and migratory purposes. Belt mentions columns of *Eciton* which he followed for two or three hundred yards without coming to the end. Their prey consists of insects and spiders of various kinds, but Savage records that *Anomma* will succeed in killing large animals if the latter be penned up, and he mentions having lost monkeys, pigs and birds by these insects.

The Ponerinae, Dorylineae, together with the small sub-family Cerepachylineae and many of the lower Myrmecinae are carnivorous ants which represent the savage or hunting stage in the evolution of those insects. The remaining groups of ants have largely abandoned this habit and adopted a vegetarian diet. Wheeler has called attention to the fact that an abundance of food is necessary for the maintenance and fullest development of social life. In warm arid countries insect food is either very scarce, or competition to secure it very keen among ants and other animals. A number of the former have become vegetarians as their last resource in the struggle for existence. Under such circumstances, the seeds of herbaceous plants provide an accessible nutritious food, and the outcome of this is the harvesting habit which is prevalent in many species. The four higher sub-families, however, have an extremely varied diet, since they not only imbibe the secretions of nectaries, the honey-dew or products of Aphides and other Homoptera, but also feed upon fungi, fruit, seeds and other substances. The harvesting habit appears to have arisen sporadically, and often in distantly related genera, but all of which pertain to the sub-family Myrmecinae. In species of *Messor*, for example, the ants have been observed to gather the seeds both from the ground and from the plants, remove their envelopes, and cast the chaff and empty capsules on the kitchen middens outside the nest. In confirmation of Pliny and Plutarch,
Moggridge mentions that the ants bite off the radicle to prevent germination. The latter process is also arrested by the ants bringing the seeds when damp to the surface, spreading them in the sun, and then carrying them back to the special chambers or granaries wherein they are stored.

The Mymecine tribe of the Attini, which is peculiar to tropical and subtropical America, are all fungus-growers and fungus-eaters, and number about 100 species. The fungi are cultivated in special chambers of the nest termed fungus-gardens (Fig. 544) and, according to Moeller (1893), these gardens are practically pure cultures of the fungi concerned, being assiduously "weeded" and tended by the ants. Neither free aerial hyphae, nor any form of fruit body develop, but whether this is due to their elimination by the ants, or to environmental conditions, is uncertain. A fungus-garden is a sponge-like mass of comminuted leaf-fragments or, in some cases, of insect excrement. The fungi grow rapidly on this substratum and produce numerous swellings or bromatia. The latter form the food of the ants and their larvae and have never been produced in cultures. The systematic position of these fungi is unsettled: several genera have been described which have been referred to the Ascomycetes and Basidiomycetes. The formation of a new fungus-garden is undertaken by the queen who, before departing for the mating flight, fills her infra-buccal pocket (p. 523) with fungal hyphae. This pellet is expelled within the newly made nest-chamber and the growing hyphae are nourished, at first, by the faeces of the insect, who may even sacrifice some of her eggs for the same purpose.

The small tropical sub-family Pseudomyrmicinae is notable for its highly specialized larvae. The head in these larvae is surrounded by the hood-like thorax and lies far back on the ventral surface, where it is in contact with the first abdominal segment. The latter somite bears a pocket, or trophothylax, and food received from the workers is deposited in this pouch, from which it is gradually drawn into the mouth and swallowed. As previously mentioned (p. 523) trophallaxis is highly developed, the larvae supplying their nurses with the secretions of their remarkable exudatoria.

Ants have become associated with a large number of phytophagous insects which possess the habit of excreting liquid of a kind which is exceedingly palatable. In return, the ants render many of such insects certain services, and the relations thus established may be regarded as a kind of symbiosis. The insects most concerned belong to various families of the Homoptera, viz. Aphididae, Coccidae, Membracidae, Psyllidae, etc., together
with the larvae of the Lycænidæ. In the case of many Aphididæ and Coccidæ, for example, they are afforded protection by the ants, who construct tents or shelters for housing them. With Aphidæ the ants frequently betray their sense of ownership by at once carrying them away to safety should the nest be disturbed. This solicitude on the part of the ants may extend to the eggs of the aphids also, and numerous observers have noted ants collecting and storing Aphid eggs in autumn and tending the nymphs when they emerge. The latter are carried and placed upon stems or roots which may be situated either within the nest or at some distance outside the latter. Nearly 70 species, representing 29 genera, of Lycænidæ are mentioned as having larvae that are attended by ants, and the relationship in some cases may be exceedingly intimate.

In the sub-families Formicinae and Dolichoderinae the habit of collecting nectar and honey-dew has become highly developed. The workers of these insects have a pliable integument, which often allows of great distension when their crops are gorged with food. In many cases, the gorging may take place to such an extent that the inflated crop may cause the sclerites of the gaster to be so far forced apart that they appear as islands upon the tense intersegmental membranes: individuals which exhibit this habit are known as *repletes* (Fig. 545), and the species possessing this physiological caste are termed honey ants. In *Prenolepis* all the workers are thus able to distend themselves, and regurgitate the sweet substance which they collect to their larvae or their sister ants. The true or perfect repletes are developed only in the nest, where they remain and store the sweets brought to them by the foragers, thus functioning as living casks or bottles. The contents of the latter are regurgitated when required for feeding the community. Repletes occur among the ants of N. America, S. Africa, and Australia but the caste is wanting in the British species.

The relations of ants to aphides and Lycænid larvae represent only one of the many phases of symbiosis. There remain to be mentioned the many other phases which, unlike those already referred to, obtain within the nest. These are extremely diversified and the ants are, as a rule, passive or indifferent, and the other insects associated with them are mostly of the nature of inquilines. When the latter regularly inhabit the ants' nests, either throughout life, or during some stage in their development, they are known as myrmecophiles or ant-guests. Our knowledge of these organisms is due to the efforts of many workers, notably Wasmann, Escherich, Janet, Silvestri and others. Wasmann, in 1894, enumerated 1,246 species of myrmecophilous Arthropoda, the greater number being insects, and more especially Coleoptera. Since that time many more species have...
been brought to light, and we are now acquainted with probably over 2,000 species, including at least 1,200 different Coleoptera. In Britain there are about 300 species, upwards of 70 being Coleoptera. The relations of these myrmecophiles to the ants are extremely diversified, and the following classes are recognized by Wheeler. 1. The *synecithrans*, which live in the nests as scavengers or predators and are treated with marked hostility. They have to elude the ants in order to obtain their food, which usually consists of dead or diseased ants, the brood, or refuse of various kinds. They constitute rather a small group, comprising a number of agile carnivorous Staphylinidae belonging to the genera *Mymedonia*, *Quedius*, *Xantholinus*, *Myrmacia*, *Lamprinus*, etc. The first-mentioned genus is represented by numerous species on all the continents. 2. The *symoeketes*, or indifferently tolerated guests, live in the nests without attracting the notice of the ants, or without arousing any obvious animosity. They are either too small, or too slow of movement, to attract attention, or have no specific odour which differentiates them. Among this large and heterogeneous assembly the most regular symoeketes are the curiously flattened larvae of the Syrphid genus *Microdon*. Verhoeff has observed the fly ovipositing in the nest and it was repeatedly driven away by the ants (*Formica sanguinea*), but kept returning until the eggs were finally laid. In addition to *Microdon*, symoeketes of British ants include Collembola of the genus *Cyphoderus*, larvae of the Chrysomelid beetle *Clythra*, species of *Dinarda*, various Phoridae, etc. A very large number of these guests are associated with the Doryline ants, accompanying the latter from place to place on their wanderings, and some of the Staphylinids, for example, exhibit an extraordinarily close mimetic resemblance to their hosts. The curious Lepismid *Atelura* is common in the nests of various European ants and, according to Janet, its members obtain most of their food by running up and imbibing some of the liquid while it is being regurgitated by one ant to another. The remarkable wingless crickets of the genus *Mymecophila*, and the diminutive cockroaches of the genus *Attaphila*, lick the ants in order to imbibe the cutaneous secretions of the latter, and often mount the bodies of their hosts in the process. 3. The *symphiles*, or true guests, are species which are amicably treated, licked, fed, and even reared by the ants. They are much less numerous than the symoeketes, and consist largely of Coleoptera. Although they belong to many different families of the latter order, they exhibit marked adaptive convergence which is shown in the similarity of coloration, antennal characters, mouth-parts, and gland structure. These features are developed in order to solicit food from the ants, and to ingratiate themselves by means of special exudations. These true guests are assiduously licked by the ants, and it has long been known that they usually bear tufts of reddish or golden yellow hairs. The latter are regarded by Wasmann as being the most characteristic organs of the symphiles, and he has shown that they are situated on various regions of the integument, where numerous glands open, and that they have the function of diffusing some aromatic secretion. It is thus evident that the symphiles repay their hosts for their hospitality by secreting a substance which is highly attractive to them. Some of the most remarkable among the ant guests are the members of the *Lomechusa* group of the Staphylinidae. These insects are tended with the greatest fidelity by the ants, who also rear the *Lomechusa* larvae like their own brood notwithstanding the fact that the guest larvae devour large numbers of both the eggs and young of their hosts. The Paussidae and Clavigeridae, which are remarkable for the bizarre forms
assumed by their antennae, also include among their ranks various symphiles. 

4. The remaining groups of myrmecophilous insects are parasites. The latter include various larval Chalcids such as Orasema and other Eucharine genera, the Phorid Metopina and the Gamascid mite Antennophorus. The endoparasites include members of all the great groups of parasitic Hymenoptera, the Stylopoid Myrmecolax, several Phoridae and Conopidae, and the Nematode Mermis.

So far reference has only been made to the relations of ants to other organisms. There are, however, many instances of social symbiosis between different species of ants. Thus two species of ants belonging to different genera may occupy a compound nest and live amicably together though keeping their broods separate. Other cases have been brought to light by Forel in which small ants nest in close proximity to larger species, and either feed upon the refuse food of the latter, or waylay its workers and compel them to deliver up their booty. True inquiline species are also known which can only live in association with a host of another species and share its nest. Social symbiosis leads us to the condition termed temporary social parasitism. In the latter type of existence the queen seeks adoption in the colony of another species and trusts to the alien workers to rear her first brood of young. The full benefits of this form of parasitism can only be secured by elimination of the queen of the host species. The workers of the latter gradually die out and the nest is ultimately entirely peopled by the parasitic ants. Parasite and host are always members of the same or closely allied genera.

From temporary social parasitism the next step is exhibited by dulosis or slavery. Slave-making ants are confined to the northern hemisphere and are members of four genera only. One of the best known species is the blood-red robber ant (Formica sanguinea) of Europe and N. America, which utilizes as its slaves certain other species of its genus, viz. F. fusca and its allies. An army of sanguinea workers start out and, having found a suitable nest, they do not kill the workers of the slave species unless they should offer resistance, their main object being to capture the pupae and bring the latter back to their nest. It appears probable that a number of the captured pupae are eaten since the number of slaves in a sanguinea nest is smaller than the number of cocoons captured. The survivors from the latter emerge and become slaves in the colony of the captors. Wasmann regards this species as a facultative slave-maker, since independent slaveless nests do occur, and there is nothing to show that the slaves are anything more than auxiliary rather than essential workers, in the colony which has adopted them. Obligatory slave-makers or “amazons” are members of the genus Polyergus: The European P. rufescens is one of the best known, and its normal slaves belong to the same species as those selected by sanguinea. The Polyergus never excavates its nest, or cares for its young, and is entirely dependent on the slaves hatched from the worker cocoons pillaged from the alien colonies. The European ant Anergates atratulus is a highly specialized social parasite, it possesses no workers, and selects as its host Tetramorium caespitum. The Anergates queen enters the nest of the latter, and the eggs which she lays give rise to a progeny which is tended and fed by the host workers. Ants which exhibit this parasitic habit are known to eliminate the queens of their host species which accept the alien substitutes. This mode of life is associated with degeneration; the males of Anergates, for example, are sluggish, wingless ergatoid individuals, and more or less pupa-like; the females are also modified and have rather poorly developed eyes.
Ants are frequently a great nuisance to man but are rarely actually destructive to any of his operations. One of the best known of the noxious species is the Argentine ant (*Iridomyrmex humilis*) which has overrun the warmer parts of the United States and become a serious household pest.

The literature on ants is voluminous but much of what is known concerning these insects will be found in the works of Wheeler (1910, 1922, 1923) which are accompanied by very full bibliographies. The two masters of European myrmecology are Forel and Emery, a mere list of whose writings would occupy several pages. Almost equally numerous are the various papers of Wasmann, particularly with reference to myrmecophilous insects. British ants number 34 species and these are admirably dealt with by Donisthorpe (1915).

### Superfamily. *Vespoidea*

**Pronotum extending back to the tegulae. Trochanters almost always one-jointed. Petiole of abdomen simple without a scale or node. Apterous forms frequent: workers when present always winged.**

Included in this superfamily are the Diploptera, which comprise the true social and solitary wasps, and a number of families of solitary species which, together with the Sphecoidea, are often known as the Fossores. The habits of the members of this superfamily are extremely diversified: some are true endoparasites, others are ectoparasites, a few are inquilines, while the true wasps are essentially predaceous and insectivorous. The Masaridae are the only family which includes species whose larvae are regularly nourished upon a non-carnivorous diet, and are not inquilines in the nests of other species. The series of papers by Ashmead (1900, 1902, 1903) deal with the system of classification which has been largely followed in the present work.

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15 (14).—Hind-wings without distinct venation and with an anal lobe; females often apterous.

16 (7).—First abdominal sternum separated from the second by a deep constriction or transverse furrow.

17 (18).—Middle coxae usually widely separated.

18 (17).—Middle coxae contiguous or nearly so.

19 (20).—Female winged; ocelli present. Abdomen with a long petiole.

20 (19).—Female apterous; ocelli often absent. Abdomen without a long petiole.

21 (22).—Middle coxae usually slightly separated by a triangular or bilobed projection of the mesosternum: females with the thorax divided into three parts.

22 (21).—Middle coxae contiguous.

23 (24).—Hind-wings with an anal lobe: hypopygium of male with an aculeus: thorax of female divided into two parts.

24 (23).—Hind-wings with no anal lobe: hypopygium of male unarmed, genital plate with two spines; thorax of female undivided.

FAM. MUTILIIDÆ.—The members of this family are characterized by a velvety body-pubescent and are black, brightly marked, or ringed, with yellow, orange, or red. The family is almost world-wide but apparently most abundant in S. America and the genus *Mutilla*, which ranges into both hemispheres, includes many species. All are parasites and have been reared from the cocoons of solitary bees and wasps as well as from the puparia of *Glossina*. The females are always apterous and are more commonly met with than the males: they are agile runners and can inflict painful stings. In a few species the males have the wings reduced to small pads or entirely wanting. Accurate field observations are necessary before it is possible to correctly associate the two sexes of most of the described species, as they are very different in form and coloration. Two species of *Mutilla* occur in Britain, one of which, *M. europaea*, is found, in nests of *Bombus*.

FAM. MYRMOSIDÆ.—This small family is closely allied to the Mutillidæ and is regarded by Andre and other authorities as a sub-family of the former. The only British species is *Myrmosa melanocephala* F. which chiefly occurs in sandy localities in the south of England and is stated to be a parasite of *Oxybelus*; the male is entirely black and the female red with a black head and a yellow-banded abdomen.

FAM. THYNNIDÆ.—These insects are also closely allied to the Mutillidæ and exhibit even greater divergence of structure in the two sexes. The single British species, *Methoca ichneumonoides* Latr., occurs in the south of England but is rare and its female is liable to be mistaken for an ant. The genus is widely distributed and its prey consists of *Cicindela* larvae which are partially or completely paralysed by stinging (vide H. G. and R. J. Champion, *Ent. Month. Mag.*, 50, 1914: Williams, 1919). The extensive genus *Thynnus* is chiefly Australian.

FAM. RHOPALOSOMIDÆ.—The remarkable Ichneumon-like insect *Rhopalosoma poeyi* Cress. (N. America and W. Indies) is the chief representative of this family, and according to Hood its larva is an ectoparasite of the tree-cricket *Orocharis*. Its systematic position has given rise to much difference of opinion and the insect has been variously placed in the Parasitica, the Sphecidae and the Vespidae. For a discussion of its affinities vide Ashmead (*Proc. Ent. Soc. Washington*, 1893).

FAM. SCOLIIDÆ (Fig. 546).—This extensive family includes the largest members of the Vespoidea. They are hairy insects whose prevailing colour is black marked with spots or bands of yellow or red, and the wings are often fuscous with a green or purple iridescence. They are mainly inhabitants of warm countries, and are ectoparasites of larval Scarabæidæ and probably of other of the larger coleopterous larvae. Ashmead divides the group into four distinct families—the Cosilidæ, Tiphidæ, Scoliidæ and Myzinidæ, but, for purposes of the general student, the older system of retaining these divisions as sub-families of the single family Scoliidæ is followed here. The only British genus is *Tiphia* of which the species *femorata* F. is recorded as a parasite of *Rhizotrogus*; several N. American members of the genus parasitize larvae of *Lachnosterna*. The habits of certain species of *Scolia* have been observed by Fabre, and the females penetrate the ground in order to discover the Lamellicorn larvæ upon which they deposit their eggs. Thus *S. bifasciata* Ros. selects those of species of
Cetonia, S. (Elts) interrupta F. choses Anoxia and S. flavifrons F. is confined to Oryctes as its host. Fabre attaches great importance to the details of the stinging process and, in the case of Cetonia, the sting enters the latter in the mid-ventral line, at the junction of the pro- and mesothorax, in order to paralyse the motor centres of the body. There is, however, very little exact information with regard to the process of stinging.

FAM. SAPYGIDÆ.—The species of this family mostly frequent decaying wood and live in the nests of Osmia, Sceliphron, Xylocopa, etc. Although stated to be parasites some species at least are known to consume the food stored by their hosts rather than the progeny of the latter. Thus, according to Fabre, Sapyga 5-punctata is an inquilina which consumes the food which its host (Osmia) has laid in store. This species and S. clavicornis occur in Britain.

FAM. TRIGONALIDÆ.—A small family of very rare but widely distributed insects which are comprised in 17 genera and about 40 species. They are often included among the Parasitica on account of their multiarticulate antennae and the 2-jointed trochanters. The latter condition, however, is only imperfectly developed and the abdomen is not separated by a pedicel from the thorax. Trigonalyx occurs as a parasite or hyperparasite of Vespa and Polistes and is represented in Britain by a single species. The family has been monographed by Schultz (Gen. Insectorum. 61) and Bugnion (Mit. Schw. E. Ges. 12) has contributed information as to the anatomy.

FAM. BETHYLIDÆ.—This family, which includes the Dryinidæ of many authors, was formerly classed among the Proctotrupidae until its true affinities were pointed out by Ashmead (1902). In the Bethylinae the females are often apterous and very different from the males so that the sexes are not easily correlated: in Sclerodermus both sexes include winged and apterous individuals. So far as known the species of this sub-family prey upon lepidopterous and coleopterous larvae and their biology has been chiefly observed by Bridwell (Proc. Hawaiian Ent. Soc. 3, 4) and by Williams (Ibid. 4). Epyris stings Tenebrionid larvae and lays a single egg on each: Sclerodermus utilizes various coleopterous larvae distributing her eggs over the prey, while Goniezus and its allies attack concealed lepidopterous larvae. Parthenogenesis has been recorded among these insects, the unfertilized eggs producing males.

The Dryininae (Fig. 547) are often regarded as a separate family, and are easily recognized by the anterior tarsi in the female being chelate (except in Aphelopus and its allies): as in the preceding sub-family, the females are frequently apterous. All are parasitic upon the nymphs of Homoptera and more especially those pertaining to the families Fulgoridæ, Cercopidæ, Membracidæ, and Jassidæ. Their biology is of exceptional interest and most of what is known thereon will be found in writings of Perkins (Hawaiian Sugar Pl. Ass., Bulls. 1, 4, 11), Giard (Comp. Rend. Acad. Sci.}

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**FIG. 546.—** _Tiphia transversa, Say._ _N. America, Female._


**FIG. 547.—** _Echthrodipilax Fairchildi, Female._

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109, 1899), Kornhauser (Journ. Morph. 1919) and Keilin and Thompson (C.R. Soc. Biol. Paris, 1915). During the larval stages they are endoparasites in the abdomen of the host and, sooner or later, an external gall-like cyst or thylacium containing the parasite is developed as a proliferation of the integument of the attacked insect. This cyst protrudes after the manner of a hernia, its position on the host is variable, and one or several may be present on a single individual. In many cases the cyst may be as large as the abdomen of the host, and is usually black or yellow in colour. Pupation takes place either on the food-plant of the Homopteran or in the soil. The effect of the parasitism is often very marked and the changes induced are regarded by Giard as an instance of "castration parasitaire." They vary according to the species of insect attacked and, in some cases, they are evident externally owing to the imperfect development of the genitalia of the host. Over 300 species of Dryininae are known and the greatest number have been described from Europe: in Britain Aphelopus frequently parasitizes species of Typhlocyba and Chlorita.

FAM. CHRYSIDIDÆ.—(Cuckoo wasps or ruby-tailed wasps). These insects are of a brilliant metallic coloration, generally green, green and ruby, or blue, with a very hard coarsely-sculptured integument. They are easily recognizable by the structure of the abdomen, which is peculiar in several ways, and very little longer than the head and thorax. It is convex above, and flat or concave beneath, so that it is capable of being readily turned under the thorax and closely applied to the latter. In this manner the insect rolls itself into a ball when attacked, leaving only the wings projecting. There are, with few exceptions, only three or four segments visible dorsally. The terminal segments in the female are modified to form a retractile tube within which the ovipositor is concealed (Fig. 548). The imagines only fly during hot sunshine, and are usually seen in the neighbourhood of the nests of various solitary bees and wasps within which their transformations take place. The family is very widely distributed and the genus Chrysis includes over 1,000 species. About 24 species of Chrysididae are British, one of the commonest being Chrysis ignita (vide Morice, Ent. Month. Mag. 36). So far as known all the species are parasites, or less frequently in quiescent lines, and the genus Cleptes, however, is exceptional in that it parasitizes Tenthredinidae. As a rule their larvae prey on those of the host but Chapman (Ent. Month. Mag. 6) has observed the larva of Chrysis ignita feeding upon a caterpillar stored by its host (Odynerus). The genus Cleptes is also, in other ways, anomalous: the male has five visible abdominal segments and the female, unlike other members of the family, is provided with poison glands and is capable of stinging. For further information on the Chrysididae reference should be made to the contribution of du Buysson in the work of André (1879).

FAM. MASARIDÆ.—A small family of rare insects whose antennæ are either enlarged or clavate at the apices. They are often included in the Diploptera but in cases where the wings are plicate they are only imperfectly so. Like the true wasps, they construct nests of their own, which assume the form of tubular cells disposed side by side in the earth or on dry stems. They are non-parasitic, and supply their larvae with a paste-like material composed apparently of honey and pollen. These insects are inhabitants of warm countries and none are British.

FAM. EUt)lENIDÆ (Solitary True Wasps).—These insects are all non-parasitic and differ from the Vespidae in being solitary. They exhibit many variations in nest-building habits: certain species dig tunnels in the ground, and others construct tubular nests in wood or stems, partitioning the tunnels into cells divided by mud walls. There are, furthermore, a number of species which are mason or potter wasps, constructing oval or globular vase-like nests of mud or clay fastened to twigs and other objects. The latter types are often of the daintiest description and are said to have served as models for early Indian pottery. The species of Odynerus construct varied kinds of
nests, while some regularly take advantage of a deserted nest of another wasp, or of a nail-hole or key-hole, rather than build cells of their own. All the species of the family are predaceous upon small lepidopterous larvae, or more rarely, upon those of the Tenthredinidae, and for this reason are of economic importance. The prey when captured is stated by Fabre to be stung into insensibility and a dozen or more larvae may be stored in a single cell. The wasp deposits each egg by means of a suspensory filament from the roof of the cell where it hangs in close proximity to the food thus collected and, after the chamber is sealed, the parent betrays no further care for its offspring. The family is a large one well represented in most regions of the globe and its habits are discussed by Roubaud (1916), Williams (1919) and others. Two genera occur in Britain, viz. *Eumenes* and *Odynerus*. In the former the first abdominal segment is very long, and narrowed into a petiole (Fig. 549) while in *Odynerus* the petiole is scarcely evident.

**FAM. VESPIDÆ (Social Wasps).—**This family in temperate regions includes the paper-making wasps which are social in habit, and live in large communities each composed of a fertilized female or “queen,” workers, and males. The colonies exist for a single season only, the males and workers perishing during autumn, while the impregnated females hibernate and each founds a new colony the next spring. The three forms of individuals are very alike in coloration, but the queens are considerably larger than the workers and males: the males may be readily distinguished by having seven evident abdominal segments and thirteen joints to the antennae, whereas only six abdominal segments and twelve antennal joints are found in the queens and workers. Vespidae are largely predaceous in habit and feed their larvae upon other insects, portions of which they previously masticate: both fresh and decaying meat and fish are also utilized. The adult wasps are very partial to nectar, ripe fruits and honey-dew and this same diet is given to the very young larvae for a short period. Their mouth-parts have not attained the length and perfection found among bees, and hence wasps are unable to obtain the secretions of deeply seated nectaries. Although, at times, they cause injury to fruit they render service as scavengers and in reducing the numbers of other insects, more especially Diptera and lepidopterous larvae. All the British species of the family belong to the genus *Vespa* and our knowledge of these insects has been greatly extended by the researches of Janet (1893, etc.) and Marchal (1896). Great variety of nest construction is found in this genus and the British forms exhibit three distinct types of nidification. Thus *Vespa vulgaris, germanica*, and *rufa* make underground nests; *V. sylvestris* and *norvegica* suspend their nests from bushes, trees, etc., while *V. crabro* (the hornet) nests in hollow trees or more rarely in banks. *V. austriaca* (arborea) is a race of *V. rufa* in whose nests it is occasionally present as an inquiline. The stings of these insects are always painful and many of the tropical species are very fierce and easily roused, their stings sometimes involving dangerous consequences to animals and human beings. One of the largest species of the genus is the Himalayan *V. ducaulis* Sm., whose queens attain a length of 40 mm. with a wing-expanse of over 80 mm.

After hibernation the female wasps are roused into activity by the warmth of early spring, and commence to seek out likely situations for their nests. Having discovered suitable places they proceed to gather the material for nest construction. This consists of weather-worn but sound wood, particles of which are rasped off by means of the mandibles, and worked up with the aid of saliva to form a substance known as “wasp-paper.” In the case of *V. germanica* and *vulgaris*, layers of this substance are applied to the roof of the cavity in the ground destined to hold the nest. From the centre of the disc thus formed, a pedicel is hung with its lower end widened out. Upon the latter the first cells, up to about thirty in number, are constructed: they are hexagonal in form, open below and closed above. An umbrella-like covering is suspended from the roof of the cavity to protect the comb and, in the angle of each cell nearest the centre of the comb, an egg is deposited, being fixed by means of a cement-like substance. In a few days, according to temperature, the larvae hatch and are fed by the parent until ready to pupate. Prior to transforming the larva spins a cocoon within the cell and closes the mouth of the latter with a tough floor of silk. The contents of the gut are now evacuated for the first time, and transform-
ation into the pupa takes place. After a period of four to six weeks from the time of egg-laying, the adult wasps bite their way through the floors of their cells and emerge. These individuals are always workers, and very soon the entire care of the young and the nest-building is taken over by them, the parent female devoting herself solely to egg-laying. When the nest is fully formed (Fig. 550) it is more or less spherical in form externally, and is invested by several layers of coverings which protect it from rain and also serve to prevent loss of heat from within. New cells are added at the periphery of those already formed and, when one layer of comb has attained a suitable size, new tiers or layers are built below and interconnected with vertical pillars. This goes on until about seven or more combs are constructed and the spaces between the several combs, and between these and the innermost covering of the nest, are just sufficient to allow of the free movement of the occupants of the nest. Each cell of the comb is used for rearing the brood twice or perhaps three times, and it will therefore be seen that the number of cells does not accurately represent the total population of a colony. Janet found in a nest containing seven combs 11,500 cells of which 11,000 had been used twice and the remainder thrice. An average sized nest probably has a population of about 5,000 individuals towards the end of the season. Near the end of summer larger cells are constructed and these "royal" cells are destined for the females or "queens" of the next generation. The fertilized eggs produce either females or workers, depending upon the amount of food supplied to the larve. When food is particularly abundant, or in nests which require re-queening, the workers undergo increased development and become fertile but are structurally incapable of impregnation. Males are always produced from unfertilized eggs whether the latter be laid by the female or workers.

In addition to their normal occupants a large number of other insects have been observed in wasps' nests, either as parasites or inquilines. In the soil beneath the nest, which contains excreta and other organic matter, larve of Pegomyia (Acanthiptera) inanis are often abundant. Larve of Volucella inanis, zonaria and pellucens appear to act as scavengers devouring excreta, etc., and doing no harm to the occupants of the cells: among true parasites the most important is Metacaps paradoxa which destroys the larve. Newstead (Ent. Month. Mag. 1891) has recorded a number of other insects and several species of Acari from nests of V. germanica and V. vulgaris.

*Polistes* is the only other European genus: its colonies are much smaller than those of *Vespa*, and each nest is composed of a single tier of cells suspended by means of a central pedicle, without any external envelope. The tropical sub-families *Rhopalidiinae* and *Epiponinae* live in perennial polygynous colonies capable of emitting swarms (vide also p. 523).

Among the principal works on the family is De Saussure's monograph (1853–58) and the writings of Janet, Marchal, Roubaud (1916), Bequaert (1918) and Dalla Torre (Gen. Insectorum 19): for a useful account of the biology of the British Vespidae vide Latter (1904).

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**FAM. POMPILIDÆ (Psammocharidæ).—**The Pompilidæ are the most extensive group of the Vespoidæ and are distributed over almost the whole world; six genera, including about 30 species, are found in the British Isles (vide Perkins *Ent. Month. Mag.* 1920). In these insects the abdomen is devoid of a definite pedicel, the hind pair of legs is very long and the males are more slenderly built and usually smaller than the females (Fig. 551). All are fossorial and predatory wasps, their size is very variable and certain species may attain a length of three inches. Included in the genus *Salius* are some of the largest of all Hymenoptera. They are remarkable for their extreme activity and possess great powers of running. The nests of these insects are usually burrows in the ground, but *Agenia* constructs earthen vase-like receptacles which are attached to walls or stones. Their prey consists almost exclusively of spiders and some of them, by means of their highly developed stinging powers, are able to overcome even the largest of these Arachnids. One of the giants of the family is *Pepsis femoratus* which stores its burrows with the great Tarantula spiders. The habits of the Pompilidæ have been observed by Fabre (*Souv. Ent.* 4th ser.), the Peckhams (1898), Ferton (1901-21), Williams (1919) and others. There appears to be a good deal of variation in the degree of perfection in the art of stinging among different species. Fabre states that *Calicurus* first stings its prey between the poison fangs of the latter, and subsequently near the junction of the cephalothorax and abdomen, thereby producing complete immobility. The observations of the Peckhams on species of *Pompilus* indicate that in this genus stinging is a much less refined process: in some cases the spider is stung in such a way that it is killed outright, while in others it may live for 40 or more days, but in all cases it is reduced to a sufficiently helpless condition to afford a safe repository for the egg of the wasp.

**Superfamily. Sphecoidea**

**PRONOTUM NOT EXTENDING BACK TO THE TEGULE! TROCHANTERS ONE-JOINTED, HIND Tarsi SLENDER, NOT DILATED. PUBESCENCE OF HEAD AND THORAX SIMPLE NOT PLUMOSE. WORKERS AND APERTEROUS FORMS ABSENT.**

This superfamily is composed of fossorial wasps and none exhibit any true social life. For the most part they may be regarded as beneficial insects from the fact that they are predaceous and store their nests with lepidopterous larvae, Hemiptera-Homoptera, Orthoptera, Areinida, etc. Parental care for their larvae occurs in species of *Bembex* and *Philanthus* but, for the remainder, once the cells have been provisioned, and an egg deposited in each, they are sealed down and the parent exhibits no further concern for her offspring. As a general rule they sting their prey before storing the latter in the larval cells, and the result of the stinging in most cases is to induce rapid paralysis of the motor centres, thereby eliminating all or almost all power of movement. The often repeated assertion that the prey is stung in the ganglionic nerve centres is not an ascertained fact, but an inference drawn from the effects of stinging, and the positions in which the sting is inserted into the bodies of the victims. In a number of cases the prey is stated to be killed outright, but it retains its fresh condition for a variable period up to several weeks, a fact which suggests the possibility that the injected venom exercises an antiseptic influence. Many
Key to the families:

1 (14).—Middle tibiae with one apical spur, rarely with none.
2 (5).—Fore-wing with one cubital cell: median cell in hindwing twice as long as sub-median.
3 (4).—Head transverse; postscutellum with a spine or forked process and squamae.
4 (3).—Head quadrate: postscutellum unarmed and without squamae.
5 (2).—Fore-wing usually with two or three cubital cells: median cell in hind-wing not twice as long as sub-median.
6 (11).—Abdomen with no marked constriction between segments 1 and 2.
7 (8).—Abdomen petiolate or subpetiolate.
8 (7).—Abdomen sessile.
9 (10).—Labrum large and well developed, ocelli aborted and represented by scars.
10 (9).—Labrum small, concealed, ocelli distinct or never all aborted.
11 (6).—Abdomen with a strong constriction between segments 1 and 2.
12 (13).—Head wider than the thorax: fore-wing with 3 cubital cells: abdomen rarely petiolate.
13 (12).—Head not wider than the thorax: fore-wing with 1 or 2 cubital cells: abdomen petiolate.
14 (1).—Middle tibiae with two apical spurs.
15 (16).—Abdomen with a constriction between segments 1 and 2: middle coxae contiguous.
16 (15).—Abdomen with no constriction between segments 1 and 2: middle coxae not contiguous.
17 (22).—Mesosternum normal; mesonotum without parapsidal furrows.
18 (21).—Abdomen sessile or sub sessile.
19 (20).—Labrum not free, covered by the clypeus: transverse median vein usually straight.
20 (19).—Labrum free, well developed: transverse median vein usually sinuate.
21 (18).—Abdomen petiolate.
22 (17).—Mesosternum produced into a forked process posteriorly: mesonotum with parapsidal furrows.

FAM. AMPLUCIDÆ.—The members of this family are rare in individuals and few in species. The prothorax is narrow and elongate and the base of the abdomen is constricted to form a short pseudo-petiole. So far as known they are predaceous upon Blattidæ and Bingham mentions that in Burma they enter houses and search for their prey in likely situations. They do not form definite nests and, after having stung their prey into submission, the latter are dragged away and stored in any suitable hole or crevice (vide Williams, 1919). The family ranges into both hemispheres but is unrepresented in Britain. Dolichurus and Ampulex occur in France.

FAM. SPHECIDÆ (Sphegideae).—The members of this extensive family are slender wasps, with the propodeum elongate, and the petiole so much attenuated that it is often little stouter than a fine bristle, and it may exceed in length the remainder of
the abdomen (Fig. 552). They are usually black insects with yellow or reddish markings, the legs are adapted for digging and running, and their method of stinging are highly specialized. One of the best known genera is *Sphex* L. (*Ammophila* Kohl) which, as the Peckham's remark include some of the most graceful and attractive of all wasps—not only on account of their form but also owing to their intelligence and individuality. The above-mentioned observers, and also Fabre, have studied their habits in detail and the records of their observations form some of the most remarkable chapters in insect biology. Stated very briefly, the prey consists either of Lepidopterous larvae or Orthoptera which are stored in a single cell situated at the termination of a vertical tunnel in the ground. The method adopted by these insects in stinging their prey is the most complex known and has been observed by Fabre in the case of *S. hirsuta* and by the Peckhams in *S. urnarius*. It is a multiple process but there is some variation with regard to the number of stings administered. In one instance Fabre mentions that stinging took place at twelve different points, beginning between the first and second segments and progressing backwards. In his second example, the third, second and first segments were stung in the order given and thereafter the remaining segments up to the ninth. In other cases he noted that usually all the segments were stung. After stinging had been accomplished the prey, in some instances, was subjected to a further process known as malaxation which consists in repeatedly compressing the neck of the victim with the mandibles. The Peckhams' observations largely confirm those of Fabre with the exception that the middle segments of the prey, upon which the egg is deposited, were never touched, while in Fabre's observations they invariably were. They also noted that malaxation was most severe in the case of a caterpillar which was only stung once. It is evident from the various observations which have been recorded that the order in which the segments are stung, the number stung, and the subsequent malaxation which may occur are all somewhat inconstant. The poison introduced during stinging either paralyses or kills the prey and also acts as an antiseptic, keeping the tissues fresh for many weeks. As Wheeler observes, Fabre's and Bergson's contention that the insects is a clairvoyant surgeon, with an intuitive knowledge of the internal anatomy of its prey, may be dismissed as a myth. *Sceliphron* (*Pelopetes*) includes the "mud-dauber" whose nests are constructed of kneaded mud or clay and are composed of about 10 to 50 cells. These insects occur in most of the warmer regions of the globe and are very fond of building their nests in human habitations. Their prey consists of spiders and it appears to be a matter of indifference whether the latter be killed or only paralysed and either event may follow as the result of being stung. An examination made by the Peckhams of cells recently provisioned showed that while most of the spiders were dead, many clearly exhibited indications of being still alive. The latter died off from day to day and the dead Arachnids remained in good condition for a period of ten or twelve days.

**Fam. Stizidae.**—These insects are often united with the Bembecidae but may be distinguished from them by the presence of two apical spurs to the middle tibiae and by the strongly defined constriction between the first and second abdominal segments. Comparatively little has been observed with regard to their habits beyond the fact that they are predaceous upon Orthoptera and Homoptera and construct burrows in the ground. In *S. americana* *Sphexius speciosus* is a large and formidable insect preying upon cicadas; its burrows extend for two feet or more in depth in sand, each is provisioned with a single cicada and pupation takes place in a silken cocoon with incorporated soil particles (vide Riley, *Ins. Life*, 4). Both *Sphexius* and *Stichus* are European but do not extend their range into Britain.

**Fam. Nyssonidae.**—These wasps are medium-sized insects and some of them bear a remarkably close superficial resemblance to members of the Eumenidae. Their prey consists of small Homoptera, particularly Cercopidae. Both *Gorytes* and *Nysson* occur in Britain, and species of the former genus have been recorded as preying upon the nymphs of *Aphrophora spumaria*.

**Fam. Mellinidae.**—The few recorded observations on these insects indicate
that they are predaceous upon Diptera. *Mellinus arvensis* is common in Britain and according to Smith it often resorts to patches of cow-dung in search of its prey. The species burrow in sand and their larvae spin brown cocoons.

**FAM. TRYPXYLONIDÆ.**—The best known genera in this family are *Pison* and *Trypoxylon*, the latter being represented in Britain by three species. Their nests are divided into cells separated by partitions, and they frequently utilize holes in posts, chinks in mortar and brickwork, decayed wood, plant stems, etc. Some species build clay or mud nests in or near houses, others utilize the abandoned nests of *Sceliphron*, or make burrows in the ground. For the most part they store their nests with spiders but Ashmead records certain species as preying upon aphids. An account of the habits of *Trypoxylon albopilosum* and *T. rubrocinctum* is given by G. W. and E. G. Peckham (1898) and those of *T. politum* by Raus (Journ. Animal Behav., 1916).

**FAM. PHILANTHIDÆ.**—These insects are burrowers in the earth and the species of *Philanthus* prey upon *Andrena, Halictus, Apis* and other Hymenoptera. The victim is stung on or near the under surface of the mentum and death rapidly supervenes. One of the best known species is *Philanthus triangulum* F., which commonly preys upon the hive bee. According to Fabre after the bee has been stung it is subjected to vigorous malaxation for the purpose of forcing out the contained honey. The latter is imbibed by the captor and its extraction is stated to be necessary before the bee can be safely used as food by the larval *Philanthus*. Fabre states that the burrows of this species are about 3 feet deep and they terminate in the larval cells. The female bee supplies her brood with food from time to time and consequently tends her offspring after the manner of *Bembex*. The species of the extensive genus *Cerceris* (Fig. 553) make solitary nests in the ground and store them with adult Coleoptera or with bees of the genera *Halictus* and *Andrena*. According to Marchal *C. rybiensis* L. (*ornata* F.) preys upon *Halictus* and the latter is stung in very much the same manner as the prey of *Philanthus* and is afterwards subjected to malaxation. *C. bupresticida* Duft. confines itself to species of Buprestidae while *C. Ferreri* Lind., *4-cincta* Vill., and *specularis* Costa prey upon Curculionidae. According to Wheeler (Journ. Animal Behav., 1913) *Aphilanthops frigidus* stores its nest with queen ants. The family is represented in Britain by *Philanthus triangulum* and six species of *Cerceris*.

**FAM. LARRIDÆ.**—The members of this family are burrowing wasps which inhabit sandy localities and provision their nests with Orthoptera and Hemiptera. The European species of *Tachytes* include among their prey *Mantis* and *Stenobothrus*; *Larra anathema* chooses *Gryllotalpa*, while *Tachysphex* stores its nests with *Gryllus* and various Acrididae. *Aslatus* and its allies are often regarded as a separate family; they mostly provision their nests with the nymphs of Pentatomidae and other Hemiptera. A British species, *A. hoops*, apparently selects a wider range of prey which includes not only Hemiptera but also small Blattidae and the wasp *Oxybelus*.

**FAM. BEMBECIDÆ.**—The Bembecidæ live in a semi-social manner, a number of individuals occupying a limited area of ground but each one has a separate nest. Thus Wesenberg (Ent. Medd., 1891) states that fifty Bembecids will occupy an area about equal to that of an ordinary room. *Bembex* differs from almost all other solitary wasps in that the cells containing its larvae are left unsealed and the latter are fed from day to day. This difference in maternal care entails very great industry on the part of the parent wasps and results in a much less numerous progeny. The prey consists of Diptera and among the genera recorded as serving this purpose are such relatively large forms as *Echinomysis, Eristalis* and *Tabanus*. In *Bembex rostrata* a single female supports five or six larvae and each of the latter requires 50 to 80 flies during the fourteen or fifteen days spent in that stage. Parker (Proc. U.S. Nat. Mus. 52) discusses the biology of the family and believes that the parent wasps find their skilfully concealed burrows by olfactory sense. He mentions several instances in which the surface of the burrow was disturbed and even water was poured over it, without causing the wasp to lose track of its nest. In addition to this work and that of Marchal the reader should also consult the writings of Fabre and G. W. and E. G. Peckham.
FAM. PEMPHREDONIDÆ.—Included in this family are a number of small black wasps of slender build which usually form irregular galleries in dry twigs or in the wood of posts and rails. Their chief prey consists of Aphididae, but Psyllidae and other small Hemiptera-Homoptera are also taken. Pemphredon consists of a number of very similar species of which five occur in Britain.

FAM. CRABRONIDÆ.—These insects form a large and important family of small species which exhibit extremely varied habits. The genus Crabro occurs over a large part of the world and constitutes the dominant group of fossorial Hymenoptera in Britain where it is represented by about 30 species. Their nests are constructed in stems of bramble, in palings and posts, in the ground and other situations. Diptera appear to form their chief prey but some species store their nests with lepidopterous larvae or small Homoptera. There is a considerable amount of evidence indicating that different nesting habits and prey are directly associated with certain groups of species. As in the Oxybelidæ they are stated to paralyse their victims by crushing the thorax and its nerve centres rather than by stinging.

FAM. OXYBELIDÆ.—This family includes certain small wasps which burrow in the ground in sandy places and provision their nests with Diptera and more especially with species of Anthomyidae and Muscidae. According to Verhoeff the prey is not stung but the thoracic nerve centres are crushed which results in paralysis. In the American species observed by the Peckhams the prey is stated to be intact, no such crushing process taking place. Oxybelus is represented in Britain by four species of which O. uniglumis L. is frequent and generally distributed.

Superfamily. Apoidea

PRONOTUM NOT EXTENDING BACK TO TEGULÆ. TROCHANTERS ONE-JOINTED, HIND TARSI DILATED OR THICKENED. PUBESCENCE OF HEAD AND THORAX FEATHERY OR PLUMOSE. WORKERS SOMETIMES PRESENT: APTEROUS FORMS WANTING.

Included in this superfamily are the social and solitary bees. The truly social species, which have evolved a worker caste, are confined to the families Bombidæ and Apidæ, the great majority of forms being solitary. The adults are most important agents for pollinating flowers, the pollen adhering to the plumose body-hairs. The glossa is always well developed, generally pointed, and often exceedingly long. The food consists of nectar and pollen, the former supplying the carbohydrate ingredients and the latter the protein and hydrocarbons. The larvæ are fed upon a similar diet, except that the nectar is regurgitated as honey before being served to them. These substances are stored in the cells, and the latter are never provisioned with animal food. The females are provided with corbiculae consisting of special pollen-collecting hairs which are situated either on the abdominal sterna, or on the posterior tibae and tarsi, or on the femora. Certain genera, however, notably Nomada, Colioxys and Psithyrus are inquilines in the nests of other species, and corbiculae are wanting in these instances. A useful account of the structure and biology of certain of the solitary bees is given by Semichon (1906). For the habits of these insects vide also Friese (1922–23), Ferton, Fabre and the literature quoted under the different families:

Key to the families:—

1 (8).—Glossa flattened, usually shorter than mentum: basal joints of labial palpi cylindrical, not unlike succeeding joints.
2 (5).—Glossa short, broad, and obtuse or emarginate apically.
3 (4).—Small black bees with scanty pubescence: fore-wing with 2 cubital cells; hind femora in female without pollen brushes.
4 (3).—Moderate sized hairy bees: fore-wing with 3 cubital cells; hind femora in female with pollen brushes.
5 (2).—Glossa long or short, apex acute: pollen brushes present.

6 (7).—Fore-wing with 2 cubital cells: glossa long, labrum large and not covered by clypeus.

7 (6).—Fore-wing with 3 cubital cells: glossa shorter, labrum small and mostly concealed by clypeus.

8 (11).—Glossa very elongate, always longer than mentum: two basal joints of labial palpi elongate, compressed, and unlike succeeding joints.

9 (10).—Hind tibiae without apical spurs.

10 (9).—Hind tibiae with apical spurs.

11 (12).—Usually metallic bees, bare or nearly so: the glossa extending to or beyond middle of abdomen; maxillary palpi 1-jointed.

12 (11).—Not such bees.

13 (14).—Eyes well separated from bases of mandibles.

14 (13).—Eyes reaching or almost reaching bases of mandibles.

15 (22).—Fore-wings with three cubital cells.

16 (19).—Marginal cell neither markedly long nor narrow, rarely longer than first 2 cubital cells united.

17 (18).—Hairy pollen-collecting bees.

18 (17).—Sparsely hairy or bare parasitic bees, with no pollen-collecting apparatus.

19 (16).—Marginal cell long and narrow, as long as or longer than three cubital cells united.

20 (21).—Small bees, metallic or submetallic, nearly bare: hind tibia and tarsus of female without distinct scopa.

21 (20).—Large bees with dense scopa: thorax thickly pubescent.

22 (15).—Fore-wings with two cubital cells.

23 (26).—Labrum large and uncovered, hind-legs with a dense scopa.

24 (25).—Marginal cell neither long nor narrow.

25 (24).—Marginal cell very long and narrow.

26 (23).—Labrum small and usually concealed by clypeus.

27 (28).—Abdomen in female with a ventral scopa: labrum entirely covered by clypeus.

28 (27).—Abdomen in female without a ventral scopa: labrum not entirely covered by clypeus.

FAM. PROSOPIDÆ.—A small family of bees whose principal genus is Prosopis F. (Hylocera F.). Structurally they are the most primitive of all Apoidea as is revealed by the comparatively little modified mouth-parts, the scanty development of the body pubescence and the absence of any special pollen-collecting apparatus. In the Hawaiian Islands Perkins finds that several species are parasitic upon their congeners but the habit appears to be exceptional. Their nests are placed in the stems of bramble and other plants, in the earth, or in chinks in buildings. In these situations they construct cells which are lined by a thin, translucent membrane: the latter serves to retain the honey which is stored in a particularly fluid condition. The family ranges into both hemispheres and is represented in Britain by eleven species.

FAM. COLLETTIDÆ.—The genus Colletes was formerly placed in the preceding family on account of the short broad sub-triangular ligula. The females bear a resemblance to the workers of the honey bee but the males are considerably smaller. Their general hairiness, larger size and venational differences readily separate them from Prosopis. The various species burrow in the soil of sandy localities, sometimes forming extensive colonies. These tunnels are often 10 inches in length, they are lined with a delicate parchment-like membrane, and the cavity of each tunnel is divided by means of partitions of the same substance into about 5 to 8 or 10 cells.
An egg is deposited in each cell on, or in, a somewhat fluid mixture of pollen and honey. The family ranges into both hemispheres and several species of *Colletes* occur in Britain.

**FAM. ANDRENIDÆ.**—An extensive family comprising a large number of moderate or large-sized species which often bear a resemblance to the hive bee. Most of them construct burrows in the ground and frequently in gravel paths, among grass, etc., storing the cells with honey and pollen. Although they are solitary bees they live for the most part in colonies or “villages” which sometimes contain a thousand or more nests. The sexes are very different in appearance, they are not often found together, and are difficult to correlate. *Andrena* is represented in Britain by about 60 species: many of them are double-brooded, occurring in early spring and again in July or August (vide Perkins, *Trans. Ent. Soc.* 1919). In some species the two broods differ slightly from one another, especially with regard to the males. The members of this genus, and also of *Halictus*, are economically important by reason of their pollinating the blossoms of fruit trees. *Halictus* constructs branched tunnels in the ground in very similar places to those selected by *Andrena*. It includes for the most part small bees, certain of its members attaining a length of only 5 mm., and in some species they exhibit metallic coloration. According to Fabre (*Ann. Sci. Nat.*, 1879) *H. lineolatus* and *sexcinctus* exhibit the initial stages of social life. These bees live in colonies and the members thereof collaborate in constructing a common gallery which ramifies in the soil and affords ingress to the various cells. The construction of the latter, however, and the feeding of the brood, is the work of individual bees. According to Verhoeff *H. quadricinctus* builds its cells in a single mass instead of distributing them along the course of the burrow, which is the more usual procedure. The species of *Sphexodes* are small shining black, or black and red, bees with a very rudimentary pollen-collecting apparatus. Their economy has given rise to much discussion but there appears to be little doubt that certain species, at least, are parasites in the nests of *Halictus* and *Andrena*. Both this genus and *Halictus* are well represented in the British Isles. The genus *Andrena* is very subject to parasitism by *Strepsiptera*, the effects of which may vary considerably among its different species: for an account of these parasites and the morphological changes which they induce in their affected hosts, vide p. 520.

**FAM. PANURGIDÆ.**—The members of this small family resemble *Andrena* in habits and construct burrows in sandy or gravelly localities. *Panurgus* is a genus of deep black bees which is represented in Britain by two species.

**FAM. STELIDIDÆ.**—The members of the genus *Stelis* are black bees with the abdominal terga margined with white. The British species are parasitic on *Osmia* but elsewhere the recorded hosts include *Anthidium*, *Chelostoma*, and *Ceratina*. According to Verhoeff (*Zool. Anz.*, 1892) *Stelis minutula* lays its eggs in the cells of *Osmia leucocera* and its larvae consume the food stored therein, sharing it with the legitimate owners. When the provisions are consumed the *Osmia* larva falls a prey to that of *Stelis* and is devoured by the latter.

**FAM. MEGACHILIDÆ.**—An extensive and almost cosmopolitan family including the leaf-cutting bees and their parasites, together with the mason bees. The genus *Megachile* is well known from its habit of cutting out rounded pieces from the leaves and petals of roses and other plants. Leaf-cutting bees resemble the hive bee in general appearance but have broader heads and are rather more robust. Their nests are formed in the soil, in hollow stems, wood and other situations. The cells are constructed entirely of leaves and are thimble-like in shape: the wall of the thimble is formed of layers of large oval pieces of leaves and the lid, which closes the receptacle, is similarly made up of layers of smaller round pieces. The cutting process is carried out with great neatness and rapidity: the female bee holds on to the leaf with her legs until she has excised a piece of the required shape with her mandibles. Each cell is about half filled with a paste of pollen and nectar and an egg is deposited in it in the usual manner: new cells are added end to end, and as they adhere to one another, a nest consists of one or more strings of these chambers. In India, and other hot countries, many species enter houses and block up every available key-hole or other small aperture with clay and the material of their nests. The various species of *Osmia* exhibit great diversity of instinct in nest-formation, but generally choose hollow places already existing whether they be in wood, stems, mortar, in empty snail shells, Cynipid galls or elsewhere. They are mason bees constructing cells of sand, soil, or clay held together with a glutinous substance: internally the cells are smooth but externally they are rough in conformity with the material used in the construction. Usually about 10 to 20 cells are found in a nest and each is stored with a mixture of pollen and honey. Smith recorded a nest of *Osmia perezi*
beneath a large stone and composed of 230 cells. *O. tridentata* nests in bramble stems while the very common *O. rufa* will form its nest in almost any convenient hollow, whether it be in the ground or in wood, or it may take advantage of a keyhole, snail shell or other object. For original observations on the habits and instincts of this genus the reader is referred to the works of Fabre. Bees of the genus *Chalicodoma* construct nests of exceptionally solid masonry, often attaching them to large stones. Several species occur in the south of France one of which, *C. muraria*, has formed the subject of some of Fabre's most detailed observations on instinct. It is a densely hairy insect, larger than the hive bee, and the two sexes are markedly different in colour. The cells are constructed of soil particles mixed with the salivary secretion of the insect and, during the process of nest building, many small pebbles are incorporated and cemented in position with the aid of this mortar-like material. After eight or nine cells have been built, the whole is then plastered over with the same substance, and the completed nest assumes a dome-like form about the size of half an orange. Notwithstanding the great hardness of these nests, their inmates are very much subject to the attacks of such parasites as *Anthrax*, *Leucospi* and *Stelis*. In *Anthidium* (Fig. 554) the males are exceptional among Hymenoptera in being larger than the females, and like *Osmia* the species of this genus take advantage of suitable cavities rather than construct burrows for themselves. Some of the species are known to possess the habit of lining their nests with cottony fibres and hairs, which they strip by means of their mandibles from various plants. The single British species, *A. manicatum* L., chiefly, occurs in the southern counties, and within the cottony lining of its nest the cells are made of a delicate membrane which serves to retain the stored honey. Other species have been observed by Fabre to use resin in place of cotton for their lining material. *Caelioxyx* includes a number of bees which are parasites or inquilines in the nests of *Megachile* and *Anthophora*, while *Dioxyx* has been bred from the cells of *Chalicodoma* and *Osmia*.

**FAM. XYLOCOPIDAE** (Carpenter Bees).—Included in this family are the largest known bees. For the most part they are black or bluish-black with dark, smoky and often iridescent wings: over parts of the body the pubescence is frequently yellow, white, or brown. Although resembling *Bombus* in general appearance they are more flattened and less hairy. *Xylocopidae* occur in both hemispheres but are mostly denizens of warm countries: four species are listed by de Gaulle as inhabiting France. These giant bees tunnel by means of their powerful mandibles into the solid wood of beams, rafters, etc., for a foot or more in depth, dividing their burrows into a series of cells made of agglutinated fragments of wood. A single egg is deposited in each cell which is largely provisioned with pollen. *X. violacea* extends as far north as Paris and its habits attracted the attention of Réamur: both sexes hibernate and reappear the following spring. According to Bingham *X. rufescens* is nocturnal and its loud buzzing may be heard throughout moonlight nights in Burma. In a number of species of these bees, from many parts of the tropics, the basal concavity of the 1st abdominal tergum in the female is provided with a median aperture leading into a large chitinous chamber. The latter appears always to contain Acari belonging to *Greenia* or other genera (vide Perkins, *Ent. Month. Mag.* 1898). The relation between these mites and their hosts has not been fully investigated.

**FAM. CERATINIDAE.**—The bees of this family are mostly small, nearly glabrous species, frequently of metallic coloration, and their nests are found in the stems of bramble, elder, and other pithy plants. They are allied to the preceding family and are sometimes known as the small carpenter bees. The British species, *C. cyanea* Kirby, inhabits various localities in the more southern counties.

**FAM. NOMADIDAE.**—An interesting family of small and not very hairy insects which live as inquilines in the nests of other bees. Most of the species are wasp-like in coloration and very unlike their hosts whose burrows they frequent without molestation. In accordance with their habits, their legs are not adapted to carry pollen, and their larvae are fed upon the provisions originally destined for the progeny of the host species. The species of *Nomada* live at the expense of various solitary bees, more...
particularly *Andrena*; *Halictus*, *Eucera* and *Panurgus* are less frequently selected. *Melitta* and *Crocia* utilize *Anthophora* as their host while *Epeolus* is confined to *Colletes*. According to Ashmead the North American *Epeolus donatus* is not an inque-
one, but constructs and provisions cells of its own. Over twenty species of *Nomada* inhabit Britain, and both *Melitta* and *Epeolus* are also represented. An account of the habits of various species of *Nomada* is given by Smith (Cat. of Brit. Hymenoptera in Coll. Brit. Mus.) and Perkins (Trans. Ent. Soc., 1919).

**FAM. ANTHOPHORIDÆ.**—The solitary bees of this family are, for the most part, hairy insects resembling small bumble-bees in form. Many of the species burrow in the soil, constructing cells in underground tunnels, provisioning the former with a mixture of pollen and honey. *Anthophora* is one of the widest distributed genera of bees and much of what is known concerning their economy is due to Friese (1922–23). The large black *Anthophora pilipes* is one of the earliest bees to appear in spring in Britain.

**FAM. EUGLOSSIDÆ.**—Included in this tropical family are the most remarkable of all bees. *Euglossa* inhabits tropical America and its species are beautiful vividly metallic insects whose ligulae often exceed the entire length of their bodies. At one time these bees were supposed to be social insects but no workers have been discovered.

**FAM. BOMBIDÆ** (Bumble or Humble Bees).—The bees of this family include some of the most familiar insects in temperate climates. They are abundant in the holarctic region but generally confined to the mountains in tropical countries. They are absent from almost the whole of Africa, the plains of India and none are indigenous to Australia and New Zealand. The species of *Bombus* exhibit, in temperate regions, a social life which resembles that found in *Vespa* much more closely than that which obtains in the hive bee. The societies come to an end in autumn and a certain number of the females hibernate to reappear in spring when they form new colonies. The most abundant caste is that of the workers but the latter are not clearly distinguish-
able from the queens or females except by their smaller size. Soon after fertilization, the females hibernate and this phase may be passed either in the ground, or in thatch, rubbish, moss, etc. In Britain the period of torpor lasts about nine months and according to Sladen (1912) it may commence as early as July, as is the case in *Bombus pratensis*. The latter species is astir again in March or April while other species often await until May or even June. Each queen seeks out a situation for her future nest: the latter may be underground and consists of fine grass or moss formed into a hollow ball (Fig. 555). Access to the nest is obtained by means of a tunnel which averages about two feet in length. Other Bombi, known as "carder bees," form surface nests hidden away among grass, ivy or other herbage. They derive their name from their habit of collecting moss and other material used in nest formation and plaing it with the aid of their legs and mandibles. Having formed the nest the next act of the queen is to collect a mass of pollen which is formed into a paste. Upon the top of this substance she constructs a circular wall of wax and, in the cell thus formed, she lays her first batch of eggs, capping the latter over with a covering of wax. She also constructs a waxen receptacle, or honey pot, which is filled with a store of honey for her own consumption. This store is drawn upon during inclement weather and while the queen is occupied in incubating her eggs. The larva hatch in about four days and lie immersed in their food-bed of pollen: the queen further supplies them with regurgitated pollen and nectar which is passed to the brood through a hole which she forms in the upper part of the cell. About the 10th day the larva spin tough pale yellow cocoons and on the 22nd or 23rd day after oviposition the first adults appear and are always workers. New cells are added to the nest as the season advances, and each cell contains on an average about a dozen eggs. The workers convert their old cocoons into honey pots and, in some species, additional waxen vessels are also constructed. When sufficient workers have emerged, the work of pollen-collecting devolves upon them and the queen becomes restricted to the nest. After the queen has deposited about 200–400 worker eggs, according to the species, she lays other eggs which give rise to males and queens. Those destined to produce queens are laid in larger cells than is the case with worker or male eggs, the worker cells being the smallest of the three types. Both Huber and Schmiedeknecht state that the male and queen cells are not provisioned before the eggs are laid in them, and those larvae destined to produce queens do not appear to receive any different diet from those which will give rise to males. During the intermediate period in the life of the colony the females which are produced are smaller than the parent, and are little more than egg-laying workers. The large-sized females, together with the males, do not appear until the end of the season. The survivors among these females form the next year's colonies: the males, on the other hand, are short-lived and having once left the nest
do not return to it. The nest of *Bombus* usually presents an irregular appearance: the larvae, as they develop, increase in size, and their cell becomes distended, and has a mammilated appearance. The queen adds more wax to the covering so that the larvae always remain hidden, but much of the wax is removed after the cocoons are formed. The cells are only utilized once for rearing purposes and fresh cells are added above the old remains. The members of the genus *Psithyrus* are inquilines in nests of *Bombus*, each species generally sharing the food and shelter of a particular species of host. Furthermore, the colour and size resemblance of the inquiline to the *Bombus* with which it is commonly associated is especially striking. This is very evident in two abundant British Psithyri, i.e.: *P. rupestris* closely resembles *B. lapidarius* and *P. vestalis* likewise closely simulates *B. lucorum*. According to Sladen the above-mentioned species of *Psithyrus* sting the *Bombus* queens to death and usurp their places in the nests, the *Bombus* workers rearing the *Psithyrus* offspring. In such affected nests the population of the host species is naturally greatly reduced in numbers. From the nature of its life *Psithyrus* produces no workers and its males and females differ from those of *Bombus* in their more resistant and shinier integument which, in so far as the abdomen is concerned, is less densely clothed with hair. Owing to the absence of any polliniferous apparatus, the outer surface of the hind tibia of the female

*Psithyrus* is convex and uniformly hairy, whereas in *Bombus* it is more or less concave, bare and shiny but marginally clothed with long hairs. In *Psithyrus* also, the female lacks both the comb at the apex of the hind tibia and the auricle at the base of the metatarsus.

The number of British species of the family depends upon the specific validity of certain names. Saunders recognizes fifteen species of *Bombus* and five of *Psithyrus*. The biology of these species is described in the well-illustrated manual of Sladen (1912): the works of Friese and von Wagner (1910) and Hoffer (1882) are also important.

**FAM. APIDÆ.**—The best known member of this family is the hive or honey bee, *Apis mellifica*. It has probably been more completely studied than any other species of insect, its habits having attracted attention from very early times. The structure and biology of this insect have been discussed in many volumes dating from the Renaissance onwards, and the details of its economy are so readily accessible that only the more important features will be referred to here. The insect is rarely, if ever, found wild in Britain, and has been introduced into almost every country of the globe. It is usually regarded as the highest member of the Apoidea, and differentiation into the three forms male, female, and worker is more pronounced than among other bees. The male, or drone, is larger and stouter than the worker, and is readily dis-
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tinguishable from the latter caste by the large holoptic eyes, whose great development is accompanied by a corresponding reduction of the frontal region of the head. The female, or queen, has a particularly long abdomen extending some distance behind the closed wings. She performs none of the functions of nest building, food gathering, or brood care and lacks the special organs adapted for these purposes. Large prosperous colonies have been computed to contain 50,000 to 80,000 workers, besides a queen and a variable number of males. The queen is able to survive for several seasons, but the males and workers are relatively short lived. Summer-hatched workers, owing to continuous toil, seldom appear to survive longer than six or seven weeks, but those hatched in autumn live to perform the labours of early spring. The colonies of this species are, therefore, not merely seasonal but are maintained from year to year, and are stored with provisions for winter consumption. When the population increases beyond the capacity of the hive, swarms are emitted which consist of the queen and a number of workers. In this way the new community is fully prepared for both nest building and reproduction. The original colony is dominated by a new queen and, prior to her emergence, the old queen is prevented from destroying her by the workers. The latter, as far as possible, only allow new queens to develop when it is desirable to emit a swarm. The virgin queen takes what is known as the marriage flight, and is followed by a number of males. Copulation occurs in mid-air and the fertilized queen then returns to the nest. If a second swarm be emitted the same season, a new virgin queen accompanies the workers and, as the swarm usually journeys further from the nest than the previous swarm, an opportunity is afforded for the queen to be fertilized by a male from another colony. At the end of the summer, the workers always eject the males from the hive, since they have no further part to play in the life of the community.

The honeycomb, or structural basis of the nest (Fig. 556) is composed of cells which are mostly hexagonal in form, and arranged in two series, placed back to back. The separate combs hang vertically downwards and the long axes of the cells are almost horizontal. The material used in construction is wax which is secreted by the younger workers. It is a product of hypodermal glands situated on the ventral aspect of the fourth to seventh abdominal sterna. The wax is secreted as a fluid and, according to Dreyling (Zool. Anz. 26), it is exuded through extremely fine cuticular pores, subsequently accumulating and hardening in the form of thin plates. The latter project from pockets situated between adjacent sterna, and the bee removes the wax plates by impaling them on the spines of the distal end of the first tarsal joint of the hind-leg (Casteel, U.S. Entom. Circ. 161). The leg is then flexed forwards, and the wax seized by the mandibles and kneaded into the required condition to form the cells. The cells in which workers develop are smaller than those destined for rearing the males, while the royal cells in which the queens are produced are the largest of all and irregularly ovoid in form. Other of the cells are devoted to the storing of pollen and honey. In addition to wax, the workers also utilize a resinous substance which they

![Fig. 556.—Comb of Hive Bee (natural size).](image-url)

- A, empty queen cell; B, do, torn open; C, do, cut down; D, drone larva; E, F, sealed drone cells; G, sealed worker cells; H, old queen cell; I, sealed honey; K, pollen masses; L, pollen cells; M, abortive queen cell; N, emerging bee; O, eggs and larva. After Cheshire.
collect from the buds and other portions of various trees. This material is termed propolis, and is used as a kind of glue to fasten loose portions of the comb and to fill up crevices, etc. The queen lays a single egg in each brood cell, and the incubation period is about three days. When the larvae are fully grown, the workers seal up the cells by means of a cover of wax and pollen: thus enclosed the larvae form the so-called cocoons in which pupation takes place. The complete development of the queen occupies approximately 15/2 days, the worker three weeks, and the male 24 days. The young larvae are at first uniformly nourished on a diet rich in proteid (40-43 per cent.) which is provided by the workers. Little is known as to the origin of this food but it is usually considered to be a secretion of the lateral pharyngeal glands. The larvae of the queens are fed upon this diet throughout life, while those destined to produce workers and males are nourished upon honey and digested pollen from the fourth day onwards. The subject of sex-determination is a highly complex one and it may be said that it is generally agreed that the virgin eggs produce the drones and the fertilized eggs the queens and workers. In rare cases, however, workers may produce queens and other workers from unfertilized eggs (Jack: *Trans. Ent. Soc.*, 1916).

A variety of flowers are visited by bees in order to gather nectar, the most important being Dutch clover: heather, lime, other clovers, the blossoms of fruit trees and bushes, buckwheat, white mustard, etc., are also largely resorted to. The nectar, when gathered, largely consists of cane sugar which, in its conversion into honey, becomes inverted into glucose and levulose. In addition to nectar, bees also utilize honey-dew and the juices of over-ripe or damaged fruits. In order to supplement the foregoing account the reader is referred to the work of Snodgrass (1910) for anatomical details, and for general information, including the theory and practice of apiculture, to the writings of Cheshire (1886), Zander (1919-23), Root, Langstroth, and many others: the literary masterpiece of Maeterlinck (1901) should also be mentioned.

The only other species of *Apis* are the three Indian representatives, *A. dorsata*, *indica*, and *florea*. *Apis dorsata* constructs a single huge comb sometimes three or four feet in diameter. It is suspended quite exposed from rocks, branches, or from buildings. This species is easily irritated and readily attacks man or domestic animals, sometimes with fatal results. *Apis indica* is a sub-species of *mellifica* while *A. florea* is the smallest member of the genus and in some respects transitional between *dorsata* and *indica*.

The genera *Melipona* (Fig. 557) and *Trigona* (vide also p. 523) include about 250 species which are mainly neotropical with a certain number of members found in the tropics of the Old World. They nest in hollows in trees and rocks, or in walls, and their colonies include enormous numbers of often minute individuals (sometimes less than 3 mm. long) known as "mosquito" or "stingless" bees: the latter expression, however, is a misnomer, since a vestigial sting is present (vide von Ihering, 1904). Both males and workers secrete wax which is produced between the abdominal terga: it is usually mixed with earth or resin forming a dark material called "cerumen." The nest consists of a part containing the brood which is separate from that devoted to storing honey and pollen. The entrance to the nest usually projects as a conspicuous funnel which is often guarded by workers during the day and closed with cerumen at night.

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1 According to recent work by Nelson and Sturtevant (*Bull. 1222, U.S. Dept. Agric.*) the change of diet takes place on the third day.
Order 22. **DIPTERA** (Two-winged or True Flies).

*INSECTS WITH A SINGLE PAIR OF MEMBRANOUS WINGS, THE HIND PAIR MODIFIED INTO HALTERES. MOUTH-PARTS SUCTORIAL, USUALLY FORMING A PROBOSCIS AND SOMETIMES ADAPTED FOR PIERCING. MANDIBLES RARELY PRESENT. LABIUM USUALLY DISTALLY EXPANDED INTO A PAIR OF FLESHY LOBES. PROTHORAX AND MESOTRAX SMALL AND FUSED WITH THE LARGE METATHORAX. TARSIS COMMONLY 5-JOINTED. METAMORPHOSIS COMPLETE, LARVAE ERUCIFORM AND APODOUS, FREQUENTLY WITH THE HEAD REDUCED AND RETRACTED. TRACHEAL SYSTEM VARIABLE, MOST OFTEN AMPHOPNEUSTIC. PUPA EITHER FREE OR ENCLOSED IN THE HARDENED LARVAL CUTICLE OR PUPARIUM. WING-TRACHEATION REDUCED.*

The Diptera are one of the largest orders of insects including about 50,000 described species, and approximately 3000 species are known from the British Isles. Structurally Diptera are among the most highly specialized members of their class. The imagines of almost all the species are diurnal and the majority are either flower-lovers, which feed upon nectar, etc., or frequent decaying organic matter of various kinds. Although these two habits predominate, a considerable number of flies are predaceous and live on various insects which form their prey. In addition to the foregoing, there are other Diptera which have acquired blood-sucking habits, and in addition to man many other vertebrates, excepting fishes, may be resorted to by one or other species. Excluding the Muscidae and Pupipara, this habit is largely confined to the female. The blood-sucking forms include almost the whole of the Culicidae, besides the Simulidae, Tabanidae and Pupipara, also certain members of the Chironomidae, Psychodidae and Muscidae. In virtue of this propensity the order has acquired great significance in relation to medical science. The pathogenic organisms of some of the most virulent diseases such as malaria, sleeping sickness, elephantiasis, and yellow fever are transmitted to man through the intermediary of blood-sucking Diptera.

**External Anatomy**

The **Head** (Fig. 559) is remarkable on account of its mobility and is usually of relatively large size. An extensive portion of its area is occupied by the compound eyes which, as a rule, are considerably larger in the male than the female. When the eyes of the two sides are contiguous they are stated to be holoptic, and when markedly separated dichoptic; very occasionally the holoptic condition is found in the female as well as the male.
In some species the upper facets are larger and more conspicuous than the lower, a peculiarity rarely seen in the female. It assumes its most extreme development in the Bibionidae where the two areas of different facets are sharply defined (Fig. 69). Between or slightly behind the eyes are the ocelli: the latter are usually three in number and are generally arranged in the form of a triangle: in some families ocelli are wanting. A complete Y-shaped epicranial suture is present in Mycetophila but, as a rule, the anterior arms alone are evident: among Schizophora the epicranial suture is totally wanting (Peterson). The terminology of the regions of the head in general use is confusing owing to the multiplicity of names which have been employed: many do not admit of wide application and are often devoid of morphological value. In a Muscoid fly the "front" is regarded as the region between the eyes, and is limited by a line drawn through the bases of the antennae and by the upper margin of the head. In holoptic flies the space between the eyes and the basal line of the antennae is the frontal triangle: the triangular region bearing the ocelli and often bounded by grooves or depressions is the ocellar triangle. The region enclosed by the frontal suture is the face (facial or mesofacial plate) which is demarcated laterally by the facial ridges (facialia or vibrissal ridges) and distally by the epistoma. At the lower extremities of the facial ridges are two prominences or vibrissal angles carrying the vibrissae. The antennae are frequently lodged in antennal grooves or foveae which may be separated by a median facial carina. The genae (parafacials or cheeks) comprise the region lying between the face and the anterior margin of the eye on either side, while the jowls are the lower portions of the genae below the eyes. The upward continuations of the genae, along the inner border of the eyes, are known as the geno-vertical plates or parafrontals. The epistoma is the distal border of the face and, in front of it, is a sclerite which is here regarded as the clypeus (or fronto-clypeus). In many Nematocera the fronto-clypeus is a well defined region but in some Brachyptera and all Cyclorrhapha the clypeus (torma of Peterson) appears to be separated off as a distinct sclerite. The latter is frequently a crescentic or semilunar plate, lying in the membrane of the rostrum, and forming the anterior or dorsal wall of the fulcrum.

The Ptilinum or frontal sac is a characteristic cephalic organ of Cyclorrhapha and its presence is indicated externally by the arched frontal or ptilinal suture. The latter lies transversely above the antennae and extends downwards on each side of them, thus presenting a n-shaped form. The suture is of the nature of an extremely narrow slit, along the margins of

1 In most Diptera almost the whole of the anterior surface of the head appears to be formed by the vertex: the true frons is either of very limited extent or merged with the clypeus.

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which the wall of the head is invaginated to form a membranous sac or ptilinum, and the walls of the latter are seen to consist of the same layers as the integument. The outer surface of the ptilinum is roughened owing to the presence of minute scales or spines of various forms. When viewed in sections taken through the head, the ptilinum is seen lying in the cavity of the latter in front of the brain. Attached to its inner surface in certain positions, are groups of slender muscle-fibres which apparently aid in retracting the organ. The function of the ptilinum is to thrust off the anterior end of the puparium at the time when the contained imago is ready to emerge. This is accomplished by the sac being exserted and distended in front of the head, under pressure from within (Fig. 560). When fully protruded it is in the form of a bladder, which presses upon the wall of the puparium until the latter ruptures. After the emergence of the fly, the ptilinum is withdrawn into the head cavity and is no longer functional. The only outward manifestation of its existence is seen in the presence of the frontal suture. The ptilinum, however, offers a field for investigation both from the developmental and physiological points of view: there is also a great deal of doubt as to its presence or absence in certain families. In the Achiza the frontal suture is vestigial or absent and no trace of the ptilinum remains after the emergence of the imago. Just above the bases of the antennae in the Cyclorrhapha is a small crescentic sclerite known as the frontal lunule: in the Schizophora it is separated by the frontal suture from the part of the head immediately above.

The Antennæ (Fig. 561) furnish some of the most important characters in the classification of Diptera. They are seen in the least modified condition among the Nematocera, where the flagellum consists typically of a variable number of cylindrical joints similar to one another. In the Brachycera the antennæ are composed, as a rule, of a smaller number of dissimilar elements. They consist of 2 or 3 evident basal joints carrying a terminal appendage, which corresponds to the greater part of the flagellum in Nematocera. This appendage may be distinctly annulated or jointed, or very much attenuated when it is known as a style. If it is still more slender and bristle-like it is termed an arista, which is a characteristic feature of the Cyclorrhapha. Morphologically, there is no clearly marked distinction between a style and an arista: the former, however, is always
terminal while the latter is usually dorsal and rarely terminal. In the Cyclorrhapha the antennae similarly consist of three basal joints of which the 3rd is the largest and most complex and carries the arista. The various forms of the arista are of classificatory value, and they may be either bare, plumose, or pectinate.

The Mouth-parts of Diptera exhibit a wide range of structure in adaptation to diverse habits, and there are many differences of opinion in interpreting the morphology of certain of the component parts. The generally accepted homologies as presented by Dimmock (1881) are confirmed by Kellogg (Psyche, 8) who, from a study of the larval head in Nematocera, observed that the developing imaginal mouth-parts are found in unmistakable correspondence or homologous relations with the larval counterparts. A similar conclusion was arrived at by Miall in his study of the head of Chironomus. There is, however, much diversity of opinion with reference to the homologies of the maxillae and their palpi: thus Meinert (1881) contends that the latter are not the strict homologues of the maxillary palpi of other insects but of the entire maxillae. Kellogg finds that the palpi in Simulium develop in relation with larval maxillae, and not with their palpi, a fact which lends some support to Meinert's view.

Although the most generalized type of mouth-parts in Diptera is far removed from the orthopterous condition, the following features can be recognized. (1) The labrum-epipharynx consisting of a dorsal well-chitinized labrum and a ventral more membranous epipharynx. (2) Mandibles are absent except in the blood-sucking Orthorrhapha. (3) The maxillae are very rarely if ever complete: the basal sclerites may be separate and distinct, or either the cardo or stipes may be wanting. A single maxillary lobe or galea is generally evident among Orthorrhapha and, in a few genera (e.g. females of Simulium and Tabanus) a vestigial lacinia may also persist. The galea is very variable in development and may be almost filiform (Exoprosopa), rod-like (Sciara, Trichocera), or totally wanting (Tipula, Dolichopus). The maxillary palpi are particularly important for classificatory purposes: they may consist of four complete joints, but in the more highly specialized forms they are reduced to single-jointed organs. (4) The labium forms the proboscis which is usually expanded distally to form a pair of prominent fleshy lobes or labella. Recently Crampton (1921) has brought forward evidence which suggests that the latter organs are the reduced and modified labial palpi. In most Nematocera the labella are free, but in the higher Diptera coalescence takes place to a greater or lesser degree. With the beginning of coalescence fine tracheal-like food channels or pseudotracheae become evident: they attain their most complete development in the Calyptrae where the fusion reaches its maximum. In the majority of Diptera a posterior chitinized plate (theca) is present near the base of the labella and is probably the counterpart of the mentum (Fig. 564), while the submentum is represented by the median membranous area behind the theca. (5) The hypopharynx is probably universally present and is either in the form of a lanceolate organ or a greatly attenuated stylet. It is perforated by the salivary duct and is frequently considerably developed.

The mouth-parts attain their fullest development in members of the Orthorrhapha which have blood-sucking habits. In these forms the trophi, with the exception of the palpi and labium, are either stylet-like or blade-like, and adapted for piercing. The females, moreover, are unique among Diptera in possessing mandibles. In the males the latter organs are rarely
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present and are usually atrophied, except in the Simuliidæ where they are evident in both sexes. The labrum-epipharynx in these blood-sucking forms is grooved or \( \cap \)-shaped, and the hypopharynx flattened: when apposed, the two elements constitute a closed channel through which the blood is drawn by the pumping action of the pharynx. The hypopharynx conveys the saliva to the distal orifice of the channel where it mixes with the blood. The wound on the host is made either by the mandibles alone, or in conjunction with the galeæ of the maxillæ. The labium takes no part in piercing: it is grooved dorsally and serves as a sheath retaining the other appendages when at rest (Fig. 562). In the Tabanidæ (Fig. 563) both mandibles and maxillæ are flattened and blade-like, minutely serrated distally: the labrum-epipharynx is shaped like a double-edged sword, and overlies a similar but more slender hypopharynx. In addition to functioning as a sheath for the other mouth-organs, the labium in Tabanids is also an organ for imbibing liquid matter from moist surfaces, which is absorbed by the pseudotracheæ present on the labella. In the Culicidæ (Fig. 562) specialization has been carried a step further, all the mouth-parts are more elongated and the piercing organs are modified into extremely fine needle-like stylets. The labella have many sensory hairs on their distal margins and are mainly tactile in function: the method of feeding in this family is dealt with on p. 619. In the predaceous Brachycera (Asilidæ and Empidæ) the labium is hardened and horny with the labella

Fig. 562.—Mouth-parts of 1, Culex; 2, Glossina palpalis.
A, antenna; H, hypopharynx; L, labium; LE, labrum-epipharynx; M, mandibles; M', maxillæ and MP, palpi; (2 after Stephens and Newstead).

Fig. 563.—Chrysops, lateral view of head x 15.
A, antenna; other lettering as in Fig. 562. After Surcouf and Gonzalez-Rincones.
small, and usually with poorly developed pseudotracheæ. The galeæ are rigid and blade-like, being seemingly adapted for perforating the prey: both the labrum-epipharynx and hypopharynx are large and strong.

In most Cyclorrhapha all the mouth-organs contribute to the formation of the proboscis. Its morphology is difficult to appreciate owing to the modification which has resulted through the reduction of the maxillæ, and the increased development of membranous areas, in order to impart to the organ the maximum flexibility. The anatomy of the proboscis has been most fully studied in the Muscidae (Fig. 564). In Musca (Krapelin, 1883; Hewitt, 1914) it consists of a proximal and somewhat cone-shaped basal portion or rostrum, and a distal portion or haustellum. Morphologically the rostrum belongs to the head and carries anteriorly the maxillary palpi. Situated within this region is a complex framework of chitin known as the fulcrum, which forms a kind of case enclosing the pharynx, and is present in almost all Diptera. The proximal portion of the fulcrum is quadrangular in section, and the distal portion U-shaped, the anterior or roof-like portion being wanting in this region. The superficial or anterior portion of the fulcrum is hinged basally to the oral margin. Between the lower end of the fulcrum and the base of the labrum-epipharynx is a small U-shaped
The hyoid sclerite which lies on the pharyngeal wall, and serves to keep the lumen of the pharynx distended. The haustellum carries the labrum-epipharynx and the hypopharynx on its anterior (or dorsal) face, and these organs are situated in a furrow formed by its projecting membranous sides. The haustellum is continuous with the apex of the rostrum and, on its posterior aspect, it is strengthened by the theca. The latter articulates distally with a short rod or furca, and arising therefrom are two divergent arms which form the principal skeleton of the oral lobes. The membrane investing the oral or distal surface of the labella contains a series of food channels or pseudotracheae which pass from its outer edges to the inner margins. These channels are kept open by a framework consisting of a series of incomplete chitinous rings which impart to them an appearance resembling tracheae. Each ring is bifurcate at one end and single at the other—the single and bifurcate extremities alternating. The pseudotracheae open on the external surface of the oral lobes by means of the spaces which lie between the forked extremities of the chitinous rings: inwardly they communicate with the oral aperture. The latter is situated in a small oral pit between the labella: the sides of the depression are bordered by a row of peristomial teeth which are greatly developed in Ochromyia and blood-sucking Muscids. The proboscis is adapted for sucking up liquids, and none but the most minute solid particles are able to enter the food channels. When the proboscis is protruded, the rostrum is extended by means of the distension of the lateral air-sacs at its base, and probably of certain of the cephalic air-sacs also. The haustellum, on the other hand, is brought into use by means of the contraction of its extensor muscles and, finally, the labella are extended and rendered turgid by means of blood-pressure. The retraction of the proboscis is brought about by the contraction of its numerous muscles. For a detailed account of the musculature, and mechanism of action of the proboscis, the reader is referred to the textbooks of Hewitt (1914) and Patton and Cragg (1913): the structure and physiology of the labella in Calliphora have been the subject of detailed investigation by Graham Smith (1911 and 1913).

In the piercing blood-sucking Muscidae and Pupipara the proboscis itself has become modified to form the principal organ of penetration. It differs from that of most Cyclorrhapha in its horny consistency and swollen bulbous base: owing to the elongation of the haustellum the proboscis can no longer be concealed when retracted. In Stomoxys the labella are small oval lobes, devoid of pseudotracheae, and have their outer membrane provided with plate-like chitinous teeth adapted for cutting. The labrum-epipharynx and hypopharynx are shorter than the proboscis and, consequently, do not perform any part in the making of the wound: they have, furthermore, thin and flaccid distal extremities. In Glossina (Fig. 562) the proboscis is embraced by the elongate palpi when at rest, and specialization has proceeded still further. The labella are even less evident, and the slender labrum-epipharynx lies throughout in close contact with the labial groove and, for this reason, has lost much of its rigidity. In Hippobosca, Olfersia and their allies the basal portion of the proboscis is sunk within the head, the distal part of the organ alone being visible. It bears no labella but the cutting teeth exhibit a bi-lateral arrangement. The labrum-epipharynx is much stouter than in the preceding genera and, instead of lying within the labial groove, it forms the roof of the latter. The hypopharynx in Hippobosca is a slender flattened organ containing the salivary duct between its two layers: at its upper end the dorsal lamina
fuses with the epipharynx and the ventral lamina merges into the lining of the labial groove.

The principal general papers regarding the mouth-parts of Diptera are those of Dimmock (1881), Hansen (1883), Meinert (1881), Kellogg (1899), Peterson (1916), and Frey (1921): for the blood-sucking forms the reader is referred to the textbook of Patton and Cragg (1913).

The Tentorium is characterized by three pairs of arms and a reduced body: the primitive invaginations persist to a greater or less degree in most Diptera as intra-cranial tunnels. As a rule the most prominent invaginations are those of the anterior arms (well seen in *Chironomus* and *Anopheles*) which are situated some distance below the antennæ, and are often located within the arms of the V-shaped suture. The invaginations of the dorsal arms lie just below the bases of the antennæ, but as a rule they are wanting: those of the posterior arms are situated near the ventro-lateral margins of the occiput (Peterson, 1916).

The Thorax (Fig. 565) is characterized by the great development of its median segment which carries the wings, and the correlated reduction of the segments in front and behind it. The two latter regions are little more than anterior and posterior bands, whose active function is the support of the fore and hind legs. The consolidation of the three segments is so complete, particularly in the higher Diptera, that it is difficult to determine the homologies of the various plates with any degree of certainty. The views that are held on this subject are so divergent, and the terminology so unsettled, that it is only possible to deal with it very briefly in the space available. The sclerites are well exhibited for preliminary study in Tipulideæ, but among Cyclorrhapha real difficulty will be experienced owing to the specialization which has resulted.

The pronotum in Tipulids is represented by a band-like scutum and scutellum, but is still more reduced in the higher Diptera. The mesonotum forms the greater part of the dorsal aspect of the thorax and is clearly divisible into prescutum, scutum and scutellum: the post-scutellum of this segment is well developed in Tipulidæ, Culicidæ, and other Nematocera, but is narrow in Tabanidæ and Athericera. The boundary between the scutum and scutellum is known as the transverse suture and, although complete and V-shaped in Tipulids, it is generally incomplete in the middle line in other Diptera. On the mesonotum are certain more or less prominent lateral swellings on either side, which are recognized by systematists, and known as calli or callosities. The pre-alar callus is situated just above the root of the wing, while the humeral callus forms the antero-dorsal angle of the prescutum, and the post-alar callus constitutes the prominent postero-dorsal angle of the scutum. The metanotum is always reduced and band-like, and is continuous laterally with the epimera.

The pleura do not present any serious difficulties in Culicidæ, Tipulidæ and other Orthorrhapha, and both episterna and epimera can be recognized in each segment. Among Cyclorrhapha, however, the interpretation of the pleurites is in a far from satisfactory condition, and the extensive use of chaetotaxy for classificatory purposes demands the definition of these plates with precision. The terminology of Osten-Sacken, although of limited application, has much to recommend it for the somewhat paradoxical reason that it has no strict morphological value. In cases where homologies are uncertain and extremely difficult to determine, a purely conventional terminology presents more chances of fixity, and can coexist with the growth of a more scientific system, based upon increasing knowledge of comparative
morphology. In Osten-Sacken's nomenclature the pleural regions are identified in relation to certain well-defined sutures. (1) The *notopleural suture*, running from the humeral callus to the wing base, thus separating the mesonotum from the pleuron: (2) the *sterno-pleural suture*, running below the notopleural suture and separating the mesopleura from the sternopleura: (3) the *mesopleural suture*, passing downwards from the wing-base to the middle coxa. 

The *mesopleuron* is the area in front of the root of the wing between the noto- and sterno-pleural sutures: the *pteropleuron* lies below the root of the wing and behind suture 3: the *sternopleuron* is situated below suture 2 and above the anterior coxa: the *metapleuron* lies behind the pteropleura and to the outside of the mesonotum: the *hypopleuron* is the region above the middle and posterior coxae and below the metapleuron (vide Fig. 565). For further information on the thorax of Diptera vide Snodgrass (1909), Osten-Sacken (1884) and Hewitt (1914).

**Chaetotaxy.**—The study of the arrangement of the *macrochaetae* or differentiated bristles of flies is termed by Osten-Sacken *chaetotaxy*. His important paper (1884) emphasized the value of these structures for classificatory purposes, and their application has been greatly extended by more recent writers, notably Girschner. A knowledge of chaetotaxy is essential for the systematic study of Diptera and the following are the most important of the macrochaetae (Figs. 559, 565).

**A. Cephalic Bristles.—I. Vertical:** inner and outer pairs situated close to and
rather behind the upper inner corner of the eye. 3. **Ocellar**: one pair in the ocellar triangle. 4. **Frontal**: a double row in front of the ocelli, external to the frontal suture, often descending to the base of the antennae. 5. **Fronto-orbital**: one or more on each side of the front near the orbit, behind 4, and immediately below 1. 6. **Facial**: a series above 7, on either side of the face external to the antennae. 7. **Vibrisse**: stout, placed close to the sides of the epistoma. 8. **Post-orbital**: a row nearly parallel with the posterior margin of the eye.

**B. THORACIC BRISTLES.**

1. **Humeral**: one or more on the humeral callus. 2. **Posthumeral**: near the inner edge of the humeral callus. 3. **Notopleural**: one pair between the humeral callus and the base of the wing. 4. **Presutural**: one or more immediately in front of the transverse suture on either side. 5. **Supra-alar**: between 3 and 7, above the root of the wing. 6. **Intra-alar**: several between 5 and 8. 7. **Post-alar**: behind 5, on post-alar cells. 8. **Dorso-central**: a row on either side of 9, on the inner part of the mesonotum. 9. **Acrostichal**: a row along each side of the median line. 10. **Scutellar**: along the margin of the scutellum.

**C. LATERAL THORACIC BRISTLES.**


**D. ABDOMINAL BRISTLES.**

1. **Marginal**: inserted dorsally on the margins of the segments (Tachinidae). 2. **Discal**: one or more pairs near the middle of the segments. 3. **Lateral**: one or more near the lateral margins of the segments.

The **Legs** do not call for any detailed mention and, except in a few abnormal forms, the tarsi are 5-jointed. In many Acalypterae a differentiated bristle is present on the outer border of the tibie, a short distance below the apex, and quite distinct from the tibial spurs. It is known as the **preapical bristle** and considerable importance has been ascribed to it for classificatory purposes. For the same reason the pads of the feet are noteworthy: thus, pulvilli may be wanting or vestigial in many Orthorrhapha, or may be replaced by a single pad-like empodium (Scatopsinae). In the Stratiomyidae, Tabanidae, etc., both the pulvilli and the empodium are pad-like, while among the Asilidae the latter structure is stiff and bristle-like. Two pad-like pulvilli are the rule among Cyclorrhapha.

**Wings** are usually present but are wanting or vestigial in a certain number of forms. Apterous or sub-apterous species are principally found in maritime and insular genera (Clunioninae, Ephydridae, etc.), parasites (Pupipara), and among species inhabiting ant’s and termite’s nests (Phoridae, Termitomastus). Occasional apterous species, not associated with the above modes of life, occur in various families, notably Chionea, Epidapus (female) and certain Borboridae.

The venation of the more generalized members of the order shows a tolerably close approximation to the hypothetical primitive type, the chief differences being the atrophy of Cu₄ and the vestigial condition of 2A and 3A. Neither accessory nor intercalary veins are developed, and only the chief cross-veins are present. A very primitive dipterous wing is seen in the Tipulid **Protoplasa** which exhibits all four branches of Rs and M, while there is no tendency towards the apical coalescence of adjacent veins. It has been pointed out by Comstock that in all Nematocera, in which Rs is 3-branched, R₄ and R₅ remain distinct: while in those Brachycera that have Rs 3-branched (Fig. 567) R₃ and R₅ are separate. Among certain other of the Brachycera Rs is 2-branched only, and this condition obtains among the Cyclorrhapha. According to Tillyard Cu₁ of Comstock is in reality M₄, while its basal section is Comstock’s m-cu cross-vein. The lettering of the venational figures is in accordance with this interpretation.

On the posterior margin of the wing, near the base, there is frequently
a free lobe or *alula*, and on the inner side of the latter there are often one or two additional lobes or *squamæ* (erroneously termed tegulae). When two squamae are present, the one nearest the alula is known as the *antisquama* (antitegula), the squama being the lobe nearest the thorax (Fig. 565). In the Calypterre the squama is large, usually covering the haltere, and is often referred to as the *calyptron* (or calypter). All three lobes are well seen in *Musca* and *Calliphora*.

With the exception of a few degenerate apterous forms (ex. *Melophagus*, *Braula*, etc.), *halteres* (balancers) are universally present among Diptera. They develop from the dorsal metathoracic wing-buds, and are consequently the highly modified counterparts of the posterior wings. Further proof of their alary origin is also afforded by certain mutations described by Morgan in *Drosophila* in one of which the halteres are replaced by hind-wings with clearly recognizable *venation* (Fig. 566). Each haltere consists of a dilated basal portion or *scabellum*, which supports a delicate *pedicel* or stalk, surmounted by a knob-like extremity or *capitellum*. The scabellum articulates freely with the metathorax, and is moved by four muscles arising from its proximal border (Lowne): the halteres are, therefore, freely movable and are capable of vibration. It is in the scabellum that the principal sensory structures of the haltere are located. These consist in *Calliphora* of three groups of minute so-called chordotonal organs invested by a thin integument, and three highly sculptured elevations of the cuticle containing larger and more complex structures—the two *scapal organs* (scalae of Lowne).
and the **basal organ** (cupola of Lowne). Both scapal and basal organs exhibit thin transparent areas, each of which overlies a minute vesicle enclosing a central refractive spot. The cavity of the haltere contains blood and a fine tracheal branch. The nerve supplying this appendage is the largest in the thorax. Binet (1894) has demonstrated that the majority of its fibres arise from the brain, and traverse the thoracic ganglia on their course to the metathoracic centre; from there they pass onwards to the scabellum, and are distributed to the several sense organs (vide Lowne, 1890, and Weinland, 1890). Very diverse views have been held with regard to the function of the halteres (Jousset de Bellesme, 1878). They are usually regarded as static organs receiving sensations enabling the insect to co-ordinate its movements during flight: it is likely also that they are capable of appreciating sound vibrations. Experiments conducted with certain species show that, if the capitellum and part of the pedicel of a haltere be amputated, flight becomes clumsy and difficult: if both halteres be treated alike the power of flight is almost entirely lost, and insects so mutilated can only fly a few centimetres, and usually fall vertically when thrown into the air.

In the **Abdomen** the first segment is usually atrophied and the second much reduced. Of the segments that follow the 3rd-11th are present in *Tipula*, but among the Cyclorrhapha the number is difficult to ascertain, and rarely more than 4 or 5 are evident without dissection. In *Dacus* Miyake (1919) finds 11 segments present in both sexes, the 1st segment being represented by its reduced sternum. In the female *Musca* the visible segments are the 3rd to the 6th, while the 7th to 10th segments form the retractile ovipositor. The latter organ is formed in this manner in the majority of Diptera, but in the Tipulidae a valvular ovipositor is present (Snodgrass, 1897). In the male certain of the apical segments are curved beneath the body forming what is termed the hypopygium. The genitalia are extremely varied in that sex and, although detailed studies have been made of these parts in various families, no comprehensive account applicable to the order as a whole is available. The principal clasping organs are borne on the 9th sternum, but a confusing terminology exists with reference to these structures and their associated parts (vide Edwards, *Ann. Trop. Med. and Parasitol.* 1920).

**Internal Anatomy**

The **Alimentary Canal** is generally but little convoluted among Nematocera, but is more coiled among Brachycera. In the Athericera it exhibits greater complexity, its length being much increased mainly owing to the greater extension of the mid-intestine (Fig. 98).

The **buccal cavity** and **pharynx**, or the latter alone, form the sucking apparatus by means of which the food is drawn up through the proboscis and passed into the oesophagus. The original circular lumen in these parts becomes modified, and the chitinous lining is developed as two or three hardened plates. The latter afford a basis for the attachment of dilator muscles, and are capable of being drawn apart by their contractions. In this manner the lumen is increased, and the food sucked up through the siphon formed by the mouth parts. In *Tabanus* both buccal and pharyngeal pumps are present, but in *Bombylius* the pharynx alone performs the succorial function. Similarly in *Eristalis, Musca* and other Cyclorrhapha, the chief pumping agents are the dilator pharyngeal muscles, the buccal cavity
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only functioning as a conducting chamber. In Culicidæ the buccal cavity is provided with dilator muscles but the principal pumping apparatus, or pharynx, differs from that of other Diptera in being situated behind the brain. The blood is first pumped into the buccal cavity and from thence it passes into the pharynx, a valve situated between these two regions precluding a return flow.

The _cesophagus_ passes through the neck into the thorax where it divides. One branch enters the proventriculus and the other is continued backwards as the slender duct of the food reservoir. The _proventriculus_ is the homologue of the gizzard and has a well marked musculature: it never contains denticles and a valve is usually present. The proventriculus is wanting in _Phlebotomus, Simulium_ and _Culicoides_, is elongate and tubular in _Tabanus_ and in _Cyclorrhapha_ it is much reduced and disc-like, mainly consisting of its valvular portion. The _food-reservoir_ (or crop) is the most characteristic feature of the digestive canal. It is situated in the anterior region of the abdomen and is, morphologically, a diverticulum of the cesophagus. Although present in most families it is wanting in certain Asilidæ, _Estridæ_ and in _Hippobosca_ and _Melophagus_. In _Musca_ it is a bilobed sac with very thin walls composed of a single layer of small flattened cells, external to which is a network of muscle fibres; internally it is lined by a delicate cuticle. The usual position of the food reservoir and its duct is ventral, but in _Tabanus_ these parts are dorsal. In the Culicidæ, instead of a single sac, three cesophageal diverticula are present, of which two are dorso-lateral, while a third and larger sac is ventral. The function of the food reservoir is that of a storage chamber into which the nutriment is passed as it is sucked up: its contents then become gradually emptied into the mid-gut. The time the food remains in the reservoir varies greatly: thus in _Musca_ it may not be emptied for several days, while in _Tabanus_ it is usually empty and possibly its contents are quickly regurgitated into the mid-gut (Patton and Cragg). As a rule, after a meal the reservoir is distended with food, as has been demonstrated by allowing flies to feed upon a coloured liquid.

The _mid-intestine_ in Nematocera is a pyriform or fusiform sac: in the Culicidæ its anterior region, or cardia, is elongate and tubular, and leads into a dilated chamber or stomach. Among Cyclorrhapha the mid-gut is no longer dilated but is tubular throughout, and thrown into numerous convolutions. It is divisible into an anterior region—the _ventriculus_ or _chyle stomach_, followed by a narrower and much longer _proximal intestine_. The _Malpighian tubes_ are generally four in number: in most Cyclorrhapha they arise in pairs from a common duct on either side. _Psychoda_ and the Culicidæ are exceptional in possessing five Malpighian tubes: in _Culicoides_ there are only two (Bugnion).

The _hind-intestine_ is divisible into the _distal intestine_ and _rectum_. The former, in many Diptera, is naturally separable into a narrow coiled _ileum_ and a wider region or _colon_. The rectum is a pyriform or rounded chamber provided with a variable number of papillæ which may be either two (Chironomus), four (_Musca, Calliphora_, etc.), or six (_Anopheles_ and _Tabanus_).

The _Salivary Glands_ are usually elongate and tubular but exhibit great variation in length. In the Culicidæ they are situated in the thorax and each gland is trilobed: a layer of secretory cells surrounds the cavity of each lobe, and the smaller central lobe (formerly known as the poison gland) differs somewhat in histological features. The common salivary duct passes to the base of the hypopharynx, where it expels the secretion down the salivary groove to the apex of that organ. In the Tabanidæ the
glands extend into the anterior part of the abdomen, while in *Musca* they are considerably longer than the total length of the body.

**Labial Glands** are frequently present on the proboscis at the bases of the labella. In *Musca* they are spherical aggregations of gland cells. According to Hewitt (1914) the ducts are intra-cellular, each arising from a vacuole. They pass outwards from the gland to form a number of larger ducts which unite and open into the oral pit by means of a pair of median pores. The secretion of the labial glands serves to moisten the surface of the labella.

The **Nervous System** (Brandt, 1879, Kunckel d'Herculais, 1879) presents many modifications, almost every transition being found between the Nematocera, with 3 thoracic and 7 abdominal ganglia, and the Calyp­teræ in which all of the ganglia of the ventral chain are fused into a single thoracic mass (Fig. 57). There is, furthermore, a marked relation between the degree of concentration of the nervous system and specialization in other directions. A graduated series illustrating the progressive concentration of the nervous system may be exemplified as follows.

1. Two or three thoracic centres and always six abdominal centres: 1st abdominal ganglion united with the metathoracic and the 7th and 8th abdominal ganglia fused (most Nematocera also Asilidae, Empidæ, Bombylidae and Xylophagæ). 2. Three thoracic and five abdominal centres (Scenopinidæ). 3. Two thoracic and four abdominal centres (Therevidæ). 4. Two thoracic and no abdominal centres (Dolichopodidæ). 5. One thoracic and five abdominal centres (Tabanidæ, Stratiomyidæ). 6. One thoracic and two abdominal centres (Syrphidæ). 7. One thoracic and one abdominal centre (Conopidæ and most Acalyp­teræ). 8. A single thoracic centre (Calypterae and Pupipara).

In the Nematocera, and also the Leptidæ and Asilidae, the nervous system of the imagines exhibits only a slightly greater concentration than in their larvæ. Stratiomyidæ, Syrphidæ, Conopidæ and certain Acalyp­teræ exhibit decentralization in the imago compared with the larva. In the Calyptera and Pupipara the concentration of the larval nervous system is persistent in the imago. In *Musca* and other Calyptera the nervous system exhibits the highest stage of concentration. The brain and infracesophageal ganglion are closely united to form a compact mass perforated by a foramen for the cesophagus. The thoracic and abdominal ganglia are intimately fused to form a common ganglionic mass situated in the thorax. Posteriorly, the nervous system is prolonged as a median abdominal nerve giving off lateral segmental nerves, two pairs in the thorax, and the remainder in the abdomen (Fig. 57D).

In the **Female Reproductive System** there is a variable number of polytrophic ovarioles (Fig. 568). The latter are fewest in number in larviparous species: thus in *Glossina*, *Musca bezzi* and *Termitoxenia*, a single ovariole is present on each side, while in *Melophagus* and *Hippobosca* there are two. The majority of Diptera, however, are oviparous and the ovarioles are much more numerous, their number varying from about 5 to over 100. In *Chironomus* the morphology of the ovaries is peculiar: each consists of a central axis radiating out from which is a large number of short ovarioles, the whole being enclosed in a delicate membrane (Miall and Hammond).

Spermathecae are universally present: they are usually conspicuous dark brown or black globular sacs, lined with chitin. There may be a single spermatheca present (*Anopheles, Simulium*), or two (*Mansonia, Phlebotomus, Dacus*), or three (*Culex, Stegomyia*, the Tabanids and most
Calypteræ). A pair of tubular accessory glands is usually present opening into the dorsal region of the vagina. Small and unpaired in Anopheles, they are large in Tabanids, elongate and filiform in Musca, Hypoderma, and most other Calyptereæ. Their normal function apparently is to secrete a viscid substance which enables the eggs to adhere to one another or to the substratum upon which they are laid. In Glossina and the Pupipara they secrete a milky fluid which serves to nourish the intra-uterine larva.

Viviparity is not infrequent among Calyptereæ and is of general occurrence in the Pupipara: among Orthorrhapha it is exceedingly rare but occurs in Chironomus stercorarius. Viviparous Diptera may be divided into two main groups as follows (Keilin 1916):

GROUP I.—Species whose larvae hatch from the eggs in the uterus of the parent but exhibit no special adaptations to an intra-uterine life. Included in this group are numerous Tachinidae which produce a large number of minute eggs and the larvae emerge within the uterus which is greatly elongated for their reception. In some species the larvae hatch outside the parent, immediately after the eggs have been laid. Larviparity is characteristic of the Sarcophagidae, but in this family the eggs are larger and fewer: usually 40 to 80 are produced at a time and the larvae are deposited in their first instar. In a number of other species (Theria muscaria, Mesembrina meridiana, Hylemyia strigosa, Musca larvipara, Dasyphora pratorum, etc.) a single very large egg is produced at a time and the parental uterus is enlarged to form an incubatory pouch. In these instances the larva is retained for a variable time within the parent before deposition and the extreme condition is afforded by Dasyphora pratorum in which it has attained its 3rd instar at the time of extrusion.

GROUP II includes Glossina and the Pupipara. The larva lies in the uterus of the parent and is nourished by the product of special nutritive glands. The secretion is discharged at the apex of a papilla and absorbed directly through the mouth of the larva. The following special adaptations to an intra-uterine life are exhibited. The buccal apparatus is reduced to a single basal sclerite: the mid-gut is a closed sac.
which does not communicate with the hind intestine and, moreover, is greatly elongated to form a food reservoir; there are no salivary glands. The hind intestine is greatly shortened and forms a receptacle for the accumulation of waste products excreted by the Malpighian tubes. The larvae when deposited are mature and shortly afterwards pupate.

In the **Male Reproductive System** (Keuchenius, 1913) the testes are, as a rule, ovoid or pyriform and frequently pigmented. The vasa deferentia are generally short and become confluent distally to form a common ejaculatory duct. In association with the latter, in many Diptera, is a muscular **ejaculatory sac** probably concerned with regulating the discharge of the seminal fluid. Paired accessory glands are often present.

In *Chironomus*, *Phlebotomus* and *Tabanus* the first portion of the common genital canal is enlarged and functions as a **vesicula seminalis** from which a narrow ejaculatory duct leads to theedeagus; in these genera accessory glands are wanting. In *Culex* each vas deferens enlarges distally to form a vesicula seminalis, and two pyriform accessory glands open into a very short ejaculatory duct. In *Musca* there are no accessory glands and the ejaculatory duct is a long winding canal: *Calliphora* (Fig. 148) resembles *Musca* but differs in the presence of accessory glands. In *Dacus* the latter consist of about 16 blind tubuli (Miyake, 1919), while in *Hypodermia* there is a small unpaired globular gland. In the Pupipara the genital organs attain their greatest complexity, and the testes are in the form of compactly coiled tubuli resembling balls of thread. The reproductive organs of *Glossina* resemble those of the Pupipara rather than the Muscidae, the testes being similar densely coiled tubes. The ejaculatory sac is an organ of variable structure: in *Musca* it contains a chitinous, phylliform ejaculatory apodeme which aids in propelling the seminal fluid along the genital canal during copulation (Hewitt). In *Dacus* the ejaculatory sac is very large, while in *Phlebotomus* its place appears to be taken by an organ termed by Grassi the “pompetta”—a piston-like chamber provided with a movable rod: since the opening of the ductus ejaculatorius is near the lower end of this chamber, the latter is believed to regulate the seminal flow after the manner of a pump.

The **Heart** has been very little investigated: in *Musca* (Hewitt) and *Calliphora* (Lowne) it is divided into four large chambers, corresponding to the visible abdominal segments, and a small anterior chamber: each chamber in *Musca* has a pair of dorso-lateral ostia at its posterior end. Anteriorly the heart is prolonged as a tube of narrow calibre.

The most important feature of the **Tracheal System** is the great development of air-sacs, particularly among Cyclorrhapha. In *Musca* and *Volucella* the air-sacs occupy more space than any other organs, and the haemocoele is consequently much reduced. The largest and most prominent of the air-sacs are the abdominal: numerous sacs are also present in the thorax and head (Hewitt, 1914; Kunckel d’Herculais, 1879).

**Literature.** General works on the anatomy of adult Diptera are extremely few: a good deal of information will be found in the writings of Dufour (1851) and the text-book of Patton and Cragg (1913). For the detailed structure of individual types vide Miall and Hammond (1900) for *Chironomus*; Nuttall and Shipley (1901-03) for *Anopheles*; Kunckel d’Herculais (1879) for *Volucella*; Hewitt (1914) for *Musca*; Lowne (1890) for *Calliphora*; Tulloch (1906) for *Stomoxys*; Cragg (1912) for *Hæmatopola*; and Roubaud (1909) for *Glossina*. 

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No other order of insects presents so great a diversity of larval habits as the Diptera. Four families only have the great majority of their species phytophagous in the larval state, i.e. Cecidomyidae, Trypaneidae, Agromyzidae and Oscinidae, while the Mycetophilidae and Platypezidae are fungivorous. Excluding the Tachinidae and Cestridae, the saprophagous habit is largely in evidence among the Calyptratae. Other notable scavengers are the Bibionidae, Sepsidae, Florididae, Helomyzidae and Cordyluridae. True parasitism, either internal or external, obtains in the Tachinidae, Sarcophagidae, Cestridae, Pipunculidae, Conopidae, Bombyliidae, Cyrtidae and Nemestrinidae. Next to the parasitic Hymenoptera, the Diptera constitute the most important natural controlling agency over the increase of other insects. The predaceous habit occurs in many families, particularly among the Brachycera, and in numerous members of the Syrphidae, Muscidae, and Anthomyidae. With the exception of many Scimiomyzidae and Ephrydidae, the truly aquatic larvae belong to the Orthorrhapha and more particularly to the Nematocerous families.

In their larval instars many Diptera affect the operations of man or his person. The four phytophagous families enumerated above include some of the most serious pests the agriculturist and fruit grower have to contend with. The larvae of the pear and wheat midges, of the Mediterranean fruit fly, the frit and gout flies are cases in point. Among the Anthomyidae, the larvae of the cabbage root fly and onion fly bring about great losses to growers of those vegetables.

The science of parasitology is concerned with many dipterous larvae which directly affect the bodies of man and domestic animals. Under the term myiasis are included all affections produced by dipterous larvae among vertebrates, and more particularly mammals. The species concerned are either parasitic or saprophagous, and it is frequently possible to distinguish between primary myiasis, which is induced by true parasites, and secondary myiasis which is brought about by saprophagous larvae. The latter only follows on diseased conditions, wounds, and usually where there is microbic infection.

From the clinical standpoint myiasis in man may be grouped as follows:

1. Cutaneous myiasis: the larvae primarily concerned are those of Dermatobia, Cordylobia and Bengalia. Species of Hypoderma and Gasterophilus also occasionally induce myiasis. 2. Myiasis of the cranial cavities (orbital, nasal, and auditory): caused by larvae of Æstrus, Rhinostomus, Gasterophilus and Dermatobia. When of a secondary nature it is commonly due to larvae of Sarcophaga, Musca, or Chrysomyia: auditory myiasis appears to be always of a secondary nature and follows some purulent affection of the ear. 3. Myiasis of the digestive canal: larvae of at least 18 genera have occurred in the alimentary tract, but probably many pass through without causing recognizable symptoms.

In almost all cases of human myiasis the occurrence of dipterous larvae is occasional, and their presence is a departure from their normal host or mode of life.

Dipterous larvae (Fig. 558) are devoid of true legs, locomotion often either taking place by means of pseudopods, or by the aid of groups of shagreen-like spinules, frequently located on swellings of the body-wall. The greatest number of undoubted segments present is twelve, e.g. three thoracic and nine abdominal. Departures from this generalized condition are not infrequent: thus in some larvae the number is less than twelve, atrophy or
fusioa of one or more of the somites having taken place. In larvæ possessing more than twelve apparent segments (Rhyphidæ and Therevidæ) two explanations have been offered. Either certain segments have undergone secondary division, or the intersegments have become greatly enlarged so as to assume the appearance of true segments. Keilin (1915) has shown that six groups of sensory organs are present in all Dipterous larvæ, and are in direct relation with the imaginal leg-buds, thus occupying the positions of the ancestral thoracic limbs.

The number of families in which a well developed head is present is small; it is fully formed in the Culicidæ, which are described as being “eucephalous,” as well as in most other Nematocerous larvæ (except Cecidomyidæ and Tipulidæ). At the opposite extreme, is the so-called “ac cephalous” condition present in the Cyclorrhapha, where the head is vestigial (Fig. 558). Many dipterous larvæ (e.g. Brachycera) are in a “hemi cephalous” or intermediate condition, a reduced head or “jaw-cap sule” being present. This type of head is incomplete posteriorly and can be withdrawn into the thorax. A similar condition is found in the Tipulidæ, the skin of the neck being attached to the middle region of the head with the result that the latter is incomplete posteriorly, and permanently imbedded within the body.

The antennæ are variously formed, very rarely prominent, and are composed of 1 to 6 joints. They are best developed in active larvæ which need to seek out their food (Nematocera). In the Mycetophilidæ, many Brachycera and most Cyclorrhapha they are reduced to the condition of small papillæ.

The mouth-parts are variable in character among Orthorrhapha and are exhibited in their least modified condition in certain families of Nematocera. Thus, in Bibio (Fig. 569) there is a definite labrum, mandibles are well developed and move in the horizontal plane and the maxillæ are represented by a single lobe or mala and an evident palpus on either side. The labium is in the form of a median plate with a strongly chitinized hypopharynx lying above it on the pharyngeal aspect: labial palpi are wanting. Among the Brachycera the same parts, although variously modified, are more or less evident but the mandibles, on the other hand, work in the vertical plane. In the Cyclorrhapha the typical mouth-parts have undergone atrophy in correlation with the reduction of the head: the maxillæ and labium are scarcely recognizable other than by the papillæ representing their palpi. In this group of Diptera there is a very characteristic framework of articulated sclerites, the whole being known as the cephalo pharyngeal skeleton (Fig. 570). This structure is a secondary development and is composed of the following principal sclerites. The most anterior are the mouth-hooks or mandibular sclerites which articulate basally with the hypostomal or intermediate sclerite. The latter is H-shaped, its halves being joined by a transverse bar; the hypostomal sclerite receives the opening of the salivary duct. Behind this sclerite is the much larger basal or pharyngeal sclerite. The latter is formed of two lateral, vertical lamellæ which unite ventrally forming a trough in which is lodged the pharynx.

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In many species a chitinous arc (denticulate sclerite) unites the bases of the mandibular sclerites: various other small accessory sclerites are frequently present, notably in carnivorous species.

Keilin has shown that in saprophagous larvae the floor of the pharyngeal sclerite is beset with longitudinal ridges which project into the cavity of the pharynx: larvae feeding on living animal or vegetable tissues are devoid of pharyngeal ridges or, if the latter be present (as in Pegomyia) they are reduced (Fig. 571). Furthermore, in phytophagous larvae the mandibular sclerites are usually toothed, and in carnivorous larvae they are sharply pointed: in the parasitic forms the buccal armature undergoes marked reduction.

The profound changes which have led to the reduction of the head and the atrophy of the normal biting mouthparts in the larvae of the Cyclorrhapha appear to be correlated with the two series of factors. Firstly, degeneration consequent upon a life passed in the immediate proximity of an abundance of food.

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**Fig. 570.** Cephalo-pharyngeal Skeleton of Larvae of 1, Musca domestica and 2, Melanogaster riparia.

A, antenna; AS, dentate sclerite; H, hypostomal sclerite; LP, labial palp; M, mandibular sclerites; MP, maxillary palp; OS, accessory oral sclerites; P, pharyngeal sclerite; S, salivary duct. Adapted from Keilin, Parasitology, 9, 1917.

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**Fig. 571.** Transverse Sections of the Pharynx of Dipterous Larvae. 1, Muscina assimilis (saprophagous). 2, Pegomyia nigritarsis (phytophagous). 3, Syrphus ribesii (carnivorous).

m, dilator muscles; p, cavity of pharynx; r, ridges; s, salivary duct. After Keilin, 1915.
and also a change in the manner of feeding. Secondly, to the backward shifting of the brain and the development of the imaginal head within the larval metathorax. For a general discussion of the head and its modifications among Dipterous larvae, and the structure of the mouth-parts, the student is referred to the writings of Holmgren (1904), Becker (1910), de Meijere (1916) and Keilin (1915).

Although Dipterous larvae are apodous in the true sense of the term, pseudopods are present in numerous genera. Thus in Chironomus, Orphnephila and Simulium a pair is present on the prothoracic and anal segments. In Dicranota five pairs are evident on segments 7 to 11: in Eristalis there are 7 pairs while in Atherix and Chironocera there are 8. Circlets of pseudopods are present in the abdominal region in Laphria and the Tabanidae.

The tracheal system presents features of great systematic value and the most prevalent type is the amphipneustic one (Fig. 572). The primitive or peri-pneustic condition is almost entirely confined to Nematocera: the maximum number of pairs of spiracles present is 10 (Bibio) while 9 pairs occur in Scatopsinae, Cecidomyiidae and a few others. Indications of a former peri-pneustic condition are seen in other forms in the presence of solid stigmatic cords leading from spiracular scars to adjacent tracheae. The larvae of Cyclorrhapha, when newly hatched, are meta-pneustic, becoming amphipneustic in the 2nd and 3rd instars. Among the Aschiza, the prothoracic spiracles in some genera are apparently non-functional, the tracheal system being physiologically metapneustic. The per-pneustic condition is extremely rare but is stated to obtain in Polylepta. Apneustic larvae are found in Chaoborus, in Chironomidae, and also in Ceroplatus and Atherix.

In peri- and amphi-pneustic larvae the 1st pair of spiracles is carried on the prothorax: in the former condition the 2nd pair is borne on the metathorax or 1st abdominal segment, never on the mesothorax. The segmental position of the posterior pair of spiracles is variable: it is frequently on the last segment whether it be the 11th, as in many Brachycera, or the 12th segment, as in Dicranota, Psychoptera, and numerous Cyclorrhapha. In the Culicidae and certain Brachycera the spiracles are situated on the penultimate segment, and in the Therevidae and Scenopinidae on the ante-penultimate segment. In certain metapneustic larvae (Culicidae, Dixa, Psychoda, some Tipulidae, etc.) the two main tracheal trunks give off a plexus of fine tracheal branches in the neighbourhood of the spiracles, and pass to the walls of the posterior region of the heart. These branches are very thin
walled, and it appears probable that the blood is brought into close contact with the oxygen contained therein, and in this way they function as a kind of lung (Imms, 1907).

Accessory respiratory organs in the form of gills are found among aquatic larvae. In certain Chironomids two pairs of blood gills are situated on the 11th segment, and a similar number of smaller blood gills are present around the anus. The caudal retractile processes of Pedicia, and other aquatic Tipulid larvae are probably of a similar nature. Tracheal gills are much more frequent than blood gills: they may be ventral as in the two pairs on the last segment of Dicranota, segmental as in Phalacrocora, caudal as in Culicidae, or rectal as in Simulium and Eristalis.

The alimentary canal in larvae of the Nematocera, and certain Brachycera, is a short tube but little convoluted. In most Cyclorrhapha (Guyenot, 1907) it is greatly lengthened and complexly coiled upon itself. The oesophagus is prolonged backwards into the mid-gut to form an oesophageal valve, or cardia, of varying complexity. In many Cyclorrhapha a food reservoir is present as in the adult. The usual number of Malpighian tubes is four, which may arise separately from the hind-gut, as in Tabanus and Stomoxys. In Musca and most other Cyclorrhapha they unite basally in pairs, each pair communicating with the hind-gut by means of a short duct. In the Culicidae, Psychoda, Ptychoptera, and the Blepharoceridae five Malpighian tubes are present.

Salivary glands are found in all dipterous larvae and generally take the form of hollow vesicles lined with a single layer of cells. Mandibular glands occur in Sciaridae and extend almost the whole length of the body (Keilin, 1913). Metamerically arranged hypodermal glands are found in Tipulid larvae (Fig. 135), and small peristigmatic glands are found in association with the spiracles of many dipterous larvae.

The heart consists of a series of eight chambers in Anopheles and other Nematocera. In species of Chironomus it is formed of a single enlarged chamber situated in the 11th segment and provided with two pairs of ostia. In Musca it comprises three chambers situated in the terminal segments, while in Dicranota no distinct chambers are evident (Miall). In all cases the heart is prolonged through the thorax as the aorta, which terminates in the head near the brain. A short distance behind the latter it is surrounded and supported by a collar of irregular cell-tissue—the cardiac ring ("anneau de soutien" of Pantel), which is generally present throughout the order.

The nervous system in Nematocerous larvae (Brandt, 1882; Brauer, 1883) consists of the usual supra- and infra-oesophageal ganglia and, as a rule, 3 thoracic and 8 abdominal ganglia. Among the Brachycera this generalized condition of 11 post-cephalic ganglia is present in the Leptidae, Asilidae, Therevidae, and Dolichopodidae. The Tabanidae are intermediate between these families and the Cyclorrhapha, reduction and concentration resulting in only 1 thoracic and 5 abdominal ganglia being present. In Stratiomyidae all the ganglia are fused into a single ovoid ganglionic mass and a similar condition is the rule throughout the Cyclorrhapha (Fig. 132). The position of the brain varies among Nematocera; although usually present in the head as in Culex, in Tipula and Ptychoptera it is situated partially in the head and prothorax, while in Dicranota, Psychoda and certain Chironomidae it lies wholly in the prothorax. In Calliphora and other Cyclorrhapha it is situated in the metathorax.

The Pupa.—Dipterous larvae, as a general rule, cast their skins three
times during growth, and pupation takes place by one of two methods. In the Orthorrhapha the skin is normally cast at the time of pupation but in the Stratemyiidae the exuviae persist and loosely enclose the pupa. In the Cyclorrhapha the pupa is coarctate; the larval skin hardens forming an outer shell or puparium which encloses the pupa within. The puparium is ovoid or barrel-shaped and quite immobile (Fig. 191). A pupal shelter is formed in several Nematocerous families and among the Brachycera a cocoon is present in certain Dolichopodidæ. Among Cyclorrhapha it is very rare but is found in a few genera of Anthomyiæ. In the Orthorrhapha prothoracic and 7 pairs of abdominal spiracles are usually evident; aquatic Nematocera, however, are propneustic. In the puparia of the Cyclorrhapha remains of the larval spiracles can be seen. In Musca communication with the air is maintained by means of a pair of pupal spiracles in the form of small spine-like projections between the 5th and 6th segments of the puparium (Hewitt). Similar, though more prominent, respiratory structures are prevalent in other Cyclorrhapha.

Literature on the Larval and Pupal Stages. The only general work on Dipterous larvae is that of Brauer (1883). A great deal of information dealing with the metamorphoses of Orthorrhapha is given by Malloch (1917), whose paper is accompanied by useful family keys. Verrall's work (1909) contains an account of the larvae of the Brachycera (by Sharp), while Perris' paper (1870), though old, contains a good deal of information concerning various species. Aquatic Dipterous larvae have been frequently studied, particularly by Meinert (1886), Miall (1895), Hart (1895), and Johannsen (1903–95). For the larvae of Cyclorrhapha the student is referred to Banks (1912) and the writings of Keilin (1915, 1917). Information on the internal anatomy of Dipterous larvae is extremely scattered: among the more important morphological papers are those of Brandt (1882), Becker (1910), Guyenot (1907), Holmgren (1904), Keilin (1915, 1917), De Meijere (1916) and Vaney (1902).

Classification of Diptera

In the generally accepted classification of Brauer, the Diptera are separated into two sub-orders on characters afforded by the metamorphosis, and more especially by the method of eclosion of the imago. In the Orthorrhapha the latter emerges from the pupa case by means of a dorsal T-shaped or longitudinal dehiscence. In the Cyclorrhapha the imago emerges by means of an annular dehiscence at the anterior end of the puparium, thus pushing off a kind of circular cap or lid. Later research has shown that there is much greater variation in this respect than Brauer anticipated, and there are certain ambiguities in the expressions “orthorrhaphous” and “cyclorrhaphous.” For instance, the term orthorrhaphous was originally used by Brauer with reference to the dehiscence of the larval skin at pupation. Subsequently he modified his views, and it is not clear whether the definition applies to the larval or pupal integument, or to both. Furthermore, in some Cyclorrhapha, the lines of dehiscence mark out a triangular ventral plate which can be turned back, as on a hinge, to allow of the escape of the imago. In Drosophila the hinged plate is dorsal in position, and in Calliphora the whole thorax becomes completely detached from the puparium. The only constant feature afforded by the imagines of the two sub-orders is the presence or absence of the frontal lunule and ptilinum, which is often a difficult matter to determine. For practical purposes the
student will do best to regard the Diptera as being divided into the four series Nematocera, Brachycera, Athericera and Pupipara and rely for their identification upon characters enumerated below.

Sub-order A. Orthorrhapha

Series 1. Nematocera. Larvae with a well-developed exserted head and horizontally biting mandibles; pupa free. Antennae of imago many jointed, longer than the head and thorax, the majority of the joints usually alike; arista wanting. Palpi usually 4 or 5-jointed, pendulous. Discal cell generally absent, cubital cell when present widely open.

Series 2. Brachycera. Larvae with an incomplete head, usually retractile, and with vertically biting mandibles; pupa free. Antennae of imago shorter than the thorax, very variable, generally 3-jointed with the last elongate; arista or style when present terminal. Palpi porrect, 1 or 2-jointed. Discal cell almost always present, cubital cell contracted before the wing margin or closed.

Sub-order B. Cyclorrhapha


Series 4. Pupipara. Head closely united with the thorax or folded back on the same. Usually flattened flies of a leathery or horny texture, adapted for an ectoparasitic life on warm-blooded vertebrates. Wings well developed, vestigial or wanting. Reproduction larviparous, pupa coarctate.

Literature.—The only general text-book on Diptera is that of Williston (1908), and Wingate’s analytical tables (1906) constitute the only comprehensive paper on British species. References to the more important literature on the latter are given by Grimshaw (1917). The more advanced student will find the work of Schiner (1862–64) and Kertesz’ catalogue of the palaeartic species (1903–05) indispensable. The latter author has also issued a catalogue of the Diptera of the world (1902) but it has not been completed; the work of Aldrich (1905) contains a useful bibliography of the order. Brunetti’s volume (1912) will serve as an introduction to the Nematocera; for the Brachycera Verrall’s standard work (1909) is the best introduction and includes most of the British families, while Lundbeck’s treatise on the Danish forms is also of great value to the English student. Among Athericera, for the British Aschiza see Verrall (1907); for the Calypterae, the series of papers by Brauer (1897–99), and Brauer and Bergenstamm (1899–05) are important, also those of Girschner (1893), Stein (1916), Seguy (1923), and Townsend (1908, etc.). There is no general treatise dealing with Acalypterae.

Series I. Nematocera

A certain number of members of this section exhibit exceptional morphological characters. Thus, among the Culicidæ the palpi are stiff and projecting, not pendulous as in other families. When the antennæ are short, and apparently only annulated (Simuliidæ and Bibionidæ), the widened cubital cell and pendulous palpi indicate their affinities with this sub-order. When the palpi are 1 or 2-jointed (certain Cecidomyidæ) the antennal and venational characters remove all doubts.

The following key will serve for the identification of the families:—
NEMATOCERA

1 (4).—Discl cell (1st M₃) present.¹

2 (3).—Thorax with V-shaped suture on mesonotum.

3 (2).—V-shaped suture absent.

4 (1).—Discl cell absent.

5 (6).—Small moth-like flies, body and wings clothed with coarse hairs.

6 (5).—Not as above.

7 (10).—Wings with network of vein-like creases.

8 (9).—Mouth-parts and true venation absent.

9 (8).—Mouth-parts and true venation present.

10 (7).—Wings without such network.

11 (12).—Scales present on the wings: usually with slender piercing proboscis.

12 (11).—Not as above.

13 (18).—Antennae shorter than thorax.

14 (15).—Antennae apparently 2-jointed with a terminal style: anterior wing-veins not markedly thickened.

15 (14).—Antennae many-jointed, with no terminal style: anterior wing-veins more strongly developed than posterior.

16 (17).—Ocelli large: mandibles wanting.

17 (16).—Ocelli absent: mandibles present.

18 (13).—Antennae longer than thorax.

19 (20).—Antennae terminating in a filamentous prolongation: wing with 10 veins extending to margin.

20 (19).—Antennae without such prolongation: wing with fewer than 10 veins extending to margin.

21 (22).—Wing-veins very few: anal vein absent.

22 (21).—Wing-veins not greatly reduced: anal vein, or vestige, present.

23 (24).—Tibiae without spurs: coxae not elongate: ocelli absent.

24 (23).—Tibiae spurred: coxae elongate: ocelli present.

¹ Except in Mycetobia.

FAM. TIPULIDÆ (Daddy-long-legs or Crane Flies).—ANTENNÆ LONG, 6- TO MANY-JOINTED, OCELLI WANTING. LEGS ALWAYS LONG AND FRAGILE, MESONOTUM USUALLY WITH V-SHAPED TRANSVERSE SUTURE, DISCL CELL PRESENT. OVIPOSITOR VALVULAR, HORNY. LARVAE METAPNEUSTIC, ANAL EXTREMITY WITH FLESHY RETRACTILE PROCESSES.

The Tipulidæ include some of the largest species of Nematocera. The number of antennal joints is extremely variable and they are occasionally pectinate or serrate in the male, but not plumose. The front of the head is prolonged forwards to a greater or lesser degree, and in a few genera an elongate proboscis is present: except in Mycetobia.

The larva are usually hemicephalous, the head being deeply imbedded in the prothorax and incomplete posteriorly: in Ptychoptera and Trichocera it is exerted and eucephalous as in most other Nematocera. The antennæ are well developed, the labium is large and toothed anteriorly, and there is usually a large and heavily chitinous hypopharynx. The body is elongate-cylindrical, either with or without pseudopods, 11 or 12-segmented, and usually ashy grey or brownish in colour. Frequently the first 6 abdominal segments are subdivided and, as a rule, the anal segment is truncated, and bears the spiracles. Around the latter is a series of fleshy retractile
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processes; in aquatic species these processes are often fringed with hairs and protrusive blood-gills are present. In the terrestrial forms the hair fringes and gills are usually greatly reduced. The pupae are very elongate, and the thoracic respiratory horns are either slender or plate-like.

The larva of Tipula may be taken as representative of the family, and live among grass, roots, etc., decaying vegetation, or are aquatic (vide Brown 1910, del Guercio 1913). The larva of Dicranota lives in the beds of ponds and streams where it preys upon the worm Tubifex. It is characterized by paired retractile pseudopods on segments 6-10, and on the 12th segment there are 3 pairs of outgrowths of the nature of gills (Miall, 1893). The larva of Clemaphora and its anatomy has been studied by Anthon (Journ. Morph., 1908) and that of Holorustia by Kellogg (1901): descriptions of the larve and pupae of many other genera are given by Malloch (1917) and Alexander (1920).

The larva of Phlebotomus sp., Female, Sudan. X 12.

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...families and the pupa is attached to the food-plant by means of the partially cast exuviae. Among the Limnobiæ the most interesting larva is that of Trichocera (vide Keelin, 1912) which is amphipneustic, and lives in fungi and decaying vegetation: its affinities are nearer to the Rhyphidæ than the present family.

FAM. PSYCHODIDÆ (Moth-flies, Sand-flies).—MINUTE MOTH-LIKE FLIES, THE LEGS, BODY AND WINGS CLOTHED WITH LONG COARSE HAIRS, OFTEN ADMIXED WITH SCALES. NO OCELLI; WINGS WITH MANY LONGITUDINAL VEINS AND NO OBVIOUS CROSS-VEINS. Larvae usually aquatic or saprophagous, of variable structure, generally amphipneustic.

These fragile insects are to be found in close proximity to the larval habitat and are commonly met with in dark or shaded damp situations; some are frequent on windows and are often attracted to a light at night. Females of the genus Phlebotomus (Fig. 573) feed by sucking the blood of vertebrates and in some species the male has this habit also. In addition to man, reptiles are used as hosts; and in the case of P. minutus lizards and geckos are probably the principal animals preyed upon. The well known “Pappataci” or “three-day” fever was proved in 1908 by Doerr, in Herzegovina, to be carried by P. papatasi; possibly other species of the genus also function as carriers. The disease is prevalent in S. Europe, N. Africa, and apparently varieties of the same occur in India. Townsend has brought forward evidence indicating that the disease known as Verruga in Peru is transmitted by another species of Phlebotomus. The eggs in this genus are elongate and dark brown; the larvae have mostly been found in damp, dark places such as crevices in rocks and stone walls, in drains, unclean cellars, moist earth, etc. Their minute size, however, renders them extremely difficult to discover and further information is greatly needed with reference to their habitat. When fully grown the larva is about 2 mm. long, and provided with elongate caudal bristles which may be almost as long as the body. Decaying vege-
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Table matter appears to be their chief food. The pupa is found in similar situations and usually carries the larval exuviae at its anal extremity. For further information on this genus reference should be made to papers by Grassi (1907), Newstead (1911) and Larrousse (1920).

The Psychodidae have very doubtfully been accused of the blood-sucking habit which, at any rate, is extremely rare in this sub-family. Their larvae possess a well-developed head and 12 trunk segments, the first and last carrying a pair of spiracles (vide Dell, 1905, Malloch, 1917, and Miall and Walker, 1895). The last segment is drawn out and provided with 4 fleshy outgrowths clothed with elongate hairs. By this means it forms a kind of siphon surrounding the posterior spiracles, and is protruded to the surface of the water. The thoracic and 1st abdominal segments are transversely divided, the remaining abdominal segments being triannulate. Dorsally, the larva carries a series of strongly chitinized plates bearing sensory hairs. These plates are present on each segment (Pericoma) or only on the posterior segments (Psychoda). The larvae are aquatic, or live in fluid organic matter of various kinds, including sewage filter-beds. Those of Ulymovia and Maruina live in cascades. In the latter genus they are provided with ventral sucker discs as in Blepharocerid larvae, and moreover are metapneustic (Müller, 1895). The larvae of Trichomyia lives in decaying wood (Keilin, 1914). It is narrowly cylindrical, smooth, and devoid of dorsal plates and setae; the segments are undivided, and the tracheal system is amphipneustic with no respiratory siphon. In the remarkable genus Termotomastus Silv., found in the nests of neotropical termites, the wings are reduced to strap-like rudiments: two other termitophilous genera, Termidipiteron Holmg. and Termidelphos Holmg., occur in the nests of Eutermes in Peru.

FAM. DIXIDÆ.—Insects almost devoid of hairs and scales, antennæ elongate, about 13-jointed, filiform apically. Venation as in Culicidæ; proboscis somewhat projecting, not adapted for piercing: ocelli absent. Larvae metapneustic and aquatic, usually assuming a U-shaped attitude.

A very small family comprising the genus Dixa which is largely holartic and includes about two dozen species. These insects have been variously included in the Culicidae and Tipulidae. They are readily separable from most of the latter by the absence of the discal cell and the V-shaped thoracic suture: the filiform non-plumose antennae are totally different from those organs in the Culicidae, and find their parallel in Trichocera. They closely resemble the Culicidae, however, in their venation but differ therefrom in the absence of scales from the wings. The larva of Dixa frequents shady, weedy pools or streams and might be mistaken for that of Anopheles. It is eucaphalous with 12 trunk segments, the 4th and 5th each bearing a pair of ventral pseudopods armed with curved spinules: segments 5–10 in certain species carry a dorsal shield fringed by setae. The pupa closely resembles that of the Culicidae. For the British species vide Edwards (Ent. Month. Mag., 1920).

FAM. CULICIDÆ (Gnats or mosquitoes).—Very slender flies, generally with an elongate piercing proboscis and no ocelli: the palpi stiff and not pendentulous. Legs long, antennæ densely plumose in the males, filose in the females. Wings fringed with scales along the posterior margin and the veins. Larvae and Pupæ aquatic and very active: the former metapneustic, with an enlarged thoracic mass.

The remarkable discoveries in their life-histories, and the part played by the adults as disease carriers, has given an enormous stimulus to the study of mosquitoes. More than 1,500 species have been described and at least 25 species occur in Britain. Culicidae are almost world-wide in distribution, but the tropics are much richer in genera and species than northern latitudes. In arctic regions they are extremely abundant during the short summer, though few in species. In these parts they often occur far from the haunts of man and frequently in regions uninhabited by quadrupeds. In Lapland their numbers even exceed those of most tropical regions. For a full account of the biology of the family the student is referred to the standard treatise by Howard, Dyar, and Knab (1912). For the anatomy of mosquitoes vide Nuttall and Slupkey (1901–03), and Christophers (1901). For the larval anatomy of Anopheles vide Imms (1907–08) and of Culex vide Raschke (1887). The mouth-parts of a mosquito have already been described (p. 596): in the Chaoborinae they are very short, concealed, and not adapted for piercing. Except in a few genera the whole body, legs and wings are in part, or entirely, clothed with scales.

The eggs are deposited on or near the surface of the water, and the number laid by a single individual varies from 40–100 (Anopheles maculipennis) up to 300 or more (Culex pipiens). They may occur singly, as in Anopheles or Stegomyia, or collectively to form a compact mass or egg-raft as in Culex (vide Miall, 1895) and other genera.
The eggs vary in shape in different genera: those of *Anopheles* are boat-shaped with a conspicuous float on either side; in *Culex* they are fusiform, in *Megarhinus* somewhat club-shaped, while those of *Stegomyia* are ovoid and surrounded by a series of small air chambers which aid in floating.

Mosquito larvae have a well developed mobile head: the eyes vary according to the age of the larva and, as a rule, both the primitive larval eyes and the developing compound organs of the imago are present. A pair of dense tufts of long hair, or feeding brushes, are present over the mouth on either side of the head. By means of the movement of these brushes a current is set in motion which wafts microscopic food-particles towards the mouth. The thoracic segments are fused to form a single broad rounded region. Nine abdominal segments are present, and the anal somite is surrounded at its apex by four tracheal gills. These organs are small in surface feeders such as *Anopheles*, but larger in *Stegomyia* which is a bottom feeder. The respiratory system is metapneustic, and opens on the dorsal surface of the 8th segment. The spiracles are placed either on a quadrilateral area raised slightly above the preceding segment (*Anopheline*), or more usually at the apex of a respiratory siphon. The larvae of *Chao­borus* (vide Akehurst, *Journ. Roy. Mic. Soc.* 1922) is a highly specialized type, being almost completely transparent and apneustic. It is provided with a pair of pigmented air-sacs in the thorax and a second pair in the 7th abdominal segment: these structures act as organs of flotation, respiration being cutaneous.

When at rest, and during feeding, the larvae of *Anophelines* float horizontally just beneath the surface-film with the palmate hairs and spiracular area in contact with the latter. In the Culicines the larvae bring the apex of the siphon in contact with the surface and hang head downwards, inclined at an angle with the surface film.

In their feeding habits, mosquito larvae may be phytophagous or carnivorous. As a rule they feed upon minute algae and other particles contained in the water. Certain forms, however, are carnivorous. These may be readily recognized either by the mouth-brushes being replaced by stout spines, which serve to seize the prey, or by the prehensile antennae (*Chao­borine*). The organisms most frequently preyed upon are other mosquito larvae.

As a rule, mosquito larvae are only able to exist in small numbers in permanent waters on account of the presence of predaceous organisms, such as fish and insect larvae. Their habitat is extremely varied, thus *Anopheles lutzi* breeds in the cups of epiphytic and pitcher plants. Those of *A. rossi* frequent sub-Himalayan hill streams; *A. chaudoyei* lives in the waters of Saharan oases containing 40 grms. of chlorides per litre and *A. stevensi* abounds in Bombay, living in the waters of wells and cisterns. The pupae are very active, and respire by means of a pair of breathing trumpets communicating with the anterior spiracles. They float at the top of the water with their trumpets attached to the surface film.

When at rest Anophelines can usually be distinguished from other mosquitoes by the fact that they settle with the proboscis and the long axis of the body in one straight line, while in the Culicines the abdomen is usually parallel with, or inclined
towards, the surface upon which the insect rests (Fig. 575). The length of the life-
cycle of mosquitoes is primarily dependent upon temperature: thus, that of S.
fasciata is normally 15–20 days, but may be as short as 11 days. The adult refuses

to feed below 23° C. and is quite inactive at 20° C.

Economically mosquitoes are of the utmost significance owing to their functioning

as the intermediary hosts of malaria, yellow fever, filariasis, dengue and other diseases.

Increased knowledge of these insects, and the diseases transmitted by them, has

rendered vast areas of tropical countries no longer a menace to the life of the European.

The experimental researches of Ross, on the malaria Plasmodium, have conclusively

proved that this parasite passes through two periods of multiplication during its life-
cycle: the first is one of asexual reproduction (schizogony) and occurs in the blood

of man. The second or sexual cycle (sporogony) takes place in the mosquito, and

commences with the entry of blood containing suitable forms of the parasite into the

stomach of the insect. After fertilization the oocyst bores into the gut-wall where

it becomes encysted. The cyst increases enormously in size, and eventually ruptures,

liberating great numbers of

sporozoites into the haemocelic
cavity of the insect. Those

sporozoites, which bore their

way into the salivary glands, are

then able to be transmitted to

another human being through

the punctures of the mosquito,

and there continue their de-
velopment.

When the female mosquito

feeds the tip of the labium is

first brought against the skin,

and then the pointed mandibles

and maxillae are inserted. The

labrum is also inserted into the

puncture along with the hypo-

pharynx. The labium is then
doubled back in the form of a
loop as the mouth-parts become
more deeply inserted. The re-

mainder of the process accord-

ing to Hindle (1914) is briefly

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as follows. The amount of CO 2

in the tracheæ increases owing to the proximity of the insect to the skin of its host

and, as a result, the muscular contractions are considerably augmented. The increase

of the latter causes compression of the oesophageal diverticula and their contents,

which consist of a fungus and bubbles of carbon dioxide. Both are expelled through

the proboscis into the puncture caused by the insect, and the presence of carbon
dioxide is supposed to retard the coagulation of the blood. The fungus causes the

great irritation and local swelling which usually supervene: similar effects can be

induced by inoculating the host with the contents of the ventral diverticulum, although

the artificial introduction of the salivary glands, by means of a puncture of the skin,
does not produce any ill effects.

A number of Anopheline mosquitoes are now known to be carriers of the plasmodia
of one or more forms of malaria and, as the habits of these species greatly vary, a
knowledge of their bionomics is of the highest importance from the standpoint of

public health. Among the more important carriers are Anopheles maculipennis
(Europe, parts of United States), A. culicifacies (India), A. costalis and A. funestus
(Africa), A. albimanus (Central and S. America), A. quadrimaculatus (U.S.).

Stegomyia fasciata (calopus) 1 is one of the commonest mosquitoes of the tropics

and sub tropics of the world, and occurs largely along coasts and the courses of the

larger rivers. In 1881 Finlay observed the incidence of this mosquito and yellow
fever in Cuba, and succeeded in transmitting the disease through the agency of its
punctures. In 1899 an American Commission sent to Cuba definitely proved that
yellow fever is carried by S. fasciata. As the result of anti-Stegomyia measures in
the Panama Canal zone, which was at one time a notorious region for this disease,

1 The most recent name for this species Aedes argenteus.
yellow fever has become practically non-existent. The eggs of this mosquito are laid upon any accumulation of stagnant water however small, old tins, broken bottles, holes in trees often being utilized. The larva of this species may be recognized by its comparatively colourless appearance, and the short black respiratory siphon, \( \frac{1}{4} \) the length of the abdomen. The adult is most easily identified by the lyre-shaped white mark on the thorax: it is essentially a domestic species rarely found away from towns and villages.

*Culex fatigans* is an almost tropicopolitan mosquito of great economic significance. Along with other species it is a carrier of *Filaria bancrofti* which produces elephantiasis. Both *C. fatigans* and *Stegomyia fasciata* are able to transmit the virus of dengue from one human being to another. *Anopheles maculipennis*, *Culex pipiens*, *Stegomyia fasciata*, etc., are intermediary hosts of *Filaria immitis* of the dog and several species of Culicidae transmit the Plasmodium of avian malaria from one bird to another.

Various measures concerned with the control of mosquitoes have been introduced. Freedom from the attacks of these insects is largely obtained by living in mosquito proof dwellings or by utilizing mosquito curtains while sleeping. A variety of deterrent substances have been recommended for application to the exposed parts of the body: essential oils of various kinds have been more especially advised. The destruction of adult mosquitoes in dwellings may be carried out by the fumigation of rooms by means of cresyl: traps in the form of boxes, lined with dark blue cloth, which may be readily closed, have also been recommended. The removal of herbage from the neighbourhood of dwellings is a further measure. The elimination of all standing water, and the drainage of marshy lands, afford the principal means for reducing the larval breeding places. The screening of tanks and wells, etc., is also of importance. Application of larvicides such as kerosene, which will form a film on the surface of standing water, prevents the larvae from coming to the surface to breathe, and provides a deterrent to egg-laying females. Tanks and irrigation canals in the tropics may be stored with certain fish (Cypriondidae, etc.) which are known to devour mosquito larvae.

The literature on Culicidae is very extensive and one of the best general works on the family is that of Howard, Dyar and Knab (1912) which deals with the species of North and Central America. The palaeartic species have been revised by Edwards (*Bull. Ent. Res.*, 1921) and those of the world have been monographed by Theobald (1901-10). A useful handbook of the British mosquitoes has been written by Lang (1920).

**FAM. CHIRONOMIDÆ (Midges).—DELICATE GNAT-LIKE FLIES: ANTENNAE CONSPICUOUSLY PLUMOSE IN THE MALES, PILOSE IN THE FEMALE. HEAD SMALL, OFTEN CONCEALED BY THE THORAX: OCCELLI ABSENT. MOUTH PARTS USUALLY POORLY DEVELOPED, SELDOM ADAPTED FOR PIERCING. ANTERIOR WING-VEINS MORE STRONGLY MARKED THAN POSTERIOR. LARVAE APNEUSTIC: AQUATIC OR TERRESTRIAL.**

These insects bear a general resemblance to Culicidae but may be distinguished by the wings being unscaled. The adults occur in great numbers in the vicinity of lakes, ponds and streams: many appear on the wing just before sunset, and exhibit a characteristic gregarious habit of "dancing" in the air in swarms. During these evolutions the number of females present does not appear to be large and, when pairing is accomplished, the mated couple leave the swarm. Considerably over 1,000 species have been described: in Britain nearly 200 species are listed by Verrall, but many more await discovery. The antennæ are 6- to 15-jointed and, except in the Ceratopoginize, the mouth-parts are poorly developed. In *Chironomus* no food is taken during adult life and the digestive canal is consequently shrunken and empty. In the Ceratopoginæ blood-sucking habits are frequent and, in such cases, a short piercing proboscis is present. Species of Culicoides (especially *C. pulicaris* L.) often cause a good deal of annoyance by means of their sharp punctures: several species of the sub-family have been observed to suck the inner contents of caterpillars and other insects.

The eggs of Chironomidae are laid in a mass, enveloped by transparent mucilage secreted by the gluten gland of the female: these egg-masses or ribbons vary in shape and number, and arrangement of the eggs therein, in different species. The larvæ usually inhabit slow streams and ponds, or even puddles or water troughs. A few species often live at great depths, having been obtained from the bottom of Lake Geneva and Lake Superior. Several species occur in the sea, both in shore pools and at a depth of 15-20 fathoms: vast numbers frequent the salt lakes adjoining the Suez Canal. A typical kind of Chironomid larva, such as that of *C. dorsalis*, has a well-developed head and 12 trunk segments, with a pair of pseudopods on
the prothorax and last abdominal segment: in other forms pseudopods are present on the prothorax only or, more rarely, are absent. Two pairs of elongate blood-gills may be present on the 11th segment, and two pairs of papilla-like anal gills are placed around the anus. In *C. dorsalis* the tracheal system is greatly reduced and limited to the thorax, where there are two pairs of closed spiracles. A number of species are red, owing to the presence of hemoglobin dissolved in the blood-plasma, and are commonly known as "blood-worms." It was pointed out many years ago by Lankester that hemoglobin occurs among invertebrates when increased facilities for oxidation are required, as by burrowing forms and those which lurk in the mud of stagnant pools. Surface-haunting Chironomid larvae are generally green. The larvae usually live in tubes either free, or attached to stones, etc., and composed of mud particles or of vegetable fragments, sticks, particles of green leaves, Confervæ, etc. The pupae may be active (*Tanytarsus*), float at the surface of the water, or remain at the bottom of the water: in the latter case they rest in the old larval tube which is often provided with the addition of an operculum. The pupal respiratory organs either consist of a pair of much branched filaments, or of simple tubes: they are rarely absent.

The Ceratopogoninae fall into two groups—those with aquatic, vermiform larvae whose imagines are more or less bare-winged (*Culicoides, Bezzia*) and those with terrestrial larvae found in sap, under bark or in decaying organic matter. The latter include *Forcipomyia* and *Dasyhelea* whose imagines have hairy wings. The distinctions, however, are not absolute as some larvae of *Culicoides* are terrestrial and certain of those of *Forcipomyia* are aquatic.

The Clunioninae include certain remarkable maritime genera whose larvae live among algae, and the adults are apterous. Among them are *Belgica* Jac. from Patagonia, *Haliryntus* Eaton, Kerguelen I, and the European *Chnionio Hal*, the males of which are winged.

Parthenogenesis is known to occur in a few Chironomids and results in the production of females only. The first observations were made by Grimm on *Tanytarsus* in 1870 and have been confirmed by Zavrel. Both the pupae and newly-emerged imagines are parthenogenetic. *Corynoneura celeripes* Winn. and *Chironomus clavicornis* Kieff. also lay parthenogenetic eggs (Edwards, 1919). Paedogenesis has been ascertained to occur in the larva of *Tanytarsus dissimilis* by Johannsen in America (*Science*, 1910, p. 768).

For the classification of the family vide Kieffer (1919), and a good deal of general information will be found in the works of Johannsen (1905), Malloch (1915, 1915A), and Miall and Hammond (1900).

**FAM. CECIDOMYIDÆ** (Gall Midges).—MINUTE DELICATE FLIES WITH LONG MONILIFORM ANTENNAE ADORNED WITH CONSPICUOUS WHORLS OF HAIR; OCELLI PRESENT OR ABSENT. WINGS WITH FEW LONGITUDINAL VEINS, FOR THE MOST PART UNBRANCHED, AND WITH NO OBVIOUS CROSS-VEINS. COXÆ NOT ELONGATE, TIBIAE DEVOID OF SPURS. LARVAE PERIPNEUSTIC WITH A REDUCED HEAD AND USUALLY A STERNAL SPATULA.

The Cecidomyiidae include a large number of fragile and often very minute insects. The antennal characters, and the greatly simplified venation, enable these midges to be easily recognized. Among the best known species is the Hessian fly (*Maysiota destructor*) whose larvae are often destructive to wheat (vide Enoch, 1891); from Europe it has been introduced into N. America and New Zealand. The Pear Midge (*Contarinia pirivora*) is one of the most serious pests of that fruit in Europe; its larvae feed gregariously in the young fruitlets, which become deformed and subsequently decay.

The best general monograph on the family is that of Kieffer (1900) while the plant galls are described and catalogued by Houard. A good deal of information is also given in the numerous reports of Felt, and most of the British galls are dealt with in the works of Connold and Swanton; for the Cecidomyids affecting cereals vide Marchal (1897).

Larval Cecidomyiidae exhibit great diversity of habits and may be classified as follows:

I. Zoophagous species of which very few are true parasites: Kieffer instances *Endaphis pervidus* Kieff. which parasites *Drepanosiphon platanoides* Schr. A considerable number are predaceous, preying mainly upon Homoptera, but others attack Acari; a few (species of *Lesodipsiosis*) attack dipterous larvae and pupae, including those of other Cecidomyidae.

II. Saprophagous species. Kieffer records species which live among the excre-
Diptera

Phytophagous species which may be divided into:

a. Those which live on or within various parts of plants without producing any gall formation. A number of species live on the spikelets of Gramineae, others in the flowers of Compositeae, in fruit, or among Fungi.

b. Gallicolous forms: a few live in galls formed by Coleoptera, Tryaneidæ, and other Cecidomyidæ.

c. Cecidogenous or true gall-making species. The vast majority of the family come under this category and all parts of the plant may be affected. Felt (1911) computed that 438 species, included in 44 genera, of American Cecidomyiæ affected plant genera comprised in 66 families. Of these 146 species formed bud-galls, 44 fruit-galls, 218 leaf-galls, 130 stem-galls, and 4 formed root-galls. The Compositeae, Salicaceæ and Gramineæ are the most frequently selected both in America and Europe. One of the most generalized of true gall-makers is Rhabdophaga which is partial to Salix, producing simple deformities such as bud and subcortical galls. Dasyneura also forms comparatively simple leaf- and bud-galls on various plants.

The larval structure is dealt with at length by Kieffer, and the larvæ are usually rather short and somewhat narrowed at both extremities. They vary in colour, being frequently white, yellow, orange or bright red, and occasionally brown. The head is very small and incompletely differentiated; pigment spots are present but there are no eyes. Thirteen trunk segments are evident, the first being intercalated between the head and prothorax. There are nine pairs of spiracles situated on the prothorax and first 8 abdominal segments. According to Kieffer the larva of Rhinomyia perplexa is exceptional in possessing 10 pairs, the additional pair being situated on the anal segment. The most characteristic structure associated with Cecidomyiæ is the sternal spatula or so-called "breast bone" (Fig. 576), which is situated mid-ventrally on the thorax. It is an elongate, chitinized sclerite either toothed, pointed, or bi-lobed anteriorly: in some genera it is wanting. The function of this organ has been variously interpreted as an organ of perforation used for abrading plant tissues, as a locomotory organ, or for changing the position of the larva in its cocoon or case. Many larvæ possess the power of leaping (Contrarina, etc.) and, according to Giard, in performing this act the anal crochets lock into the extremity of the spatula. The larva is thus curved into a loop, perpendicular to the surface upon which it is resting. By means of a sudden release of the tension it may be projected a distance of several centimetres.

Two methods of pupation occur in Cecidomyiæ. In the usual method the pupa is enclosed in a cocoon which may be either single or double: in C. pini, for example,
the outer cocoon is of resinous matter and the inner of fine threads; in *Holoneurus* the outer cocoon consists of a white or brown pellicle. In *Mayetiola* and *Choriomyia* the outer layer has the appearance of a puparium, and is formed by the persistent larval skin which, although separated from the underlying pupa, is not actually moulted. Beneath this outer skin is a silk-like layer formed by interlacing threads. The genus *Miastor* exhibits the rare phenomenon of paedeogenesis which probably occurs in other Heteropezinae also (vide p. 154).

**FAM. MYCETOPHILIDÆ** (Fungus Gnats).—Small flies provided with ocelli, antennae long, usually lacking whorls of hair in the male; coxae elongate, tibiae spurred. Larve smooth and vermiciform with a small dark head, eight pairs of spiracles, and living gregariously in fungi or decaying vegetable matter.

The fungus gnats are delicate flies of a small or medium size, often bearing a resemblance to gnats or midges, and exceedingly numerous in individuals and species. Upwards of 2,000 species are known, and the geographical range of the family is very wide. In coloration fungus gnats are seldom striking—blacks, browns and yellowish hues predominating. The body is elongate and compressed, with the thorax more or less arched, and sometimes markedly so. The antennæ (Fig. 561) are almost always long and filiform, and composed of 12–17 joints, 16 being a common number. The tibiae are slender and armed with apical spurs, and the tarsal claws are toothed or pectinate. Sexual dimorphism occurs in a few species of the *Sciara*. In *Sciara semilatula* Rdw. for example, the male possesses greatly reduced wings while the female is normal. In *Epidapus scabei* Hop. the female is destitute of both halteres and wings, while the male exists in two forms—one with reduced and the other with normal wings.

The larvae of a number of species have been described and the valuable paper by Osten Sacken (1862) should be consulted together with more recent work by Malloch (1917) and Kelin (1894). They are soft and whitish, with a small black or brown strongly chitinized head, and 12 body segments. They are elongate and vermiciform in shape, and generally sufficiently transparent to reveal much of their inner anatomy. The cuticle is smooth and devoid of hairs or setae; on the ventral surface there are often transverse swellings which, in many cases, are furnished with minute spines aiding in locomotion. The antennæ are always very short and frequently almost absent; they are better developed in *Bolitophilæ* than in most other genera. Situated below the antennæ an oval pellucid spot is often present (*Bolitophilæ, Mycetophilæ, Leia, Epidapus, etc.*) which is probably of the nature of an ocellus. The respiratory system is peripneustic with 8 pairs of spiracles. The latter are found on the prothoracic and first 7 abdominal segments, the prothoracic pair being the largest. Exceptional genera include *Ditomyia* and *Symmerus* with 9 pairs of spiracles (Kelin, 1918a); *Platyura* is stated to be devoid of spiracles and provided with protrusible anal gills and *Polylepta*, according to Schmitz, is propneustic.

The imagines are found in a variety of situations, most commonly in damp or dark places, where there is fungoid growth, or decaying vegetation. Cellars, sheds, manure heaps and damp secluded parts of woods furnish many species. One of the characteristic features of these flies is their power of leaping, the hind-legs being adapted for the purpose; many species simulate death when disturbed. The popular name of fungus gnat is derived from the fact that the larvae feed upon fungi more often than any other substance. A number of species however are found in rotting wood and other decaying organic matter, including leaf-mould and manure. The larvae are markedly gregarious, and many species construct a loose slimy web on their pabulum. Those of *Leia, Sciophila* and *Ceroptilus* are very active, gliding with great facility, either backwards or forwards, enveloped by the tube-like sheath of threads composing the web. Others, such as *Exechia*, burrow within their substratum lining the tunnels with a slimy secretion. The larva of *Mycetophila ancyliformans* Holmg. is exceptional in its mode of life, having been found living singly and exposed on the leaves of a bamboo in S. America. It is protected by a remarkable covering of excrementous particles which may be readily mistaken for an *Anceius* shell, so close is the resemblance.

Larvae of the *Sciara* have been found in decaying apples, pears, turnips, potatoes, etc., and sometimes attack seedlings. In certain species of *Sciara* they exhibit the curious habit of travelling in vast numbers, so closely together as to almost constitute a single mass. This phenomenon is not infrequent at certain seasons in woods in Germany, Sweden, Russia and also in N. America. The migratory columns are elongate in form, and have been termed “snake worms” in the United States, on account of their snake-like movements and appearance, which are said to resemble a thin gray
reptile. They progress as a single mass with the larvae several deep over each other, and the movement is stated to be at the rate of about an inch a minute. In Europe they have been termed the "army worm," but in America this expression is more properly applied to certain Noctuid caterpillars. Lintner mentions the stream of larvae as often being 12–15 ft. long, 2–3 inches broad, and perhaps ½ inch in thickness. In the United States one species has been reared and identified as Sciara fraterna; the common European "army worm" is Sciara militaris. No satisfactory explanation has yet been advanced to account for the assemblage of these hordes of footless larvae. Berthold regards the phenomenon as a collection of larvae for the purpose of mutual protection prior to pupation. Beling believes that they are marching for the purpose of moving to a fresh feeding ground, but as they are usually fully fed when the phenomenon occurs this explanation is open to doubt.

Several species exhibit luminosity, which appears to have been first observed in the larvae and pupae of Ceroplatus sessiodes by Wahlberg in 1838. A particularly brilliant light was observed by Hudson in a New Zealand species (Bolitophila luminosa), who remarks that the light emitted from a single larva kept in a caterpillar cage may be seen streaming out of the ventilators at a distance of several feet. Wheeler and Williams (1915) describe it as being emitted from the distal portion of the malpighian tubes. The pupa and female imago are also strongly luminous but, according to Norris (Ent. Month. Mag., 1894), the male does not exhibit this property.

Some Mycetophilids spin true cocoons for pupation while others construct a fragile case of earthy material; the pupa in Leia is simply suspended by means of loose threads. In Epicrypta the larval skin is adapted to form a shell in which to pupate but the pupa itself is free. The eggs are laid singly or in small groups, occasionally in strings, on whatever substance serves as food for the larvae. Many species pass through several generations in the course of a year, and as a general rule larval and pupal life is of short duration although certain species hibernate as pupae. According to Johannsen the time occupied from the egg to the adult may not exceed two weeks in midsummer. Edible mushrooms are frequently attacked by larvae of Sciara, Exechia and Mycetophila. They completely riddle the plants and may ruin a whole mushroom bed. Not infrequently they are introduced into the mushroom cellars through the agency of the manure used in the beds. According to Hopkins there are forms of potato scab and rot which are not due to fungoid disease, but are the direct result of the attacks of species of Sciara and Epidapus. Sciara tritici Coq. damages roots and stems of young wheat plants, and Johannsen remarks that there is no lack of evidence that Sciarinae damage the roots of cucumbers, grass and potted plants.

The most important recent works on the family are the monographs of Johannsen (1909) and Brunetti's account of the Indian species (1912). Information concerning British Mycetophilids is given by Edwards (1913).

**FAM. BIBIONIDÆ.**—Antennae 3 to 16-jointed, usually shorter than the thorax, the joints head-like and closely apposed (Fig. 561). Wings large, anterior veins more strongly marked than posterior (Fig. 577). Eyes in males holoptic or approximated, ocelli present. Larvae terrestrial, peripneustic. Bibionids are robust flies, often pubescent with shorter legs and wings than most other Nematocera. In the males the eyes often occupy nearly the whole of the head and the upper facets are much larger than the lower, the two series being sharply differentiated. Certain species exhibit colour dimorphism, the females often being reddish-brown while the males are entirely black.

The species of the sub-family Bibionidae frequent meadows, grassy hillside or decaying vegetation and often appear in great numbers. Their larve feed at the roots
of grasses, cereals, hops and in leaf mould. Those of Bibio (vide Morris, 1921-22) are often gregarious and, structurally, they are the most primitive of all dipterous larvae. They are 12-segmented with a large exserted head, well developed mouthparts and are devoid of pseudopods (Fig. 578). Each segment is provided with a band of short fleshy processes, the latter attaining their greatest length on the 11th and 12th segments: the first segment is transversely divided and carries two bands of these processes. Open spiracles are present on each segment except the 2nd and 11th, the hindmost pair being considerably larger than its fellows. Pupation occurs in an earthen cell below ground.

The Scatopsinæ are regarded by some authorities as constituting a separate family. Their larva live in decaying organic matter and pupation takes place in the persistent larval skin. In Scatops (Morris, 1918) the larva is provided with longitudinal and transverse bands of hairs: nine pairs of spiracles are present on the 1st segment and on the 4th to 11th segments respectively, the hindmost pair being carried on stout chitinous pedicels. The 11th segment bears two posteriorly directed processes fringed with long hairs.

**FAM. SIMULIIDÆ.—SMALL STOUTLY BUILT FLIES WITH SHORT LEGS AND ELONGATE MANDIBLES. WINGS BROAD, ANTERIOR VEINS THICKENED, THE OTHERS FAINT. ANTENNÆ 11-JOINTED, SCARCELY LONGER THAN THE HEAD: OCCELLI WANTING, THE MALES HOLOPTIC. LARVAE IN RUNNING WATER ATTACHED TO ROCKS BY THE ANAL EXTREMITY, SPIRACLES CLOSED.**

A small family of worldwide distribution and including the familiar “buffalo gnats” of America (Fig. 579). In the males the eyes have the upper facets markedly larger than the lower, and the 1st tarsal joint is usually much dilated. Both sexes possess elongated piercing mandibles which are broader in the female than in the male. The females of certain species are active blood-suckers and in some countries are veritable scourges. *S. indicum*, the “potu” fly, is a troublesome pest in parts of the Himalayas, and *S. columbaceense* Schoub. is at times a great scourge of man and domestic animals, particularly in regions bordering on the Danube. It often appears in enormous swarms and the flies attack the orifices of the body entering the ears, nostrils, margins of the eyes, etc., in great numbers, and their punctures produce an inflammatory fever often resulting in death. Certain other species are pests in many parts of N. America: *S. meridionale* Riley causes the death of numerous turkeys and chickens in Virginia, and *S. pecuvarum* Riley is the common American buffalo gnat. In a few instances species of this genus have been observed to suck the blood of other insects. Sambon
has advanced the theory that the disease in Italy known as pellagra is transmitted by *Simulium*. Outbreaks of this complaint are stated to be confined to those districts infested by the fly and to those periods when the insect is on the wing.

Adult Simuliidee occur in the neighbourhood of streams and rivers; the eggs are laid either on herbage or stones, above or beneath the surface of the water. Britten (Ent. Month. Mag., 1915) has observed the female of *S. maculatum* Mg. submerged to a depth of 1 foot during oviposition: the eggs are laid on vegetation and are coated with a gelatinous secretion.

The larvae are invariably aquatic and require swiftly flowing water for their environment, and for this reason they are often found congregated in the vicinity of rapids and waterfalls, etc. Information concerning the metamorphoses of the family is given by Johannsen (1903-05), Meinert (1886), Mill (1895) and Jobbins-Pomeroy (U.S. Agric. Dept. Bull. 329). In the larvae the head is complete and is characterized by the large maxillae and the prominent mouth brushes. On the ventral aspect of the thoracic region there is a foot-like protuberance provided with hooklets: it functions as a kind of sucker and is formed by the fusion of a pair of pseudopods. On the anal segment there is a second sucker, armed with concentric series of stout hooklets and, associated with the anus, is a group of rectal gills which vary in number in different species. Nine pairs of minute spiracles are present from the mesothorax to the 7th abdominal segment; but respiration is performed by means of the rectal gills, which contain blood and are supplied with tracheoles (Taylor, 1902). The larvae fix themselves to their substratum by means of the anal sucker and, as a means of locomotion, they loop the body after the manner of Geometrid caterpillars, bringing the anal extremity forwards beside the anterior sucker. Before pupation the larva forms a pocket-like cocoon open above; the pupal respiratory organs are composed of long tube-like filaments, which protrude from the cocoon and obtain oxygen from the moving water. For the British species of *Simulium* and their larvae reference should be made to papers by Edwards (1915, 1920).

**FAM. BLEPHAROGERIDÆ.**—ELONGATE FLIES WITH LONG LEGS: EYES IN BOTH SEXES OFTEN HOLOPTIC, AND USUALLY BISECTED INTO AREAS OF DIFFERENT SIZED OMMATIDIA: OCELLI PRESENT. THORAX WITH TRANSVERSE SUTURE: WINGS WITH A COMPLEX NETWORK OR PERMANENT FOLDS. MOUTH-PARTS IN FEMALE ADAPTED FOR LACERATING. LARVAE AQUATIC, GNISCIFORM, WITH VENTRAL SUCKERS.

A small family of very wide but discontinuous geographical range. It is confined to hilly or mountainous districts and is unrepresented in the British Isles. The adults frequent the borders of streams; they are weak fliers, and are less often met with than the larvae. The females are predaceous, preying upon small Diptera, and the males probably feed upon nectar. The wings possess a fine network, or “secondary venation,” of creases or folds in the membrane, which have not been obliterated after emergence from the pupa. The larvae inhabit swiftly running hill streams where they fix themselves by means of their ventral suckers to rocks and stones, usually in places where the current is swiftest. The head, thorax and first two abdominal segments are fused together, and the remaining segments are deeply incised laterally. A longitudinal row of median ventral suckers, usually six in number, is their most characteristic feature: to the outside of each sucker is a group of digitate processes which are regarded by Kellogg as being tracheal gills. The tracheal system is peripneustic; the spiracles are minute and situated ventrally, but in all probability are closed. The pupae are broad, and flattened beneath, adhering tenaciously to rocks, etc.: the respiratory horns are lamellate, and the legs extend almost to the apex of the abdomen. For a bibliography of the family together with a table of the larvae vide Bezzi (1912); Kellogg’s monograph (1907) and his earlier paper on the N. American species (1903) should also be consulted.

**FAM. DéUTEROPHLEBIDÆ.**—ANTENNAE FILIFORM, VERY ELONGATE. WINGS WITH A NETWORK OF CREASES: OCELLI, MOUTH-PARTS AND TRUE VENATION ABSENT.


**FAM. ORPHNEPHILIDÆ.**—ANTENNAE OF TWO APPARENT JOINTS TERMINATED BY A 10- OR II-JOINTED STYLE-LIKE APPENDAGE: PALPI LONGER THAN ANTERNAE; EYES HOLOPTIC IN BOTH SEXES. LARVAE AQUATIC, AMPHIPNEUSTIC, CHIRONOMID-LIKE.

A small family readily distinguishable from all other Nematocera by the structure of the antennæ. The adults are small sluggish insects and in Britain *Orphnephila testacea* may be swept from grass and other herbage bordering hill-streams. The larva of this species has been described by Theinemann (Ann. Biol. lacus., 4, 1909),
and in general appearance it resembles that of a Chironomid. Prothoracic and anal pseudopods are present, together with paired dorsal anal blood gills, and spiracles are evident on the first and penultimate segments. The pupa is almost entirely covered with small warts which even extend on to the short respiratory horns. Its anal segment is provided with a pair of slender upwardly directed processes and two elongate setae.

**FAM. RHYPIDÆ.**—DISCAL CELL PRESENT; EYES IN MALE OFTEN HOLOPTIC, OCELLI EVIDENT. ANTENNAE 16-JOINTED, ABOUT AS LONG AS THORAX. LARVAE AMPHIPNEUSTIC, SAPROPHAGOUS.

A small family of gnat-like flies represented in all zoogeographical regions. In the presence of a discal cell *Rhypus* (Fig. 30) differs from other Nematocera excepting the Tipulidæ, but is separable from the latter on account of the absence of the V-shaped mesonotal suture and the presence of ocelli. The whitish larva of this genus is well known (Perris, 1870; Malloch, 1917) and lives in decaying vegetable matter and manure. It is about 10 mm. long, elongate-cylindrical, and devoid of pseudopods. The thoracic segments are longer than broad, and those of the abdomen are separated by intercalary rings, giving the appearance of an increased number of segments. Spiracles are present on the prothoracic and last abdominal segments. The larva of *Mycetobia* resembles that of *Rhypus* (vide Keilin, 1919) and occurs in sap and in fungi found about decaying parts of trees. The pupæ of this family are elongate with the thoracic respiratory organs but little elevated. *Mycetobia* was placed for many years in the Mycetophilidæ until its affinities were reinvestigated by Edwards (1916) and Keilin.

Series II. **Brachycera**

Included herein are 14 families which have been grouped into superfamilies in various ways. For purposes of identification the accompanying key will be useful for all except the more divergent forms. The antennal characters of the Brachycera are so varied, that the student will probably recognize many of its members more readily by means of the venation and the short porrect palpi. This applies particularly in the case of *Xylophagus*, *Rhachicerus* and *Canonymia* where the 3rd antennal joint is annulated to such an extent as to resemble the flagellum of some Nematocera and, furthermore, the style is wanting. It is also noteworthy that the discal cell is absent in the Dolichopodidæ and certain Empidæ. For a discussion of the affinities of the Brachycera and their larvae the student is referred to the introductory pages of Verrall’s work (1909). With the exception of the Stratiomyidæ, the head in brachycerous larvæ is usually retractile within the thorax. The tracheal system is typically amphipneustic, and rarely peripneustic or metapneustic. If we except Stratiomyidæ, the pupa is free and not enclosed in the larval skin: very rarely a cocoon is present (Dolichopodidæ and *Drapetis*). The pupæ may be recognized by their thorny appearance, spines being present on the antennal sheaths and other regions of the head and thorax. The abdominal segments are also usually provided with girdles of spines and the terminal somite is armed with pointed processes. The prothoracic respiratory organs are usually sessile.

**Table of the Families of Brachycera:**

1 (12).—Empodium pad-like nearly or quite as large as the two pulvilli.
2 (11).—Wing veins never running parallel with hind margin of the wing.
3 (8).—Third antennal joint annulated.
4 (5).—Vein C not entirely surrounding the wing.  

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1 The imago of *Mycetobia* is more closely related to the Mycetophilidæ than the Rhypidæ, and the discal cell is absent.
5 (4).—Vein C entirely surrounding the wing.
6 (7).—Squamae large.
7 (6).—Squamae vestigial.
8 (3).—Third antennal joint not annulated, or, if annulated, an elongate flagellum present.
9 (10).—Squamae extremely large: globular flies with small head.
10 (9).—Squamae vestigial: not such flies.
11 (2).—A number of veins running parallel with the hind margin of the wing.
12 (1).—Empodium absent or represented by a bristle.
13 (16).—Flies clothed with dense furry pile.
14 (15).—M₃M₄ separate except at apices: proboscis short.
15 (14).—M₃M₄ fused: proboscis usually elongate.
16 (13).—Flies not clothed with dense furry pile.
17 (20).—Flies devoid of bristles except in some cases on the legs.
18 (19).—Antennae not terminating in a jointed club: R₁ short.
19 (18).—Antennae terminating in a club: R₁ long.
20 (17).—Bristly flies.
21 (24).—Cubital cell long and pointed.
22 (23).—M₁ terminating before the apex of the wing: proboscis not adapted for piercing.
23 (22).—M₁ terminating a good way beyond the apex of the wing: proboscis horny and adapted for piercing.
24 (21).—Cubital cell usually short.
25 (26).—Proboscis horny, often long: very rarely metallic green flies.
26 (25).—Proboscis short and fleshy: metallic green or bluish flies.

FAM. STRATIOMYIDÆ.—BRISTLELESS FLIES WITH THE 3RD ANTENNAL JOINT ANNULATED, SQUAMÆ VERY SMALL, TIBIAE ALMOST ALWAYS WITHOUT SPURS; AND THE SCUTELLUM CONSPICUOUSLY DEVELOPED, OFTEN WITH SPINES OR PROJECTIONS. WING VEINS CROWDED NEAR COSTA AND MORE STRONGLY MARKED THAN THOSE BEHIND: C NOT ENCOMPASSING THE WING. PULVILLI AND EMDIPODIUM PAD-LIKE.

The Stratiomyidæ (Fig. 581) are small to rather large flies, more or less flattened and usually with white, yellow, or green markings: in the Sarginae, however, the prevailing colour is metallic green. Considerably over 1,000 species are known and of these about 50 are British. They are not strong fliers and occur on umbelliferous and other flowers and herbage, especially in damp situations. The Xylomyinæ are the most aberrant members both as regards their venation and the presence of tibial spurs: they are annectant between this family and the Leptidæ. Many authors have united Xylomyia with the Leptid genus Xylophagus to constitute a separate family—the Xylophagidæ, but we follow Osten-Sacken and Verrall in retaining the latter group in the Leptidæ. The metamorphoses of a considerable number of Stratiomyidæ are known: the eggs are laid on plants near the edge of water, or even on the surface of water, also in dung or in the soil. The larvae are carnivorous or saprophagous, and either terrestrial or aquatic, the terrestrial larvæ being largely scavengers: those of the Xylomyinæ occur in rotting wood. Stratiomyid larvæ exhibit considerable diversity of form: all have a peculiar thick leathery skin impregnated with calcareous matter. The head is small and exserted, and there are 11 trunk segments, none of which bear pseudopods (Fig. 586). Although often described as being peripneustic, it is doubtful whether they are functionally so: they appear to be physiologically metapneustic or in some cases amphipneustic. The lateral spiracles, with the exception of the prothoracic pair, are minute and difficult to detect. In Stratiomyia 9 pairs are present; they are situated on the 1st and 3rd thoracic segments, and on each of the first 7 abdominal segments. Although stated by Brauer to be peripneustic, Miall remarks
that the lateral spiracles are closed. The terminal or posterior spiracles are always open and are situated in a horizontal fissure, fringed with hairs in the aquatic forms. The larvae of *Stratiomyia* and *Odontomyia* are greatly elongate and taper towards the anal extremity. In the former genus the last segment is much drawn out and tubular; these larvae live in water or mud, and hang from the surface film by means of the tail coronet of feathery hairs which is spread out in an asteriform manner. When the larva descends, the hairs are drawn inwards and enclose a large air bubble; as the latter becomes used up the larva returns to the surface. The larva of *Xylomyia* resembles that of *Sargas*, being broad with parallel sides, and the usual leathery skin is impregnated with calcareous matter. It is regarded as being amphipneustic with prothoracic and terminal spiracles: according to Lundbeck non-functional lateral abdominal spiracles are also present. Stratiomyid pupae differ from other Brachycera in being enclosed within the larval skin. Tables of the larval characters for each sub-family are given by Verrall (1909); further information will be found in the works of Lundbeck (1907) and Hart (1895).

**Fam. Leptidea.**—Bristleless flies; with the 3rd antennal joint usually non-annulated with a terminal style (Fig. 561). Some or all the tibial spurs, squamae practically absent, wing veins well defined, not contracted anteriorly. Pulvilli and empodium pad-like.

The Leptidea include rather elongate flies of sombre coloration, usually thinly pilose or almost bare (Fig. 582). Over 300 species have been described, of which about 19 are British. Normally they are predaceous upon other insects, but it is recorded that the female of *Symphoromyia* in America and *Spanioptis* in Tasmania are bloodsuckers; the same habit has been stated to occur in *Leptis*, but further observations on the latter genus are needed. The Xylophaginæ and Conomyinæ are aberrant groups with the 3rd antennal joint annulated; their position has long been under discussion, and both have been elevated to family rank by several dipterists.

The metamorphoses of many Leptidea have been followed (Beling, 1875, 1882) and the larvae (Fig. 580) are cylindrical, with a small exerted head succeeded by II trunk.
segments, which may or may not bear pseudopods. The abdominal segments often possess transverse denticulate, ventral swellings which aid in locomotion. The last segment is modified and marked by longitudinal folds or grooves, or provided with hairy processes. Leptid larvae are carnivorous preying upon other insects or their larvae: according to Marchal the larva of *L. tringaria* lives upon small Oligochaetes. Their usual habitat is in the earth or in leaf mould: *Atherix*, however, is aquatic. The larva of *Xylophagus* differs from that of other Leptididae in the head being prolonged into an elongate pointed process, which bears a small terminal opening, through which the mandibles are protruded. The thoracic and posterior abdominal segments have strongly chitinated dorsal areas, and two powerful anal hooks are evident. This curious larva is adapted for making its way through rotting wood and beneath bark, and is stated to be predaceous; it is figured by Verrall (1909), Perris (1870) and Malloch (1917). The larva of *Caenomyia* has been described by Beling and also Malloch (1917): it exhibits affinities with that of *Xylophagus*, having somewhat similar chitinated dorsal areas. It occurs in decaying wood and in earth near trees. The larva of *Atherix* has been described by DuFour, Brauer, and more recently by Malloch (1917): the head is minute and each abdominal segment bears a pair of pseudopods capped by spines. The sides of the body are fringed with numerous filamentous processes which have been regarded as gills, no spiracles having been detected. The anal segment carries a pair of prominent, hairy, backwardly directed processes. The females of *Atherix* deposit their eggs in masses on dry twigs, etc., overhanging water, into which the larvae fall upon hatching out. Many individuals lay their eggs on the same cluster, and afterwards die on the spot, often in numbers. As their dead bodies adhere together, large crustations are thus formed. In Oregon the Indians at one time collected these masses of eggs and flies for food (Aldrich). Females of *Vermilea* lay their eggs in sand and the larvae construct conical pitfalls for the capture of their prey, after the manner of "ant lions." The 5th segment of the larva bears a ventral mobile pseudopod which assists in seizing and holding the prey. The 10th and 11th segments each carry a transverse row of long hooklets which serve as organs for boring and fixation.

**Fam. Acanthomeridæ.**—Very large bristleless flies with the 3rd antennal joint always annulated. Anterior veins not approximated near the costa, c encompasing the whole wing: squamae absent. Middle tibiae only with a spur (rudimentary), pulvilli and empodoi pad-like.

A very small family consisting of about 20 species of relatively gigantic flies occurring in Central and South America and the West Indies. They are stated to inhabit forests, often alighting on tree trunks. The antennæ exhibit a remarkable sexual difference, an annulated flagellum being present in the female which, in the male, is much shorter and terminates in an arista. The eyes of the latter sex are holoptic with enlarged facets on the frontal and upper regions. The proboscis is short and not adapted for piercing, and in the female there is a conspicuous several-jointed ovipositor. Very little is known concerning their life-histories: the larvae have been found in the wood of trees and descriptions thereof are given by Brauer (1883) and Fiebrig (*Zeits. Insektenbiol.*, 1906). They are thick-skinned, shortly cylindrical, with a small head and large prothoracic segment. The last segment is chitinated dorsally, and armed with a double series of hooklets and the spiracles are concealed by an overlying flap. The relations of the family appear to be with the Stratiomyidæ on the one hand, and with the Leptidæ and Tabanidæ on the other.

**Fam. Tabanidæ (Horse flies and Clegs).**—Bristleless flies of stout build with the 3rd antennal joint annulated but devoid of a style (Fig. 561). Eyes...
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Very large, laterally extended; proboscis projecting, adapted for piercing in the female (Fig. 563). Squâmee large, pulvilli and empodium pad-like.

An extensive family of moderate to large sized flies (Fig. 583), including about 2,000 species, which are distributed over the whole world: 5 genera and 21 species are British. They are more or less flattened insects and, as a rule, mottled brown, tawny or grey in colour; Chrysops, however, has more conspicuous hues. During life the eyes are iridescent, exhibiting brilliant shades of green marked with bands or spots of brown or dark purple. In British Tabanids the proboscis is always rather short, but almost every transition may be found among the various genera of the family culminating in species of Pangonia, where it may be more than twice the length of the body.

Horse flies are active on warm sunny days, and the females are well-known blood-suckers, whereas the males mostly subsist upon honeydew and on the juices of flowers. In the absence of blood, the females will also imbibe these same substances (Hine). Many species are swift fliers, and those of Tabanus are particularly troublesome to horses and cattle, approaching their victims with a loud hum. The piercing action of the proboscis is often painful, but is seldom accompanied by inflammation. Experimental evidence indicates that the disease of horses known as Surra is transmitted by the punctures of T. striatus, and other species, and that these flies play an important part in spreading the infection. According to Leiper Chrysops dimidiata is a vector of Filaria loa which is responsible for the affection known as Calabar swellings among the natives of West Africa.

Pangonia may often be found hovering over flowers on the borders of forests; species have been observed to attack both man and cattle in various parts of the world. Their method of attack varies considerably in the experience of different observers. The labium is not adapted for piercing, the latter operation probably being performed by the other trophi, the proboscis only being used for sucking up the blood. In some species this is performed on the wing, in others it is stated to take place after the insect has alighted (Tetley, Bull. Ent. Res., 1918). The species of Haematoptera or "clegs" are voracious blood-suckers and especially frequent damp meadows. They are notable for their quietness of approach, and often the pricking sensation of their punctures is the first intimation of their presence. H. pluvialis is the most abundant English Tabanid, and is particularly troublesome to man. According to Portchinsky, in parts of Russia, these flies are so numerous and offensive that agricultural operations have to be carried out at night. By covering the pools frequented by Tabanids with a thin layer of petroleum he succeeded in destroying large numbers of these troublesome insects, which were killed by the oil adhering to their bodies.

The eggs of Tabanidæ are spindle-shaped and white, brown, or black; they are deposited in compact masses on the leaves and stems of plants, growing in water or marshy places. The larva (Fig. 580) are 12-segmented with a relatively small retractile head, well-developed antennæ and strong mouth-hooks. The trunk is cylindrical, tapering at both extremities, and usually longitudinally striated; there is a circle of prominent fleshy pseudopods around each of the first abdominal segments. They are metamneutic with the spiracles placed closely together in a vertical fissure at the anal end of the body. Near the hind extremity of the larva of Tabanus is a pyriform sac, narrowing posteriorly into a fine tube which opens at the surface between the last two segments. Within the sac is a series of capsules, each containing a pair of minute black pyriform bodies which are attached to the walls by means of delicate pedicels. The whole structure is known as Graber's organ, and can readily be seen through the integument of the living larva. It is well supplied by nerves and is presumably sensory in function. The larva of Tabanus and Chrysops are closely alike but according to Malloch (1917) in Chrysops the thoracic segments are either smooth,
or less markedly striated than the abdominal, and the apical antennal joint is much longer than the one preceding. In Tabanus the striation is uniformly well developed over the body, and the terminal antennal joint is shorter than the preceding one. The larva of Geniops differs from the usual Tabanid form in that the hindmost segments are stouter than those preceding imparting to the body a pyriform or club-shaped appearance (McAtee, Proc. Ent. Soc. Wash., 1911). The larva of Hamatopota resembles that of Tabanus but according to Perris (1870) and Lundbeck (1907) it is amphipneustic. 

Tabanid larvae have been found in a variety of moist situations—in damp soil bordering ponds and streams, under stones in similar places, in mud, wet rotting logs, etc. They are carnivorous, devouring small earthworms, crustacea and insect larvae. The pupae are markedly elongate and cylindrical. They are characterized by the thoracic spiracles being connected subcutaneously with a large cavity on either side of the median line, near to the anterior margin of the thorax. Each abdominal segment carries 1-2 dorsal bands of closely contiguous setae and a weaker series ventrally. The terminal segment is armed with six stout pointed projections.

The literature on the family is considerable and for a general account, including the British species, consult Verrall (1909), Lundbeck (1907), and the work of Austen (1906). For the morphology and biology vide Cragg (1912) on Hamatopota, the textbook of Patten and Cragg (1912) and the recent paper of Marchand (Monog. Rockefeller Inst., 13).

FAM. CYRTIDÆ (Acroceridae).—BRISTLELESS FLIES WITH THE HEAD VERY SMALL AND ALMOST ENTIRELY COMPOSED OF THE EYES WHICH ARE HOLOPTIC IN BOTH SEXES. THORAX HUMPED, SQUAMÆ EXCEEDINGLY LARGE: ABDOMEN GREATLY INFLATED AND GLOBULAR, PULVILLI AND EMPODIUM PAD-LIKE.

A small family of medium-sized flies including about 200 species which are readily distinguishable from all other Brachycera. Although occurring in all parts of the world Cyrtidæ are local and uncommon: two genera, Oncodes and Acroceræ (Fig. 584) are found in the southern portion of England (Verrall, 1909). So far as known, their larvae are parasitic upon spiders living in the egg-coconis, or attached to the abdomen of their host. The eggs are black, and have been noted on dead twigs and on Equisetum: those of Oncodes are laid in masses (Maskell, Trans. N.Z. Inst., 1888). The life-history of Pterodontia has been partially followed by King (1916). The newly-hatched larva bears a striking resemblance to the triungulin of Stylophora: it is strongly chitinized, and armed dorsally and ventrally with segmental bands of powerful spines and pectinate scales. At the caudal extremity of the 8th abdominal segment is a sucker, which is flanked by a long anal seta on either side. In addition to a looping leech-like movement, the larva is able to leap by standing erect upon its sucker, with the caudal setae bent beneath the body: a sudden straightening of the setae lifts the larva 5 or 6 mm. in the air. The insect bores its way into the host by penetrating the articular membranes of the legs, and lives endoparasitically: according to King there are no spiracles. The older larvae in this family are short and stout, and apparently amphipneustic: Konig (1894) and Maskell state that the younger larvae, of presumably Oncodes, are metapneustic; they similarly possess leaping powers. According to Brauer (1869), the larva of Astomella lives within the abdomen of the spider, with its hind spiracles penetrating the lung-hooks of the latter. The pupæ in this family are devoid of spines or bristles, and differ from those of other Diptera in the great size of the thorax, which exceeds the abdomen in length.

FAM. NEMESTRINIDÆ.—RATHER LARGE BRISTLELESS FLIES WITH MANY OF THE VEINS RUNNING PARALLEL WITH THE HIND MARGIN OF THE WING: SC AND R₁ VERY LONG. THIRD ANTENNAL JOINT SIMPLE WITH A TERMINAL STYLE, PULVILLI AND EMPODIUM PAD-LIKE BUT OFTEN MINUTE.

A family of about 150 species (Fig. 585), none of which occur in the British Isles.
and, according to Verrall (1909), only eight are European. They are for the most part inhabitants of hot and arid regions where there is a minimum of rainfall. They mainly frequent flowers, hovering over them while imbibing the nectar. The proboscis is very variable and often long, or very long; in Nemestrina longirostris it is about four times the whole length of the insect.

The larvae of this family have a very small retractile head and 12 trunk segments: the tracheal system is amphipneustic, with the posterior spiracles spaced apart in a transverse fissure. The life-history of Hirnomenus has been partially observed by Brauer (SB. Akad. Wien., 88) and Handlirsch (Wein. Ent. Zeit., 1882). Its habits resemble to some extent those of the Bombylidae and hypermetamorphosis also occurs. The young larva is slender and provided with a pair of pseudopods on the 6th and 12th segments, which are not present at a later stage. It appears that this species is parasitic upon Rhizotrogus solstitialis, and probably upon other Coleoptera. The eggs are deposited in clusters within the burrows of Coleoptera (other than Rhizotrogus) from whence the newly-hatched larvae issue in large numbers. They are stated to place themselves in an erect position by means of their terminal hooklets, and are blown away by the wind. Their subsequent history is unknown, but it is believed that they attach themselves to the body of the female Rhizotrogus, and are thus carried to the place in the earth where the latter lays her eggs.

**Fam. Apioceridae**—Rather large elongate bristly flies: antennae

![Fig. 585. Nemestrina peresi, Female. X 3.25.](image)

After Verrall.

With or without a short style, palp spatulate. Venation rather similar to Mydaidæ, M₁ terminating before wing apex. Two pulvilli are present and the empodium is wanting or bristle-like.

A very small family comprising about 30 species, none of which are European. They are thickly pilose insects with a non-piercing proboscis; their life-history has not been investigated.

**Fam. Mydaidæ**—Very large flies devoid of bristles and obvious pubescence. Antennæ terminating in a jointed and usually clubbed style. Venation complex; R₁ very long receiving several succeeding veins before its apex, R₄, R₅ and M₁ + ₂ bent forwards towards the apex of the wing. Pulvilli moderately large, no empodium.

A family of mostly exotic forms with a few moderate-sized species occurring in Southern Europe. It includes the largest known Diptera, and the adults are stated to be predaceous, but only very scanty observations are available. The larvae have been found in decaying wood and, in some cases, are known to be predaceous upon coleopterous larvae.

**Fam. Scenopinidæ (Omphralidæ)**—Narrow oblong flies devoid of true pubescence or bristles. First two antennal joints short, the third elongate and devoid of a style or arista. Vein M₁ + ₂ terminating before the apex of the wing, R₁ short. Pulvilli small, empodium bristle-like.

This family includes rather small dark coloured flies and scarcely 50 species are
known. The adults are occasionally found on windows, or about stables and outbuildings. The larva of *Scenopinus* (vide Perris, 1870) resembles that of *Thereva*. It is amphipneustic, white and vermiciform, with serpent-like movements. The head is brown and well-developed, and is followed by 20 apparent segments. Most of the abdominal somites are subdivided by a strongly marked constriction, thus giving the appearance of an increased number of segments: the terminal segment bears two small styles. At one time it was believed that these larvae fed upon neglected carpets, horse-rugs, etc.: there is little doubt, however, that they are predaceous upon the larvae of *Tinea pellionella* and of other insects. Scenopinid larvae have also been found in *Polyperus*, in branches of trees, and other situations.

**FAM. ASILIDÆ (Robber Flies).—**Usually elongate bristly flies with a horny proboscis adapted for piercing, and the palpæ never spatulate. Vein $r_1$ very long, $r_4$ terminating some distance beyond the apex of the wing. Legs powerful and prehensile: pulvilli large, empodium bristle-like.

The Asilidæ are moderate to very large sized flies (Fig. 586), always bristly, and in *Laphria* also densely hairy. They constitute the largest family of Brachycera, numbering at least 3,000 species: in the British Isles 23 species are recognized by Verrall (1909). The adults are predaceous in habit, their powerful legs being adapted for grasping the prey. The proboscis is firm and horny, directed downwards or obliquely forward. A prominent tuft of hairs, forming a "mouth beard," and the protuberant eyes are characteristic of the family. The conspicuous male genitalia and the corneous ovipositor are also well marked features.

The prey of Asilidæ is extremely varied and information on the subject has been collected by Poulton (1906). It appears that the females are far more commonly found with prey than the males; it is remarkable, as Poulton adds, that the stings of *Aculeates*, the distasteful properties of the *Danaeae*, *Acrheineae*, and of the *Odonata* are alike insufficient protection against these voracious insects. Whether Asilids inject any poison into their victims or not has yet to be ascertained. It has been recorded that the captured insect collapses very rapidly after being perforated by the proboscis, which suggests that some toxic secretion may be present.

Asilid larvæ live in soil, sand, wood, or in leaf-mould, and are either predaceous or scavengers. They are cylindrical with a small, dark coloured, pointed head and are amphipneustic, the spiracles being situated on the prothoracic and penultimate segments. The mouth-parts comprise a hook-shaped labrum, knife-like mandibles, and large broad maxille with 2-jointed palpi. Small papilla-like antennæ are present but no eyes. The anterior abdominal segments are provided either with ventral intersegmental areas, or circles of pseudopods (*Laphria*) resembling those of Tabanid larvæ. Ten or eleven segments are present, the higher number depending upon whether a short and indistinct segment-like swelling at the anal extremity is regarded as a true somite or not. The pupæ are remarkably spined about the head: the abdominal segments have a dorsal girdle of spines, a ventral girdle of bristles, and the apex of the abdomen also bears spiny projections. The larva of *Laphria* has been found beneath bark and in the burrows of Longicorn larvæ living in *Pinus*: it has been figured by Perris (1870) and later by Sharp (vide Verrall, 1909). For the metamorphoses of other genera vide Beling (1882) and Lundbeck.

**FAM. THEREVIDÆ.—**More or less elongate densely pubescent flies
BRACHYCERA

WITH SLENDER NON-PREHENSILE LEGS. THIRD ANTENNAL JOINT WITH AN APICAL (SOMETIMES JOINTED) STYLE. R₁ USUALLY LONG, CELL M₃ PRESENT. EMPODIUM ABSENT, OR REPRESENTED BY A WEAK BRISTLE.

A small family including about 300 described species (Fig. 587) of which about a dozen are British. They exhibit a resemblance to some Asilidae, but the weaker legs and the non-protuberant eyes enable them to be readily separated. In habits these flies are commonly stated to be predaceous, but very few direct observations appear to have been made. The proboscis is rather prominent, and provided with fleshy labella, instead of the horny apex as in the Asilidae. The larvae (Fig. 588) of several species are known to be predaceous upon those of other insects, including wireworms, etc. They live in the soil, among leaf mould, in fungi, decaying wood, etc., and exhibit quick serpent-like movements. They are smooth and vermiform, bearing an extremely close resemblance to the larvae of Scenopinus (vide p. 634). The larva of Theretra (Malloch, 1915b) has a small though distinct head, followed by 20 segment-like divisions. The labrum is hook-like, and the mandibles also exhibit a hooked form; small antennal papillae are present but no eyes. A pair of prominent latero-ventral bristles are found on each thoracic segment, and three pairs of bristles on the 10th abdominal segment; the tracheal system is amphipneustic. At the anal extremity are two small styliform processes. The pupa has thorn-like, projecting antennae and a long curved spine at the base of each wing.

FAM. BOMBYLIDÆ (Bee Flies).—DENSELY PUBESCENT WITH ELONGATE SLENDER LEGS, AND OFTEN A LONG PROJECTING PROBOSCIS. THIRD ANTENNAL JOINT SIMPLE, STYLE SMALL OR VESTIGIAL, AND NOT MORE THAN 2-JOINTED (Fig. 561). CELL M₃ ABSENT. FULVILLI SOMETIMES AND AN EMPODIUM ALWAYS RUDIMENTARY.

Most of the flies of this family are moderate or rather large in size and, although often bearing bristles, the latter are hidden by the dense pubescence (Fig. 589). The proboscis is usually very long and projecting forwards, but is sometimes short with broad labella. The wings are often darkly marbled and, when at rest, they remain half opened or outspread. Although only 9 species frequent Britain probably considerably over 2,000 are known.

The larvae are parasites and when young, they are elongate and slender, with a very small head, and 12 trunk segments. They are stated to be metapneustic; each thoracic segment bears a pair of long setæ, and a further pair is carried at the anal extremity. They undergo hyper-metamorphosis and, when fully grown, are cylindrical or somewhat flattened, with a small retractile head and no eyes: the spiracles are found on the pro-thoracic and penultimate segments. The pupæ are very characteristically spined on the head, with bands of hooklets across the dorsal side of the abdomen.

The larvae of Argynamae Schin. are parasites on those of solitary bees and fossorial wasps. The life-history of A. trifasciata Mg. has been observed by Fabre
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(Souv. Entom., 3). The eggs are deposited on the ground, near the nest of the host (Chalicodoma muraria), and it appears that the young larva has to make its way into the cell of the bee. The pupa is armed with cephalic spines for the purpose of piercing the masonry enclosing its host. Argyrammaea anthrax (sinuata) has been bred from nests of Anthophora, Chalicodoma and Osmia and an account of its life-history is given by Verhoeff (1891).

Several species of Anthrax Scop. are parasitic upon Noctuid larvae or pupae, aculeate Hymenoptera, and also upon the eggs of Orthoptera. Other members of the genus are hyperparasites attacking hymenopterous or dipterous parasites of Lepidoptera.

The larvae of Bombylius L. are parasitic upon solitary bees (Andrena, Halictus, Colletes, etc.): those of B. minor have been studied by Nielsen (1906) who states that the young larva is very like that of Argyrammaea in form. At this stage it feeds upon the pollen stored in the cell of Colletes, but when it attains a length of 2 mm., it attacks its host larva: it subsequently moults, becoming maggot-like and amphipneustic. The life-history of B. major has been observed by Chapman (Ent. Month. Mag., 1878): the eggs were deposited on a sloping bank while the fly was on the wing, and descriptions of the larva and pupa agree in the main with those of B. minor.

Larvae of Systechnus live as parasites in the egg-cases of the locusts (Edaphoda and Stauronotus): the larva and pupa of S. areas are described and figured by Riley (1880). According to Künkell d’Herculais (1905) the larva of Systrorus parasitizes larvae of the Lepidopteron Limacodes. Spongostylum is parasitic upon Xylocopa, and other bees, and is also recorded from two genera of Coleoptera: for the life-history of S. anale Say., a parasite of Cincindelid larvae, vide Shelford (1913).

FAM. EMBIDÉ.—BRISTLY FLIES WITH A HORN PRO BOSCIS ADAPTED FOR PIERCING; THE STYLE OR ARISTA (IF PRESENT) ALMOST ALWAYS TERMINAL. CELLS M AND 1ST M₂ SEPARATE, CELL CU GENERALLY SHORT. EMPODIUM LINEAR—MEMBRANOUS, OR SETIFORM.

A family of medium to very small sized flies of grey, yellowish, or dark coloration, very rarely metallic. About 1,600 species are known, and in Britain there are over 200 representatives. The proboscis is of variable length, and is generally rigid and downwardly projecting. The legs often display sexual characters, the male exhibiting special structural features such as thickened femora, tibiae or tarsi (Fig. 590). Empidé may be distinguished from the Asilide by the absence of the face-beard and the much shorter cubital cell. Their species are predaceous upon smaller insects and, according to Poulton (1909), they prey most frequently upon Diptera; in this feature they are sharply contrasted with the Asilide.

Species of Empis, Hilaria and Rhamphomyia may often be observed “dancing” or swarming in the air after the manner of Chironomids—a behaviour which is concerned with the meeting of the sexes. Either one or both sexes may perform these aerial evolutions and, in many species of the above genera, the males catch the prey, and kill but do not devour it. On meeting a female the latter receives the prey and feeds upon it during coitus: when copulation is accomplished the female drops the prey. The true significance of this remarkable habit is not understood (vide Hamm, Ent. Month. Mag., 1909). An American species, Empis poplita Sw., makes a curious frothy balloon, enclosing a small prey, which is probably transferred to the female during copulation; it is often released after the latter function is accomplished.
Species of *Hilaria* envelop their prey in a slight web before offering it to the female: the web appears to be constructed by the male from a secretion of glands opening at the mouth. *H. sartor* Beck. constructs a more extensive web than other species, and a whole literature has grown up around the subject of the origin and significance of this structure.

Larval Empidæ are cylindrical, more or less spindle-shaped, with a very small retractile head and 11 trunk segments. They are amphipneustic, and most of the abdominal segments are provided with transverse ventral swellings, or more strongly developed pseudopods. The anal segment is somewhat rounded, and provided with a small terminal protuberance or spine, above which lie the posterior spiracles. Empid larvae live in soil or among leaves and humus, in decaying wood, among moss, etc.: a few, such as *Hemerodromia*, are aquatic. Only scanty observations have been made with regard to their feeding habits but, in a few cases, they have been found to be carnivorous. The larvae of several genera are briefly described by Beling (1882, 1888); the metamorphosis of *Hemerodromia* is dealt with by Brocher (*Ann. Biol. lacus.*, 1901) and that of *Raderoides* by Needham and Betten (1901). Kieffer (1900) has described the larva and pupa of *Empis meridionalis* and Brauer (1883) figures the larva of *Hilaria lurida*.

**FAM. DOLICHOPODIDÆ.—**SMALL BRISTLY METALLIC GREEN OR BLUE-GREEN FLIES WITH A DORSAL OR TERMINAL ARISTA, AND A SHORT FLESHY PROBOSCIS. CELLS M AND 1ST M₂ CONFLUENT, CELL CU VERY SHORT. TWO PULVILLI AND A LINEAR, OR NARROWLY LOBIFORM, EMPODIUM.

A large family comprising more than 1,400 species of which nearly 200 are British (Fig. 591). The various species occur among grass and low herbage, generally in damp situations; several genera frequent the sea-shore.

The venation of the family is very similar to that of the *Ephydridæ*, which certain species also resemble in their behaviour and habitat. The secondary sexual characters in the males attain a remarkable degree of development and may affect almost any of the outer parts of the body.

In adult life the Dolichopodideæ are predaceous upon minute soft-bodied insects, etc., which they envelop by means of the labella while extracting the juices. According to Becker (1882) some amount of mastication of the prey takes place on account of the mobility of the labrum during feeding. In America, according to Malloch, many species occur on flowers and undoubtedly feed upon nectar. It is likely that both habits are of frequent occurrence, though further observations are needed.
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The larvae of this family have been found in a variety of situations and live beneath the ground, in rotten wood, among humus, etc., while others are aquatic. In Aphrosylus the larva lives among cast-up weed on the sea-shore, while those of several species of Medeterus prey upon the larvae and pupae of wood-boring Coleoptera. Most of the larvae of this family are probably carnivorous. They are elongate and cylindrical, 12-segmented, with a small retractile head, and most of the abdominal segments bear pseudopods armed with locomotory spines. The last segment is obliquely truncated, often slightly swollen, and carries four short protuberances. The tracheal system is amphipneustic, and both pairs of spiracles are small; exceptions are met with in Medeterus (peri-pneustic) and Argyra (meta-pneustic).

The pupae are, as a rule, short and stout with a pair of elongate thoracic respiratory horns. Lundbeck states that larva of Dolichopus forms an earthen pupal cell, lining the interior thereof with a secretion forming a dense film-like layer. At one extremity the latter is wanting and thus explains the significance of the long pupal horns, so characteristic of the family. In other cases the cocoon is constructed of wood fragments, etc., and is lined by silken material. Although the metamorphoses of a number of species have been described the life-history has rarely been followed in any detail. Marchand (Ent. News, 1918) has described the larva and pupa of Argyra, Perris (1870) those of Medeterus, and Thrypticus has been studied by Johannsen and Crosby (Psyche, 1913) and also by Lubben (1908).

Series III. Athericera

This extensive series is extremely difficult to classify, and the two sections enumerated below are based on unsatisfactory characters which are hard to ascertain. As a rule, however, the cell Cu is elongate in the Aschiza and reaches almost to the wing margin, except in the Phoridce. This family, on the other hand, can be recognized by its peculiar venation and antennal characters. In the Schizophora the cell Cu is short or vestigial, but exceptions are found in the Conopidce and in aberrant genera of other families. The Athericera are connected with the Brachytera through the Lonchopteridce which are sometimes placed at the end of the latter series.

The series is classified as follows:—

Section A.—Aschiza. Frontal suture obscure or restricted, ptilinum non-persistent.
Section B.—Schizophora. Frontal suture well developed, ptilinum persistent.
Section A. **ASCHIZA.**

**FAM. LONCHOPTERIDÆ** (Musidoridae).—**THIRD ANTEÑAL JOINT ROUNDED OR GLOBULAR WITH A LONG TERMINAL OR SUB-DORSAL ARISTA. WINGS POINTED AT THE Apex AND WITH NO OBVIOUS CROSS VEINS, Rs WITH ITS TWO BRANCHES CLOSELY APPROXIMATED AT THE WING Apex. EMPODIUM WANTING.**

This family includes a few small, slender, bristly flies, usually pale coloured, and often found along the borders of shady streams. The larvae of *Lonchoptera* have been found among leaves and other vegetable matter. According to de Meijere (1900) they are amphipneustic, much flattened and with long anterior and posterior setae. The head is vestigial and there are only 10 apparent trunk segments, of which the last appears to be of a composite nature, and bears a pair of widely separated spiracles (Fig. 592).

**FAM. PHORIDÆ.**—**ANTEÑAE APPARENTLY CONSISTING OF ONE LARGE JOINT, WHICH CONCEALS THE OTHERS, AND HEARING A LONG APICAL OR SUB-DORSAL ARISTA. WINGS OFTEN VESTIGIAL OR ABSENT. ANTERIOR VEINS VERY HEAVILY DEVELOPED, AND JOINING COSTA ALONG THE PROXIMAL HALF OF THE LATTER: REMAINING VEINS WEAK AND ABNORMALLY DISTRIBUTED.**

A family of small or minute greyish-black or yellowish flies (Fig. 593) : they are active runners and present a curious humped appearance. Their habits are varied but the adults are frequently met with among decaying vegetation, while others occur in the nests of ants and termites. The wings exhibit a wide range of variation as regards degree of development, especially among the females; certain apterous and micropterous genera are only known from that sex. In *Écitomyia* (female) for example, the wings are narrow and strap-like, and in *Puliciphora* (female) they are totally wanting.

The affinities of Phoridae have been more frequently discussed than perhaps any other family of Diptera (Brues, 1907); some authorities place them at the end of the Brachycera while others regard their true position as being among the Athericera—a conclusion which is supported by their metamorphoses.

The larvae of *Phora* (vide Keilin, 1911) live in decaying vegetable matter and dead animals, especially *Helix* (Schmitz, 1917): others are mymecophilous and some are parasites. They resemble those of other Athericera in their general morphology and consist of a reduced head, 3 thoracic and 8 abdominal segments. Furthermore, they agree with this sub-order in being metapneustic in the 1st instar and amphipneustic subsequently. Each segment bears metamERICALLY arranged bands of papillæ. Pupation takes place in the larval skin, and the pupa carries a pair of elongate processes on the 2nd abdominal segment, which appear as the anterior respiratory horns on the puparium.
One of the most remarkable of all Phoridae is *Termitoxenia* which has the wings reduced to minute vestiges and inhabits termites' nests: according to Wasmann (1900) it has lost its larval and pupal stages and is consequently ametabolic. This observer concludes that it is hermaphrodite and the same individual becomes successively male and female. There are, furthermore, two types of individuals present—stenogastric and physogastric. In the former the chitin is extremely soft and the abdomen retracted; in the latter chitinization is normal, but the abdomen is greatly enlarged and swollen. Neither ametaboly nor hermaphroditism are proven, and Bugnion (1913) only found female organs present in *T. peradeniyce*. A spermatheca containing a spermatophore is evident, and it is possible that this organ has been mistaken for a testis by Wasmann (1900) and Assmuth (1910). In *Puliciphora* de Meijere (1912) has found stenogastric and physogastric individuals, along with larval and pupal stages. On the other hand, according to Schnitz (1917) *Wandollichia* is ametabolic, and has both types of individuals present: it is presumed to be a proterandric hermaphrodite. It is evident, therefore, that renewed investigation of these remarkable genera is greatly needed. As Keilin remarks (1919), the only way to prove that proterandric hermaphroditism exists is the discovery of spermatogenesis in the stenogastric forms. *Thaumatoxenia* is probably the most highly modified of all Phoridae (vide Trägården, 1908; Borner, 1908): originally regarded as belonging to the Hemiptera, further study has shown that it is a Dipterous insect.

**FAM. PLATYPEZIDÆ.**—SMALL THINLY PILOSE FLIES WITH THE HIND TARSIS REMARKABLY DILATED. THIRD ANTENNAL JOINT ELONGATE AND OFTEN PYRIFORM. ARISTA TERMINAL. CELL R₃ OPEN.

A small family including about 70 species of which less than a score are British (Verrall, 1901). They are usually to be met with dancing in the air in companies or running over herbage. Their most striking feature is afforded by the hind tarsi whose basal three or four joints are dilated, flattened, or ornamented in a curious manner, and very different in the male from the female.

An account of metamorphosis of *Callimyia* is given by de Meijere (1900); Willard (Psyche, 1914) also figures the larva and pupa of *Platyzea agarici* Will. The larvae are broad and flattened with the sides bordered by long setae; in *Callimyia* the whole margin is deeply incised, each incisure being strongly serrated. The trunk comprises 10 or 11 segments, the head and first segment being wholly ventral. The tracheal system is amphipneustic, with the anterior spiracles placed beneath the body; the posterior pair is inconspicuous and rather widely separated. So far as known, the larvae live in Agaracini.

**FAM. PIPUNCULIDÆ.**—THINLY PILOSE OR ALMOST BARE FLIES WITH A VERY LARGE SUBHEMISPHERICAL MOBILE HEAD FORMED ALMOST ENTIRELY OF THE EYES. ANTENAE WITH A USUALLY LONG DORSAL ARISTA. WINGS MUCH LONGER THAN THE ABDOMEN; CELL R₃ OPEN; TIBIAE DEVOID OF SPURS. OVIPOSITOR HORDY, EXSERTED.

A very distinct family of small dark flies, the great majority of which pertain to the genus *Pipunculus*. They have a markedly hovering habit, and are usually to be taken on flowers, or by sweeping miscellaneous herbage. Their most striking feature is the great size and mobility of the head; the third antennal joint is of peculiar shape, being sometimes prolonged into a curious beak-like process. For general information on the family the reader is referred to the works of Perkins (1905) and Verrall (1901).

The larvae are endoparasites of other insects, mainly Homoptera. They are narrowed anteriorly, and capable of a good deal of extension and retraction: segmentation is obscure but apparently 10 or 11 somites are present. The anterior spiracles are small, and situated a short distance behind the mouth; the posterior pair is dark coloured, approximated, and placed some distance in front of the anal extremity. The puparium is provided with a pair of anterior spiracular tubercles, while the posterior spiracles are very much as in the larva. Dehiscence of the puparium usually occurs by the detachment of the dorsal plate through which the spiracular horns project. The head of the larval parasite is directed towards that of the host, and the fully grown parasite fills the greater part of the abdomen of the latter. In certain cases it has been found that "castration parasitaire" results, and the abdomen of the female host is stated to undergo structural modification (vide Giard, Comp. Renat., 1889; Keilin and Thompson, C.R. Soc. Biol. Paris, 1915), but further research is greatly needed. When the Pipunculid larva quits its host, it usually escapes at the junction of the metathorax and abdomen, either above or below, the segments being ruptured at that point. It falls to the ground and buries itself beneath the soil or among rubbish, etc.

**FAM. SYRPHIDÆ** (Hover Flies).—MODERATE TO LARGE SIZED FLIES WITH
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BRIGHTLY COLOURED MARKINGS, ALMOST ALWAYS BRISTLELESS. ARISTA, WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS, DORSAL. CERTAIN OF THE VEINS FORMING A KIND OF SECONDARY MARGIN PARALLEL WITH THE OUTER WING-MARGIN: CELL R₄ CLOSED; VENA SPURIA PRESENT BETWEEN R AND M.

The Syrphidæ are one of the largest and most sharply defined families of Diptera. They are usually very brightly coloured flies and may be striped, spotted or banded with yellow on a blue, black, or metallic ground-colour. The black and yellow coloration often imparts to them a superficial resemblance to wasps: other species are densely hairy and resemble bumble bees. Nearly all members of this family are attracted to flowers and may frequently be observed poised in the air, their wings vibrating with extreme rapidity, hence the name of “hover flies.” The vena spuria (Fig. 595) is one of their most characteristic features and is found in no other family of Diptera. It is a vein-like thickening of the wing membrane and may be distinguished from true veins in being fainter, and terminating without association with other veins.

The larval habits of Syrphidæ are extremely varied. They may be: (a) Phytophagous, feeding externally upon plants (Mesogramma polita) or internally in bulbs (Mero­don equestris, Eumerus striatus), or within stems or in fungi (Chilo­ sia). (b) Carnivorous, living pre­daceous upon aphids and the nymphs of other Homoptera (species of Pipiza, Paragus, Melanostoma, Baccha, Syrphus, etc). (c) Saprophagous, living in decaying organic material, dung, liquid mud, or dirty water (species of Eristalis, Helophilus, Platychirus, Sericomymia, Syrilla, Tropi­dia, etc); in the sap and wet, rotting wood of diseased parts of trees (Xylola, Malloca, Myriatropa, Myioxideia, Ceria, etc.); or as scavengers in the nests of ants and termites (Microdon) or of Aculeate Hymenoptera (Volucella). Verrall remarks that probably all the European species of Volucella are scavengers in the nests of large Aculeates, feeding upon diseased larvæ or pupæ, etc.: so far as known they are not predaceous and the association is consequently friendly and not resented by the hosts. Volucella bombylans occurs in the nests of Bombus while the species zonaria, pellucens and inanis are found in the nests of Vespa.

Morphologically, Syrphid larvæ (Fig. 594) may be recognized by the following characters. The head is greatly reduced and carries a pair of short fleshy, sensory processes. The cuticle is tough or leathery, and segmentation is obscure owing to the transverse corrugation of the body, but apparently 11 somites are present. The tracheal system is amphipneustic with the anterior spiracles on the 2nd apparent segment: the posterior pair is situated on two tubes of very variable length, which are fused together down the median line.

Three principal types of Syrphid larvæ may be recognized. 1. The aphidivorous type with the ventral aspect flattened, the body much attenuated anteriorly, and the posterior respiratory tubes very short. The body is frequently marked with green or brown, and the general appearance is rather slug-like; all have a marked

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capacity for changing their shape (Syrphus, Melanostoma, etc.). 2. The short-tailed fly-inhabiting type with the body cylindrical and not attenuated anteriorly, and the respiratory tubes short. Three pairs of lateral fleshy protuberances are present on the 11th segment, and groups of branched plumose hairs are placed around the hind spiracles (Syrilla, Tropidia, etc.). 3. The rat-tailed type with the body terminating in a long flexible respiratory process which, in some species, is capable of being extended several times the length of the body (Eristalis, Helophilus, etc.).

In addition to the above three types there are several anomalous larvae. That of Microdon is broadly ovoid in outline and flattened ventrally, and is bordered by a row of marginal spines. The dorsal surface is convex and there is no evident segmentation or anterior spiracles. In general appearance it is slug-like and, when first described, it was regarded as a new genus of land Mollusca. This curious larva has been studied in detail by Cerfontaine (1907) and others. In the boring larva of Merodon equestris Fab., the body is cylindrical and much contracted, with rounded extremities; it comes nearest to type 2, but there are no fleshy protuberances on the 11th segment. In Volucella bombylans the larva is rather broad and fleshy, tapering anteriorly. The body is provided with numerous small lateral spinous outgrowths and larger terminal processes on the last segment (Künckel d’Herculais, 1875).

Prior to pupation Syrphid larvae come to rest in some suitable place on, or near, their habitat. In many species the caudal segments are cemented to a leaf, twig or other support with a secretion apparently derived from the hind-gut in other cases the larva buries itself in the soil or other medium. The puparium, as a rule, is considerably inflated dorsally and laterally: spiracles are present on the puparium in

![Figure 595: Venation of Eristalis](image)

the region of the 4th or 5th larval segment and may be either sessile (Melanostoma) or elevated upon conspicuous horns (Volucella, Eristalis). Eclosion of the imago usually takes place by means of a dorsal rupture of the puparium and is therefore different from what obtains in almost all other Cyclorrhapha. A good deal of information concerning the structure and biology of Syrphid larvae will be found in the writings of Metcalf (1916-17) and Lundbeck. The internal anatomy of both the larva and imago is dealt with by Künckel d’Herculais (1875) in his monograph on Volucella. The larva of Eristalis is described by Miall (1895) and Batelli (1879) and its tracheal system has been studied in detail by Wahl (1889).

Economically, the predaceous larvae of this family are notable in being important enemies of Aphididae, Coccidae and other Homoptera. The capacity of Syrphid larvae for the rapid destruction of aphids is remarkable and Metcalf states that a larva of Syrphus nitens, which had not been fasting previously, caught and destroyed 21 examples of the large Aphid Pterocomma flocculosa in 20 minutes. The entire insect is never devoured, but only the soft and readily assimilated body-contents are sucked out. Notwithstanding the great size of the family, and its varied larval habits, very few Syrphids are in any sense injurious to man. The “Corn-feeding Syrphid Fly,” Mesogramma polita, occurs in several states of N. America where its attacks are occasionally considered serious: the larvae feed upon the pollen grains and the saccharine cells in the axils of the leaves. Larvae of Merodon and Eumerus attack and destroy bulbs of Narcissus, Amaryllis, etc., and may occur separately or in association. They are well known pests in Europe and have been introduced, along with their host plants, into N. America and other parts. Larvae of a few species of the family, more particularly those of Eristalis, have been found as accidental parasites in the human body causing myiasis of the intestine.
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Section B. SCHIZOPHORA

The Schizophora are divided into the two undermentioned superfamilies.

I.—ACALYPTERÆ (HOLOMETOPA).—Squamæ small or vestigial, usually not concealing the halteres. Small or very small flies, the males not holoptic. Thorax without a distinct transverse suture: cell R₄ almost always widely open.

II.—ACALYPTERÆ (SCHIZOMETOPA).—Squamæ well developed, usually concealing the halteres. Moderate sized flies, the males often holoptic. Thorax with a distinct transverse suture: cell R₄ open or closed.

Fig. 596.—Venation of Acalypteræ. A, Chlorops teniopus; B, Trypeta fusilaginis.

Superfamily I. ACALYPTERÆ

The following table (partly after Williston), although admittedly imperfect, is drawn up as an aid to the recognition of typical members of the group, but it must be pointed out that many of the characters are slight and often ill-defined.

| 1. | Hymenopterous-like flies with long proboscis, jointed near the middle; ovipositor elongate. | CONOPIDÆ | (p. 644) |
| 2. | Eyes on lateral stalk-like prolongations of the head. | DIOPSIDÆ | (p. 648) |
| 3. | Beetle-like flies: scutellum very large, covering wings and abdomen. | CELYPHIDÆ | (p. 648) |
| 4. | Small dark littoral flies with thorax and abdomen flattened: head bristly. | PHYCODROMIDÆ | (p. 648) |
| 5. | Not as above (1-4). | HELOMYZIDÆ | (p. 648) |
| 6 (25). | Sc distinct, R₄ usually terminating near middle of costa. | SEPSIDÆ | (p. 648) |
| 7 (12). | Vibrisses present. | HETERONEURIDÆ | (p. 648) |
| 8. | Costa spiny, tibiae with spurs and preapical bristles. | CORDYLURIDÆ | (p. 647) |
| 9. | Small, shiny flies, usually black, with basally constricted abdomen, wings often with a stigma-like spot. | RHOPALOMERIDÆ | (p. 648) |
| 10. | Somewhat elongate flies with long wings; cross-veins often approximated, R₄ terminating near Sc. | (p. 648) |
| 11. | Rather large flies: Sc and R₄ well separated. | (p. 647) |
| 12 (7). | Vibrisses absent. | (p. 648) |
| 13 (14). | Femora thickened, hind tibiae often dilated, scutellum large. | (p. 648) |
| 14 (13). | Not such flies. | (p. 648) |
| 15 (18). | Legs long and slender: cell R₄ narrowed or closed. | (p. 648) |
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16 (17).—Eyes very large, tarsi longer than tibiae.

17 (16).—Eyes small, tarsi shorter than tibiae.

18 (15).—Legs not noticeably long and slender: wings often marbled or clouded: cell R₆ widely open.

19 (22).—Ovipositor horny: no preapical bristle.

20 (21).—Cubital cell often pointed: upper fronto-orbital bristles only present.

21 (20).—Cubital cell rounded distally: a single fronto-orbital bristle.

22 (19).—Ovipositor not horny: preapical bristle present.

23 (24).—Two fronto-orbital bristles: 2nd antennal joint not elongated.

24 (23).—Fronto-orbital bristles present or absent; 2nd antennal joint often long.

25 (6).—Sc absent or incomplete, R₁ terminating before middle of wing.

26 (27).—Hind metatarsi dilated and shortened.

27 (26).—Hind metatarsi not dilated and always longer than succeeding joint.

28 (33).—Cells M and 1st M₂ usually confluent.

29 (32).—Vibrissae rarely distinct.

30 (31).—No lower fronto-orbital bristles: arista usually bare.

31 (30).—Lower fronto-orbital bristles present: arista rarely bare.

32 (29).—Vibrissae distinct: arista plumose, eyes usually red.

33 (28).—Cells M and 1st M₂ separate.

34 (37).—Vibrissae usually present.

35 (36).—Upper fronto-orbital bristles only present, no mesopleural or prothoracic bristles: arista bare.

36 (35).—Lower fronto-orbital bristles present, and convergent, mesopleural and one prothoracic bristle also present: arista usually pubescent.

37 (34).—Vibrissae absent.

38 (39).—Wings conspicuously marbled, Sc sharply curved upwards.

39 (38).—Wings not conspicuously marbled, Sc absent or indistinct.

**FAM. CONOPIDÆ.**—HEAD LARGE, BROADER THAN THORAX: ANTENNAE PORRECT RATHER LONG, 3RD JOINT CLUBBED WITH AN APICAL STYLE OR DORSAL ARISTA. PROBOSCIS USUALLY LONG AND SLENDER, FOLDING NEAR ITS MIDDLE. CUBITAL CELL VERY LONG. GENITALIA CONSPICUOUS AND CURVED BENEATH THE BODY.

A family of more or less elongate, moderate-sized flies, thinly pilose or almost bare, and frequently bearing a striking resemblance to solitary wasps or other Hymenoptera. Most species visit flowers; they are slow fliers and less than 20 kinds occur in the British Isles. The larvae are endoparasites of adult bees and wasps or of Orthoptera (vide de Meijere, 1903, 1912). The species of Conops parasitize Bombus, Odynerus, Sphex, Vespa, etc.: Psilocephala parasitizes Apis, Xylocopa, and Bombus, while Myopa is known to attack Andrena, Bombus and Vespa.

The eggs of the Conopidæ are elongate oval with a group of hooks, filaments, or other outgrowths at the micropylar end. In certain cases the eggs are stated to be deposited on the bodies of the hosts during flight. The larvae are generally found in the region of the anterior abdominal segments of the host, and are attached by their hinder extremity to a large trachea or air-sac: the exact relation between the Conopid larva and the tracheal system of the host is in need of further investigation. The mouth-parts are greatly reduced and the larvae are mainly hæmophagous. In general
shape the larvae are ovoid or pyriform with considerable powers of changing their form. Their most conspicuous features are the large convex plates of the posterior spiracles. The latter are complex structures, and distributed over the surface of each spiracle is a series of small sieve-like areas.

**FAM. ORTALIDÆ.**—FRONT BROAD IN BOTH SEXES: LOWER FRONTO-ORBITAL BRISTLES AND VIBRISSE ABSENT. WINGS ALMOST INvariably MARbled, SC AND R₁ ENTIRELY SEPARATED THOUGH OFTEN CLOSELY APPROXIMATED. MIDDLE TIBIÆ ALONE SPURRED, NO PREAPICAL BRISTLE. OVIPOSITOR CORNEOUS, 3-JOINTED.

A large family many of whose members have mottled wings and consequently resemble Trypaneidæ. Unlike the latter family, Sc meets the costa at an acute angle and is not abruptly elbowed distally. In the male there are 5 evident abdominal segments and an elongate rolled upedeagus: in the female there are 6 abdominal segments with a flattened corneous ovipositor. The flies are commonly met with wherever there is abundant vegetation, and rather more than 2 dozen species are British. According to Banks (1912) the larvae are usually more slender than those of the Muscidæ; the anterior spiracles have about 10 lobes and the posterior pair are borne on two slight processes, each spiracle being provided with three short slits. The larva of *Platysona umbraura* is described by Perris (1855) and that of *Euxesta nitidiventris* Lw. by Brues (1902). The latter species lives beneath the bark of dead trees and is 11-segmented with the head nearly as long as the first two thoracic segments. The larva of *E. notata* Wied. attacks oranges, apples, onions, cotton bolls, etc., and, has also been found in human excrement.

**FAM. TRYPANEIDÆ (Trypetidæ).**—FRONT BROAD IN BOTH SEXES, LOWER FRONTO-ORBITAL BRISTLES PRESENT, VIBRISSE WANTING. WINGS MOTTLED WITH A BROWN OR YELLOWISH PATTERN: SC SHARPLY BENT DISTALLY TOWARDS COSTA, BECOMING INDISTINCT NEAR THE Apex. MIDDLE TIBIÆ SPURRED, NO PREAPICAL BRISTLE: OVIPOSITOR PROMINENT, CORNEOUS, 3-JOINTED.

The Trypaneidæ or "fruit flies" form an easily recognizable and natural family of almost cosmopolitan distribution. According to Bezzi 875 species were known up to 1913, of which 64 are British; the wings as a rule are conspicuously marbled and the venation (Fig. 596) is the most complete among Acalyptræ (Loew). The horny, flattened ovipositor is very characteristic and in *Toxotrypana* it exceeds the total length of the insect. It is noteworthy that a corneous ovipositor is also found in *Lonchæa* and the Ortalidæ but, in the latter, the lower fronthorital bristles are wanting, and Sc is distinct throughout. The standard systematic work on the family is that of Loew (1862): the important papers of Bezzi (1913) and Enderlein (1911) should also be consulted. The larvae are phytophagous and those of several species are well known. When fully grown they are rounded or barrel-shaped: a pair of rounded anal tubercles are present, and the posterior spiracles each contain three simple slits. The prothoracic pair are many-lobed, from about 14 to 36 processes being present.

Trypaneid larvae may be grouped under four headings with reference to their habits. (I) Living in fruits, preferably of the fleshy type: *Dacus*, *Ceratitis*, etc. (2) Living in the flower heads of Compositæ: *Trypaneæ*, *Urophora*, etc. (3) Leaf-miners, or living in stems or buds: *Acidia*, *Spilographa*, etc. (4) Gall formers on various parts of plants.

*Ceratitis capitata* Wied. is the well known Mediterranean fruit fly (Quaintance, 1912) whose larva attacks almost all commercial and other succulent fruits, and becomes extremely injurious wherever established. The eggs are deposited inside the fruit, and the whole life-cycle occupies about 30 to 40 days, pupation taking place in the ground. This species occurs throughout the tropics and warmer regions, including the Mediterranean countries of Europe. *Acidia heraclei* L. (vide Smith and Gardner, 1922) is the celery fly whose larvae cause considerable damage by mining the leaves of that plant and the parsnip: it also affects certain wild Umbelliferæ. The life-history of *Urophora solstitialis* is described by Wadsworth (Ann. App. Biol., 1914) and that of *Dacus cucurbitæ* by Back and Pemberton (U.S. Bull., 471). Observations on the anatomy of the larva and imago of *Dacus tsuneonis* are given by Miyake (1919).

**FAM. SAPROMYZIDÆ.**—FRONT WITH A SINGLE ROW OF BRISTLES ON EITHER SIDE, VIBRISSE WANTING: 3RD ANTENNAL JOINT MORE OR LESS ELONGATE. SC DISTINCT THOUGH OFTEN APPROXIMATED TO R₁. TIBIÆ USUALLY WITH PREAPICAL BRISTLE, MIDDLE PAIR SPURRED. OVIPOSITOR PROMINENT, USUALLY NOT CORNEOUS.

A family of small flies often with marbled wings. Williston includes in the group the Lonchideæ of Loew and others, which are frequently regarded as a separate family. The larvae of *Sapromyza* are scavengers, and possess a dorsal transverse...
row of conical tubercles on the penultimate segment which is absent in *Lonchaea*. The larva of the latter genus has been fully described by Cameron (Trans. Ent. Soc., 1913) and Silvestri (1917a): that of *L. chorea* has been found in cow-dung, rotting vegetation and diseased bulbs and roots. In *L. aristella* the larval existence is passed in the flowers and fruit of the olive in Italy. The body is narrow and cylindrical, tapering somewhat anteriorly: the prothoracic spiracles are 9-lobed, and the posterior pair is provided with three slits placed at right angles to one another. In *Lasiorgia arenaria* Fall. the larva mines the leaves of clover (Marchal, Bull. Soc. Ent. Fr., 1897).

**Fam. Agromyzidæ.**—Front bristly or otherwise, vibrissæ usually present. Arista bare or pubescent, not definitely plumose. Wings rather broad, sc vestigial or only separate basally from R₁; cells M and Cu always small, former sometimes confluent with 1st M₂.

A family of small to minute flies, of ill-defined limits which graduate through certain genera into the Geomyzidae. The life-histories have been followed in a number of cases and the larve are usually leaf-miners. Their range of food plants varies greatly; thus *Phytomyza chrysanthemi* is apparently confined to the Compositee while *Agromyza pusilla* Mg. utilizes species belonging to many natural orders. *A. parvicornis* Fall. is stated to tunnel into the roots and leaves of clover, while *A. prunosa* Coq. mines the cambium of birch and hazel. Larvee of *Leucopis* have the unusual habit of preying upon aphids and coccids. The majority of species of the family pass through several generations in the year—five or more in the case of *Agromyza pusilla*. The larve are cylindrical, tapering somewhat anteriorly, and more or less truncated posteriorly. The mouth-parts are conspicuous on account of their dark colour and strong chitinization: on the ventral surface of the anal segment is a small sucker-like organ. The posterior spiracles are situated at the apices of backwardly projecting processes of variable length, usually contiguous and porous. The puparia are broadly fusiform with the segments well defined: both the anterior and posterior spiracles are prominent and projecting. Pupation either occurs in the larval mine or in the soil. For information on the metamorphoses of various species reference should be made to the papers of Perris (1870) for *Leucopis*; Phillips (Journ. Agric. Res., 1914) for *Agromyza parvicornis*; Malloch (1913a) for *A. pruni*; Webster and Parks (Journ. Agric. Res., 1913) for *A. pusilla*; Miall and Taylor (1907) and Smulyan (Mass. Exp. Sta. Bull. 157, 1914) for *Phytomyza*; and Smith and Compere (1916) for *Cryptochytra* (Lestophonus). The larve of the latter is perhaps the most remarkable in the whole family: it is an endoparasite of *Icerya*, and is provided with paired filamentous caudal processes greatly exceeding the length of the body.

**Fam. Drosophilidæ.**—Front with conspicuous bristles, 3rd antennal joint rounded or oval, arista plumose or pectinate: vibrissæ evident, eyes usually red; sc vestigial, R₁ very short and the costa incised near its termination; cells M and 1st M₂ usually confluent.

The flies pertaining to this family usually have a somewhat swollen appearance, with light red eyes, and are commonly taken by sweeping herbage. Others are prevalent about decaying fruit, cider presses, wine vats, vinegar factories, etc., where they are attracted by certain by-products of fermentation. The eggs of *Drosophila* are often spindle-shaped, bearing elongate processes at one extremity: as the eggs are frequently submerged in fluid media, with the filaments at the surface, it has been suggested that the latter are concerned with respiration. The larva is 11-segmented with each segment surrounded by a girdle of minute hook-like spines (*D. funebris*), or the body may be uniformly invested with these structures (*D. fenestrarum*). Three pairs of conical lateral outgrowths are borne on the anal segment, together with a longer median retractile process, carrying the posterior spiracles. In addition to being found in fermenting fruit (*D. ampelophila*), in vinegar vats (*D. funebris*) or in excrement, other larve mine the leaves of various plants. The pupæ are fusiform with the anterior dorsal surface flattened to form an ovoid plate which is forced upwards to allow of the eclosion of the imago. Arising from this plate is a pair of stalked, digitate or plumose spiracular processes. Traces of the anal processes of the larva are also evident upon the puparium. For an account of the life-history of *D. funebris* vide Unwin (1907).

**Fam. Ephidridæ.**—Arista plumose, or pectinate dorsally, rarely bare; oral cavity usually very large, vibrissæ indistinct. Sc for the most part confluent with R₁, separate only basally; costa interrupted near point of junction with this vein. Cell M confluent with 1st M₂, cell Cu usually vestigial. Middle tibia spurred, no preapical bristle.
The flies of this family are black or darkly coloured, inhabiting marshy places, damp meadows, etc. The family is closely related to the Drosophilidae and clear distinctions are sometimes difficult to recognize. Jones (1916) has described the life-history of *Ephydra millbrm* which is aquatic. The eggs are partially clothed with hairs and are attached to floating vegetation, etc. The amphipneustic larvae are densely covered with short pubescence, with the anterior spiracles 7-branched, and a pair of respiratory tubes emerge from a terminal anal siphon. Eight pairs of conspicuous pseudopods, armed with hooks, are present on the abdomen. The puparium is provided with an elongate siphon whose apex rests at the surface of the water. Larvae of *Notiphila* occur in the stems of water plants, while those of *Hydrellia modesta* L. are found in the leaves of *Potamogeton* and are metapneustic throughout life (Kelin, 1915). Other larvae occur in salt or alkaline waters, particularly those of *Ephydra hians* Say and *E. californica* Pack, which often appear in such vast numbers as to have been used by the N. American and Mexican Indians as food. An account of the anatomy of the larva of *E. riparia* is given by Triigardh (1903) and the metamorphosis of *Teichomyza fusca* by Vogler (II. Zeits. Ent., 1900).

**FAM. OSCINIDÆ (Chloropide).**—ARISTA USUALLY BARE, ORAL CAVITY SMALL, VIBRISSÆ RARELY PRESENT. SC VESTIGIAL OR WANTING, CELLS M AND 1ST M₂ CONFLUENT, CELL C Ü VESTIGIAL OR ABSENT. TIBIÆ WITHOUT PREAPICAL BRISTLE.

Small, bare, often light-coloured flies, plentiful among miscellaneous herbage about roadsides, meadows, etc. Although closely allied to the Ephydridae they may usually be separated therefrom by the absence of lower fronto-orbital bristles, the small oral cavity, and the bare arista. The larvae are essentially phytophagous, although those of a few species are predaceous. The larva of *Oscinis frit* (Hewitt, 1914) is very narrow in proportion to its length. The anterior spiracles are 4-lobed, and the posterior pair open at the apices of short tubular projections at the hind extremity of the body: each spiracle has three circular openings separated by chitinous ridges. In *Oscinosoma* the larva is less elongate and more musciform, with ambulatory swellings on the abdominal segments: the spiracles closely resemble those of *Oscinis* (vide Silvestri, 1917). The larva of *Chloropisca glabra* is predaceous on aphis and its life-history has been followed by Parker (Journ. Econ. Ent., 1918), and the anatomy of the larva of *Platycephala* by Wandolleck (1890). The "frit-fly" *Oscinis frit* (Fig. 597) is a pest of cereals in Europe. The flies of the first generation oviposit in May on the leaves or stems of spring oats and various grasses. The larvae migrate to the shoots causing the death of the central leaves. Flies of the second generation oviposit during July on the ears of oats, and the larvae feed on the spikelets and young grain. Oviposition in the third generation occurs during September on winter cereals and various grasses. Winter is passed in the larval condition at the bases of the shoots which they ultimately destroy. The "gout fly" *Chlorops taniosus* lays its eggs during June on the leaves of spring barley or occasionally on couch grass. The larvae migrate into the shoots which become thickened and the leaves are distorted. If the barley ear is about to be formed the larva eats a groove down one side of it and the internode. The ear fails to grow away from the ensheathing leaf. The flies of the second generation oviposit from the middle of August until the middle of October mainly on couch grass, but sometimes on self-sown or winter cereals. The shoots become greatly thickened, the leaves distorted, and no ear is formed.

**FAM. CORDYLURIDÆ (Scatomyzide).**—FRONT BRISTLY AND WELL DIFFERENTIATED FROM ORBITS, VIBRISSÆ PRESENT. WINGS RATHER LARGE, SC CLEARLY SEPARATED FROM R₁, TIBIÆ SPURRED, ABDOMEN WITH AT LEAST 5 EVIDENT SEGMENTS.

These flies are never very small, and are usually considerably larger than most Acalyptræ. They frequent meadows and moist places and many, particularly *Scatophaga*, are found about dung in which the larval life is spent. A few species have been bred from insect larvae. Cotterell (Proc. Zool. Soc., 1920) has described
the life-history of Scatophaga stercoraria, and the adults of this genus may often be observed to prey upon other Diptera, but their predaceous habits have been very little investigated. Certain members of the family closely resemble the Anthomyiidae but may be distinguished by the eyes being wide apart in both sexes and by the absence of squame. The life-history of Hydromyza confluens has been described by Welch (Ann. Ent. Soc. Am., 7, 1914), this species being aquatic in the larval instars.

In addition to the foregoing there are a number of families of minor importance which need a brief reference. The Micropezidae are a small family represented in Britain by about a dozen species: their members bear a resemblance to the smaller Tipulidae on account of their long slender bodies and legs. The Tanyzeidae are mostly comprised in the genus Tanypeza and are sometimes classified with the preceding family but are clearly distinct: they do not occur in Britain. The Sepsiidae are not unlike the Micropezidae but have rudimentary palpi: rather fewer than 30 species are British. The Piophilidae are closely related to the Sepsiidae, Piophila casei is the best known member and its larva lives in ham, bacon, cheese, etc. Its biology has been described by Banks (1912) and by Herrick. On account of their peculiar habits of leaping the larvae are known as "cheese skippers": the leap is performed by the larva seizing the edge of the anal extremity with its mouth-hooks and suddenly releasing it when in a state of tension. The Psilidae include the well known carrot fly Psila rosea whose larvae cause much damage by eating into the tap root of the carrot (vide Smith and Gardner, 1922). The Rhopalomeridae inhabit Central and South America and the Geomyzidae are a small ill-defined family often difficult to separate from the Agromyzidae: their larvae have been found in the stems of plants. The Celyphidae and Diopsidae are small tropical families of very aberrant structure and easily recognized by the characters given in the key on p. 643. The Psilotrichidae mainly inhabit the seashore among weed cast up by the tide: they are typically represented by the common littoral fly Callopa frigida. The Borboridae are small black or brownish flies often abundant near decomposing organic matter: several are apterous and Anatalanta from Kerguelen I. lacks the halteres also. The Heteroneuridae are not often met with but occur among herbage near streams, etc.: the larva of Heteroneura albimana Mg. is described by Perris from rotting wood. The Helomyzidae are usually recognizable by the bristly costal margin to the wings. Their larvae have been found in carrion, dung and fungi: for the metamorphosis of Helomyza livens vide Gercke (Verh. Ver. Hamb., 1884, 4). The Sciomyzidae frequent damp situations, their larvae being aquatic or sub-aquatic. The metamorphoses of Sepedon and Tetanocera are described by Needham (1901). Both adults and larvae of Actora stuta frequent the sea-shore and are often subjected to immersion in salt water. According to Joseph (Zool. Anz., 1880) the adults are protected by a waxy exudation which is constantly renewed.

Superfamily II. Calypterae

Key to the families:—

1 (2).—Mouth-parts vestigial.
2 (1).—Mouth-parts well developed.
3 (7).—Hypopleural seta present: 2 anterior and 1 posterior sternopleural seta: cell R₅ narrowed or closed.
4. Abdomen markedly bristly: arista bare or sometimes pubescent.
5. Abdomen without discal bristles: arista bare distally.
6. Abdomen with apical bristles only: arista pubescent to apex.
7 (3).—Hypopleural seta absent: 1 anterior and 2 posterior sternopleural seta or more: cell R₅ variable.
8 (9).—Cell R₅ generally narrowed or closed: arista usually pubescent to apex.
9 (8).—Cell R₅ generally widely open: arista pubescent, hairy or bare.

FAM. ANTHOMYIIDÆ.—Arista plumose, pubescent or bare. Abdomen rarely bristly. M₁ + ₂ passing straight or nearly straight to wing-margin leaving cell R₅ widely open (Fig. 598).
A very extensive family comprising small to rather large flies bearing, for the most part, a general resemblance to the house-fly. Although there is seldom any difficulty in recognizing its members certain genera such as Muscina, Myospila, etc., are annec tant between Anthomyids and Muscids, and Fucellia connects the family with the Cordyluridae (vide Townsend, 1914).

Many of the larvae are vegetable feeders, or live in saprophytic matter, while others are carnivorous (vide Keilin, 1917). The majority of Anthomyid larvae are 12-segmented (excluding the segment-like region following the head), cylindrical, and taper towards the anterior extremity. They are truncated posteriorly with the anal end margined with a variable number of short fleshy tubercles, and the tracheal system is amphipneustic. The anterior spiracles have about 6-13 lobes and the posterior organs have three short radially disposed slits. The body is provided with locomotory areas beset with minute spinules, which usually commence on the 5th segment. In Fannia the larvae are totally different, the body is somewhat flattened, and provided with filamentous processes of the body-wall (vide Hewitt, 1912).

Perhaps the most remarkable larvae are those of Passeromyia which are blood-sucking parasites of birds (Rod- hain and Bequert, 1916). The larvae of certain species of Mydaea are also subcutaneous avian parasites (Nielsen, 1911). The larva of Chortophila brassicae is extremely destructive to vegetables of the Brassica tribe and also affects wild Cruciferae. It destroys the roots of those plants and the eggs are deposited around the stem near the soil level (vide Slingerland, 1894). The larva of Anthomyia spreta Mg. feeds on the fungus Epichloë which attacks grasses (Trägårdh, Arkiv. Zool., 1913). Hylemyia coeretata Fall is the "Wheat bulb fly" which is a serious pest in many parts of Europe (Petherbridge, Journ. Agric. Sci., 1921). The larva of Pegomyia are leaf-miners, and the biology of P. hyoscyami has been observed by Cameron (Ann. App. Biol., 1914).

FAM. MUSCIDÆ.—ARISTA PLUMOSE TO THE APEX, SOMETIMES ABOVE ONLY, RARELY BARE. CELL Rs GENERALLY CLOSED OR NEARLY SO (Fig. 598). ABDOMEN DEVOID OF BRISTLES EXCEPT AT THE APEX.

Species and individuals of this family are abundant almost everywhere, and many have become very widely spread through human agencies. Musca domestica (the house-fly) is practically cosmopolitan, being found wherever man has established himself, while species of Lucilia, Calliphora and Stomoxys also have an extremely wide distribution. Although the family includes a number of well-known blood-sucking genera, which constitute the sub-families Stomoxydinæ and Glossininæ, nevertheless they only represent a small proportion of its total number of species. The blood-sucking habit is common to both sexes.

Musca domestica L. may be taken as a typical representative of the family. It is, as a rule, most abundant during the hottest months of the year and in Europe and N. America attains its greatest numbers from July to September. According to Roubaud, the insect usually does not hibernate but continues reproduction during winter in warm rooms and stables, but further research is much needed with par-
ticular reference to various climatic conditions. The eggs are cylindrical-oval, 1 mm. long, with two curved ribbon-like thickenings along the dorsal side: they are laid in masses of 100–150 and the usual number deposited by a single fly in a life of about 2½ months is probably 600–1,000. The chief breeding places are accumulations of horse manure or stable refuse, but human and other excrement is often selected, and also most kinds of fermenting animal and vegetable substances, particularly the contents of ash bins, etc. At a temperature of 25°C–35°C, the larvae hatch in 8–12 hours. The first instar larva is 2 mm. long, metapneustic, and each posterior spiracle opens by a pair of small, oblique, slit-like apertures. This stadium lasts 24–36 hours under favourable conditions. The second instar larva is amphipneustic with larger posterior spiracles and, at a temperature of 25°C–35°C, the stadium lasts about 24 hours. The third instar is also amphipneustic and measures about 12 mm. long when fully grown. The anterior spiracles have 6–8 processes, and each posterior spiracle is a D-shaped ring surrounding three sinuous slits. Incubated at 35°C, this stadium lasts 3–4 days, and the pupal stadium averages 4–5 days. The developmental cycle, from the egg to the eclosion of the imago, varies in different parts of the world with the temperature and other factors. According to Herm, it varies from an average of 24–38 days at 16°C, to an average of 10–14 days at 30°C. Roubaud states that, in a heap of actively fermenting manure in warm weather, the life-cycle may only require six days. The house fly has an important bearing upon the welfare of man, as a carrier of the germs of summer diarrhoea, typhoid and possibly other diseases: there is also evidence pointing to the probability of its acting as a carrier of the eggs of certain species of intestinal worms. Preventive and remedial measures are numerous, and of these the most important is the elimination of the larval breeding places, or the rendering of the latter fly-proof or unsuitable for the insect. The destruction of adult flies must also form part of any system of eradication: this may be brought about by the use of fly traps baited with attractive chemotropic substances, by means of adhesive fly-papers, or by poison baits such as formaldehyde. The literature on this species has assumed extensive proportions: a general account of the insect and its relation to man is given by Hewitt (1914), Observations on its breeding habits are given by Newstead (1907) and Roubaud (Ann. Inst. Pasteur, 1922), while the relation of the insect to medical science and sanitation is dealt with by Graham-Smith (1914). Additional observations on this insect and other common flies will be found in papers by the latter author (1916 and 1919).

The biting house-fly, *Stomoxys calcitrans*, breeds principally in horse manure and stable refuse, but the larva may also be found in grass mowings, sewage beds, etc. The life-history has been studied by Newstead (1906), Bishopp (1913), Mitzmain (1913), and others. The duration of the life-cycle depends upon temperature, humidity and the nature of the food supply, while the minimum period for complete development is 23–32 days. According to Newstead two important conditions are necessary for development—an absence of light and an abundance of moisture. The ova are laid in batches of 60–70 and about 600 is the greatest number deposited by one female (during 65 days). At an average day temperature of 72°F., and 65°F. by night, the larvae hatch out in 2–3 days. When fully grown they measure 11–12 mm. long, and differ from the larva of the house-fly in that the hind spiracles are rounded and smaller, with the three apertures on each plate only slightly curved instead of being sinuous. In England, during August, the larval period lasts 2 to 3 weeks and 9 to 13 days are spent as a pupa; in the tropics the pupal stage may only last 4 days. The "cluster fly" *Pollenia rudis* is a parasite of earthworms of the genus *Allolobophora* (Keilin, 1915). The eggs are laid in the earth in September, and the young larva probably makes its way through the genital aperture into the vesicula seminalis of its host, where it remains during the winter. At the beginning of May it awakens and enters the body-cavity, if it has not already done so earlier. For a period of 1 to 4 days it migrates forwards and, during the last part of the journey, its spiracular extremity is directed towards the prostomium of the worm. Arriving at the latter region, it wears through the body-wall by means of the denticles around the anal segment, and the spiracles are thus placed in communication with the exterior. Six to ten days after perforating the prostomium the larva molts and, growing considerably, eats its way into the pharynx of the worm. After a further period of 9 days it passes into the 3rd instar, and gradually eats its way backwards until only the hinder segments of the host remain: pupation subsequently takes place, and the imago appears in 35 to 45 days.

1 Dunn (Bull. Ent. Res. 13) states that in Panama a single female may deposit 2,387 eggs during 31 days after emergence.
The larva of *Auchomeromyia luteolata* F. is the Congo "floor-maggot" frequenting the floors of native huts, and is an ecto-parasite sucking human blood (Roubaud, 1913). *Lucilia* includes the well known "green bottle flies." The almost cosmopolitan *L. caesar* L. breeds in carrion and excrement while *L. sericata*, the "sheep maggot fly," lays its eggs on the wool of sheep; its larvae bore into the flesh, causing death when present in large numbers. *Protocalliphora azurea* Fall. is an ectoparasite in the nests of swallows, larks, sparrows and other birds. Its larvae suck the blood of the nestlings by perforating the skin, and attach themselves by means of a suctorial disc present on the 1st segment (vide Coutant, 1915, Roubaud, 1917). The genus *Calliphora* includes the well known "blue bottles" or "blow flies" whose larvae occur in carrion, flesh, etc.

The species of *Glossina* or Tsetse flies (vide Austen, 1911; Austen and Hegh, 1922; Roubaud, 1909) are now well known to be the carriers of the pathogenic agents of certain virulent diseases in Africa. Thus *Glossina palpalis* (Fig. 599) transmits *Trypanosoma gambiense*, the causal agent of sleeping sickness, from man to man by means of its piercing mouth-parts. In a similar manner *G. morsitans* transmits *Trypanosoma rhodesiense* which is responsible for the more local or Rhodesian form of that disease. *Glossina morsitans* is also the chief carrier of *Trypanosoma brucei*

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**Fig. 599.—** *Glossina palpalis*, Female. × 5.

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which causes the disease known as nagana among domestic animals. Although widely distributed through tropical and sub-tropical Africa, species of *Glossina* do not occur continuously throughout that area, but are largely restricted to patches of forest and bush where there is warmth, damp, and shade, such tracts being known as "fly belts." The larvae in this genus are nourished within the uterus of the parent and, when mature, are deposited singly and at intervals in a shady situation on the ground. When newly born, the larva is yellowish-white, with a black posterior extremity bearing a pair of polypneustic spiracular lobes. It speedily burrows or otherwise conceals itself and pupates, the imago appearing about a month later.

**Fam. Cestridæ** (Warble or Bot Flies).—Stoutly-built, more or less hairy flies with vestigial mouth-parts. Antennae short and partially sunk. Venation of muscid type (except *Gastrophilus*); cell R₅ narrowed or closed; squama usually large. Larvae endoparasitic in vertebrata.

A comparatively small family remarkable mainly on account of the larval habits (vide Brauer, 1863). The adults are usually more or less pilose, often bee-like in appearance. They are infrequently met with and only nine species occur in the British Isles. *Gastrophilus* differs markedly from other Cestrids in the widely open cell R₅ and the small squama; on account of these and other features recent taxonomists have separated the genus from the rest of the family. The ovipositor in Cestrids...
is extensile, and often long, but not adapted for piercing; the eggs are laid on
the body-hairs of their hosts and are provided with special clamping flanges.

The life-histories, with a few exceptions, are very incompletely known owing to
difficulties attending observation of the instars in the living animal. Their larvae
are more frequently met with than the adults, and a number of species have been
described from the former stage only. Parasitism occurs in three ways: in the stomach
and intestines, in the nasal and pharyngeal cavities, and beneath the skin. As a
rule each species parasitizes a single species of host, and each genus or group of allied
species attacks allied hosts. The larva, when fully grown, are broadly cylindrical or
somewhat barrel-shaped, narrowing relatively little at the extremities, and never
tapering anteriorly in a manner comparable with other cyclorrhaphous larva. Twelve
segments are present with the first two much reduced and annular. The body-wall
is very tough with lateral swellings and groups of spinules. As a rule Oestrus larva
are metapneustic; in Gasterophilus the anterior spiracles are sieve-like, and apparently
functional, and the tracheal system is consequently amphipneustic. Carpenter and
Pollard (1918) have detected the presence of 6 pairs of vestigial abdominal spiracles in Hypoderma and Edemagenia. Mouth-hooks are present in all 1st stage
Gastrellarva but subsequently they may become reduced or vestigial.

The larva feed upon the serous and other exudations into the tissues of their hosts,
which fluids are usually either altered or increased owing to irritation induced by the
presence of the parasites. When mature the larva leave their hosts and pupate in
the ground or among surface litter.

Hypoderma includes the well known "warble flies," H. bovis and H. lineatum.
The adults are active from May to August and the eggs are mostly laid on the hairs
of the flanks, legs, and feet of cattle. According to Hadwen H. lineatum lays 1–14
eggs on a single hair, usually between the point of the hock and the ischium, and on
the inside of the legs. H. bovis lays its eggs singly on the hairs, chiefly about the
legs. In both species they hatch in 4 to 5 days, and the larva bore their way beneath
the skin, and migrate for several months through the body, until they reach the wall
of the gullet. Here they are found from late summer until winter; from December
onwards they commence to arrive beneath the skin of the back. Later, the skin is
pierced and the posterior spiracles then communicate with the exterior. From
February until May or later the fully grown larva are found in the swellings or
"warbles" on either side of the spine of the host-animal. Ultimately each larva
works its way out and falls to the ground where it pupates. The pupal instar lasts
about 5–6 weeks. Squeezing out the larva is the best remedy at present available
as no efficient preventive methods have been devised. The injuries caused by the
perforation of the hide, and the deterioration of the flesh, and reduction in the milk
occasioned by the presence of these larva, entail great losses to the trades concerned.
Further research is needed to ascertain the course followed by the young larva during
their migration from the skin to the gullet. Not infrequently they are found in the
spinal canal having apparently deviated from their normal path after leaving the
gullet. Most of what is known of their biology is contained in the papers of Hadwen
(1912, 1916) and Carpenter and his co-workers (1908 onwards).

The horse bot-flies (Gasterophilus) also lay their eggs on the hair (vide Dove, 1918;
Hadwen and Cameron, 1918). In G. intestinalis they are found on various regions,
preferably the fore-legs. The young larva hatch upon the application of moisture
and friction supplied by the licking of the horse: they are ingested, and attach
themselves to the walls of the stomach. G. nasalis oviposits on the hairs beneath
the jaws, and to some extent on the shoulders, etc. The larva attach themselves to
the pharynx, stomach, and duodenum. G. hemorroidalis lays its eggs singly on the
hairs around the lips: the larva attach themselves to the stomach-wall, eventually
migrating to the rectum, where they become re-attached. Before leaving the host
they again become attached close to the vent and protrude therefrom. In all three
species the larva are ultimately voided through the anus and pupate in the ground.
Oviposition in Dermatobia appears to be very remarkable and evidence points to the
eggs being laid upon blood-sucking Diptera, particularly the mosquito fanthinosoma.
The female Dermatobia probably captures the mosquito and attaches its eggs thereto
in such a position that they will come in contact with the skin of any animals attacked
by the carrying insect (Sambon, 1915).

FAM. SARCOPHAGIDÆ (Flesh Flies)—Arista plumose to the middle or a
little beyond, bare distally (Fig. 561). Macrophyle usually only present
on distal portion of abdomen, disc rarely bristly. Cell R₃ narrowed or
closed. Squama large.

This family includes comparatively few genera but numerous species, often very
much alike. For the most part they are uniformly coloured flies, with a grey longitudinally striped thorax, and marbled abdomen (Fig. 600). The larvæ (vide Thompson, 1921) are of the Muscid type and taper anteriorly with the posterior extremity rounded. Transverse bands of denticles differentiate the segments, and the posterior spiracles are situated in a deep stigmal pit bearing, as a rule, three straight subparallel slits. The larvæ occur in decaying animal or vegetable matter or are parasites of insects and other animals (vide Aldrich, 1915). Their hosts include Orthoptera, Lepidopterous larvæ, adult Coleoptera, scorpions, earthworms, etc.; snails are also not infrequently utilized as hosts. According to Pantel (1910) the parasitic larvæ lie free within the body of their insect hosts, and do not acquire any organic connection with the latter as in Tachinids. Species of Sarcocephaga (or flesh flies) are larviparous, with large eggs, and the uterus is greatly enlarged to form an incubatory pouch: on an average a female will deposit 40–80 larvæ in their 1st instar. Although mainly living in decaying flesh the habits of this genus are extremely varied. Several species parasitize grasshoppers (Kelly, Journ. Agric. Res., 1914), their larvæ boring beneath the body-wall of the host soon after deposition. Others have been found beneath the skin of tortoises, in the stomachs of frogs, in snails (Keilin, 1919) or causing nasal myiasis in man: S. hematoïdes, however, is coprophagous. Fabre observed that the carrion fly S. carnaria will deposit its larvæ from a height of 26 inches, and that the ordinary wire meat cover affords imperfect protection, since the larvæ can fall through the mesh unless the latter is very fine. Sarcocephaga magnifica Sch. (wolfarti Port.) is abundant in Russia causing great suffering to domestic animals owing to even the smallest wound becoming infected with its larvæ: in man it often causes myiasis of the ear, nose, eyes, etc. The fly is probably concerned with the spread of foot and mouth disease, but does not occur in Britain. In Helicobosca muscaria Mg., a parasite of snails, the larviparous method of reproduction reaches a high degree of specialization: the female produces a single enormous egg which gives rise to a correspondingly large sized larva (Keilin, 1916).

FAM. TACHINIDÆ (including DEXIIDÆ).—ARISTA USUALLY BARE, ABDOMEN WITH MARGINAL, LATERAL, AND DISCAL BRISTLES. CELL R₅ NARROWED OR CLOSED.

The Tachinidæ are thick-set conspicuously bristly flies, thinly or not at all pilose, and with the abdomen sometimes beset with short suberect spines. The Dexiine are regarded by many authorities as meriting family rank, and their more typical members are recognizable by the usually plumose or pubescent arista, and the long slender legs. The habits of adult Tachinids are very similar and they are most often found about vegetation, particularly on flowers. Over 90 genera and about 175 species have been recognized in Britain (vide Meade, 1891–92, 1894).

Tachinid larvæ are uniformly parasites and, although they may select as hosts larval and adult Coleoptera, Orthoptera and Hemiptera, they mainly parasitize larvæ of Lepidoptera and to a lesser degree those of Hymenoptera: in a very few instances they are known to select larval Diptera. Tachinid larvæ are usually broadly cylindrical, tapering but little towards the anterior extremity and with rather indistinct segmentation. The anterior spiracles are small but the posterior pair is conspicuous, and often darkly coloured owing to strong chitinization. The tracheal system is almost always metapneustic in the 1st instar, becoming amphipneustic subsequently.
Much of what is known concerning the biology of the family is due to the researches of Pantel (1898–1910), Nielsen (1909), and Townsend (1908a). The eggs are either deposited on the host or, more rarely, on the leaves of the food plant of the latter. Certain species are larviparous, thus Dexodes nigripes Fall. and Compilura concinnata Mg. deposit their larvæ beneath the skin of the host: Ernesia rudis Fall., on the other hand, deposits its larva on the skin of its host (Teniocampa stabilis) and, according to Townsend, Euplectertia magnicornis Z. deposits its larvæ on leaves.

Within their hosts the larval life of Tachinids presents many variations but, in some stage of existence, they respire free air either by means of a perforation in the body-wall of their host, or by means of a secondary connection with the tracheal system of the latter. In either case, the larva is enclosed in a sheath ("gaine de fixation" of Pantel, funnel or siphon of other observers) which may be either primary or secondary.

(1) The Primary Sheath: this is always cutaneous in origin, and is formed as an ingrowth from the lips of the original perforation by means of which the larva enters the host. This perforation persists as an air-hole ("soupail" of Pantel) and the larva hangs, head downwards, with its spiracles respiring free air through the aperture. The sheath consists of an inner layer of chitin and an outer layer of hypodermis; it grows around and closely embraces the parasite and maintains the latter in position. The sheath may be complicated by the adherence of the degenerating surrounding tissues which are often soldered together by the preface secretion of chitin by the hypodermis. In this manner muscle fibres, fat-body and tracheæ, along with dead phagocytes may become involved, the whole forming a dense, compact sheath surrounding the parasite. This type of sheath occurs in Echinoemyia fera, Winthemia 4-pustulata, etc.

(2) The Secondary Sheath: this may be either cutaneous or tracheal in origin according to the position of the air-hole. In species in which this type of sheath obtains, the parasite lives for a while free in the body cavity of its host as in Thrixion or within some particular organ (nervous system, muscles, etc.) as in Plagia trepida and Sturmia sericaria (vide more especially Pantel, 1909, Sasaki, 1886). Sooner or later, owing to the respiratory needs of increasing growth, it seeks communication with the air. By means of the anal extremity the larva gradually bores its way either through the integument, or into a tracheal trunk, and thus forms a secondary air hole. Whichever situation is chosen, a sheath grows round the larva either by means of an ingrowth of the integument (Thrixion) or as an outgrowth from the wall of a trachea or of an air-sac (Blepharidea, Siphona, Gymnosoma). In either case the parasite becomes enclosed as in the primary sheath. Whichever way it is formed, the sheath is a pathological reaction of the host against irritation and micronic infection induced by the presence of the parasite. In Compilura and Sturmia the parasite acquires a direct connection with a spiracle of the host, and the sheath under these circumstances is little more than a collar-like rim around the caudal end of the parasite. The mode of life of the parasite within its host varies not only among different Tachinids, but also during the life of an individual species. Thus in Thrixion, for example, the larva devours only the blood and fat-body and forsakes the host while the latter is alive. Furthermore, it does not void excretory matter until it leaves its host. In similar cases, in which the first diet of the larva consists of the blood plasma of the host, the surrounding sheath is closed, absorption taking place according to Pantel by means of "physiological filtration": at a later stage the buccal armature pierces the sheath and the larva then commences to devour the fat-body. The greater number of Tachinids rupture the surrounding sheath in the 3rd instar and, becoming free in the body-cavity of the host, they commence to devour the vital organs of the latter. In certain other Tachinids a still more complex mode of life is followed: thus in Sturmia sericaria (Sasaki, 1886), which parasitizes the silkworm, the eggs are deposited on mulberry leaves and are swallowed along with the leaf-tissue by the host. The eggs hatch in the gut of the latter, and the young larvæ bore their way through the wall of the digestive canal, and penetrate into the ganglia of the nervous system. At a later stage they forsake the latter, and acquire connections with the spiracles of their host. Other species similarly live an intra-organic life within the nervous system, muscles, etc., of the hosts, during part of their existence (Pantel, 1909, 1910). Such species have remarkably small eggs adapted for being swallowed by their host. Pupation in Tachinids takes place as a rule in the soil: in some species, however, such as Carecella gnava, which is a parasite of Malacosoma neustria, the pupal stage occurs within the pupa of the host. Lists of Tachinids and their hosts are given by Brauer and Bergenstamm (1895) and in the catalogue of Palæarctic Diptera (vol. 3, 1907).
A remarkable group of Diptera whose structure has been greatly modified in accordance with an ectoparasitic life. The winged forms do not fly any considerable distance, and all species are adepts at clinging to their hosts and working their way among the hairs or feathers. The claws are highly developed, and toothed or spined for the purpose. The abdomen is indistinctly segmented and, like the rest of the body, tough and leathery. With the exception of Braula all species are blood-sucking ectoparasites of mammals and birds, but do not utilize man as a normal host. The larvae (excepting those of Braula) are retained within the uterus of the parents, where they are nourished by the secretion of the greatly developed accessory glands. When fully mature they are deposited on the ground, or in the abodes of their hosts, and almost immediately change to pupae. A list of the palearctic species arranged according to their hosts is given by Becker and Bezzi (1895). For the structure of the proboscis vide Muggenberg (1892) and for the general biology and morphology of the family consult Massonnat (1908). The phylogeny and distribution is discussed by Speiser (1908) who has also monographed the world’s genera. The group owes its existence more especially to the similarity in reproduction and parasitic habits exhibited by the adults. In all probability they are to be regarded as degraded members of the Athericera.

FAM. HIPPOBOSCIDEÆ.—HEAD SUNK INTO AN EMARGINATION OF THE THORAX. PALPI NEITHER LEAF-LIKE NOR FORWARDLY PROJECTING, FORMING A SHEATH TO THE PROBOSCIS. EYES ROUND OR OVAL, OCELLI PRESENT OR ABSENT. ANTENNAE INSERTED INTO A DEPRESSION, 1-JOINTED, WITH OR WITHOUT A TERMINAL BRISTLE OR LONG HAIRS. LEGS SHORT AND STOUT, CLAWS STRONG AND SOMETIMES TOOTHED. WINGS PRESENT OR ABSENT.

These insects (Fig. 601) are dorso-ventrally flattened and of a tough leathery consistency, both features being correlated with an ectoparasitic life. The family includes such well known insects as the “forest fly” Hippobosca equina which affects horses and cattle, and the sheep “tick” or “ked” Melophagus ovinus. Among other British species Ornithomyia avicularia is a parasite of many wild birds and Lipoptena cervi is found on deer. All these species have a very extensive geographical range and O. avicularia has been carried by birds almost all over the world. The degree of development of the wings differs greatly in various members of the family. In Hippobosca and Ornithomyia they are fully formed; in Allobosca they are vestigial, while in Melophagus (Fig. 602) wings and halteres are absent. Both sexes of Lipoptena cervi are winged but upon discovering a host the females soon cast their wings near the bases: wingless males similarly occur. The palpi in this family are rigid organs projecting forwardly downwards and forming a partial sheath to the proboscis. The latter is curved and slender, protrusible, and hidden from view when retracted. Whether both sexes are equally active blood-suckers does not appear to have been definitely ascertained, but their punctures are seldom painful. The females produce at intervals single larvæ which are whitish, or pale yellow, with a black cap at the posterior end which involves the spiracles. They are immobile with little or no traces of segmentation, and very soon transform into puparia. For the genera of the family consult Speiser (1899) and an account of the structure of Melophagus is given by Pratt (1893): the British species are discussed and figured by Austen (1903).

FAM. NYCTERIBIDÆ.—HEAD FOLDED BACK AT REST IN A GROOVE ON DORSUM OF THORAX, EYES AND OCELLI WHEN PRESENT VESTIGIAL; ANTENNAE 2-JOINTED, TERMINATED BY BRISTLES INSERTED ON TUBERCLES. A FAN-SHAPED COMB OF
DIPTERA

BRISTLES (CTENIDIUM) INSERTED IN A HOLLOW AT THE ANTERIOR END OF THE THORAX; LEGS ELONGATE, WINGS ABSENT.

A very small family of highly modified and completely apterous insects (Fig. 603) parasitic upon bats. They are more particularly characteristic of the Old World, the countries bordering on the Indian Ocean being especially rich in species; only Nycteribia is British. In view of their host's power of distribution it is not surprising that certain species have a very wide geographical range. Frequently, a single species of Nycteribid may utilize several species of host which may be of different genera or, more rarely, of different families. Conversely a species of bat may support several species of Nycteribids; thus, at least 9 species of the latter have been recorded from Miniopterus schreibersi in various countries. Information on the general structure and classification of the family is given by Speiser (1900a); the papers of Kolenati (1863) and Scott (1917) should also be consulted. Rodhain and Bequert (1916a) have published a detailed account of the behaviour of Cyclopodia grephi Karsch. The larvae are deposited in a less advanced stage of development than those of certain Hippoboscidæ and the spiracles are postero-dorsal in position. The puparia were found adhering to the perches and parts of the cages in which the hosts were confined. According to Muggenberg (1892) a ptilinum is wanting in this family.

FAM. STREBLIDÆ.—HEAD NOT FLEXED ON DORSUM OR THORAX; EYES WHEN

FIG. 602.—*MELOPHAGUS OVINUS*, MAGNIFIED.

Fig. 603.—*NYCETERIBA JENYNSI*, FORMOSA; DORSAL VIEW OF MALE WITH VENTRAL VIEW OF THORAX AND ABDOMEN ON RIGHT. ENLARGED.

PRESENT SMALL, NO OCELLI; ANTENNAE IN PITS, 2-JOINTED. PALPI LEAF-LIKE, PROJECTING IN FRONT OF THE HEAD BUT NOT SHEATHING THE PROBOSCIS. HIND COXÆ ENLARGED, CLAWS NOT DISTINCTLY TOOTHED. WINGS WELL DEVELOPED, VESTIGIAL OR ABSENT.
A small family widely distributed throughout the tropics and warm regions of the world. In habits they are almost exclusively parasitic upon bats, and most of what is known concerning the family is included in a paper by Speiser (1900). *Ascodipteron* Adens. (Queensland, E. Indies) is one of the most remarkable of Pupipara and is unique on account of the degeneration undergone by the female. Both sexes are winged but exhibit marked differences in the structure of the proboscis: in the female the labellar teeth are very large and blade-like, on the other hand, in the male, the teeth are exceedingly small. On reaching its host (*Miniopterus*) the female makes a way beneath the skin near the base of the ear, and casts both legs and wings. In this situation she develops into a greatly enlarged, flask-shaped sac, with the hinder extremity communicating with the exterior (Muir, 1912). Typical genera of the family include *Nyciterobosca* Speis., which extends into Europe, *Raymondia* Frd., and *Strebla* Wied. Very little is known concerning their biology but Speiser states that they are larviparous.

FAM. BRAULIDÆ.—MINUTE LOUSE-LIKE INSECTS WITH SHORT THICK LEGS, VESTIGIAL EYES, AND DEVOID OF WINGS AND HALTERES. THE LAST TARSAL JOINT FURNISHED WITH A PAIR OF COMB-LIKE APPENDAGES.

Included herein is the single genus *Braula* Nitz., which lives in beehives. The species *Braula ceca* Nitz. (Fig. 604) is usually found clinging to the thorax of the queens and drones but Dubini states that he has seen queens almost entirely covered with this parasite. The external structure of this remarkable creature has been studied to some extent by Meinert (1890, p. 216) and Börner (1908). According to Muggenberg (1892) a ptilinum is present and the mouth-parts agree in their essential morphology with those of the Hippoboscidae. *Braula* is oviparous and according to Skaife (Trans. Roy. Soc. S. Africa, 1921) the eggs are laid among the brood combs. They hatch out into musciform larvae which feed upon the nutrient collected by the bees for their own larvae. Pupation takes place in the cells and the imagines find their way to the bodies of the bees. The systematic position of this family is extremely doubtful and in some respects it appears to be allied to the Phoridae.

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Order 23. **APHANIPTERA (Siphonaptera: Fleas).**

**SMALL, APTEROUS, LATERALLY COMPRESSED INSECTS WHOSE ADULTS ARE ECTOPARASITES OF WARM-BLOODED ANIMALS. EYES PRESENT OR ABSENT:**

**ANTENNAE SHORT AND STOUT, REPOSING IN GROOVES:** **MOUTH-PARTS MODIFIED FOR PIERCING AND SUCKING, MAXILLARY AND LABIAL PALPI PRESENT.**

**THORACIC SEGMENTS FREE:** **COXÆ VERY LARGE, Tarsi 5-JOINTED.** **LARVAE ELONGATE, ERUCIFORM AND APODOUS.** **PUPÆ EXARATE, ENCLOSED IN COCOONS.**

The Aphaniptera, or fleas, may be readily distinguished from other apterous parasitic insects since they are strongly compressed laterally instead of being dorso-ventrally flattened. They constitute a very sharply defined order of insects quite devoid of close connection with any other group. Their origin is very obscure, as no undoubted traces of wings have been discovered in any stage of their existence, and their general structure, although specialized in some directions, is simplified in others. They are presumed to have arisen from far-off winged ancestors but all traces of such descent have been deleted, and the simplifications of structure which they exhibit seem to suggest that their origin may have been relatively low down in the endopterygote series. In their metamorphoses they possess certain features in common with the Diptera Nematocera.

Fleas are blood-sucking ectoparasites of mammals and birds. They are negatively heliotropic and respond to warmth: when a host dies the fleas leave as soon as the body cools and seek fresh hosts which are not always of the same species. Many kinds are apparently confined to one species of animal while others infest a range of hosts. The relation between different species of fleas and their hosts, however, is not a very close one, and in the absence of the elective species of the latter, many will feed readily on the blood of other animals. Their powers of walking are slight, their chief method of progression being by leaping. According to Mitzmain the maximum vertical height attained by the leap of *Pulex irritans* is $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches, while the horizontal range may extend to 13 inches.

About 500 species of the order have been described of which 46 are known to occur in the British Isles (vide Rothschild, 1915). During the past twenty-five years the work of the Indian Plague Commission, and of many independent observers, has resulted in a great increase of knowledge relating to these insects. At least eleven species have proved capable of transmitting bubonic plague. In India the species mostly implicated is the rat flea, *Xenopsylla cheopis* (Fig. 605). The rat is particularly susceptible to this disease, and the flea itself becomes infected with the plague bacillus by feeding upon an infected animal. When the latter dies, the fleas desert the body, and many find their way to man, particularly when the human population lives under crowded conditions in rat-infested quarters. It is impossible here to detail the evidence as to the manner in which the rat flea transmits the disease to man as the problem is a complicated one. It may be pointed out, however, that while feeding, the contents of the gut of the flea, which contain the pathogenic bacilli, are
voided from time to time. This excretory matter, if it be introduced beneath the skin by scratching or other means, is liable to produce infection. Bacot and Martin have demonstrated that plague-infested fleas may convey the disease by a method comparable to inoculation. When placed on a host they suck vigorously but owing to the fact that, in a certain number of the insects, the digestive canal is blocked by a dense mass of rapidly multiplying plague bacilli, the blood that is imbibed fails to enter the stomach and is regurgitated into the puncture. Since this blood is now contaminated with bacilli derived from the previous host, the disease is thus transmitted to the new host. Rats are not the only animals attacked by plague, squirrels and other rodents being also liable to the disease; consequently fleas of any species, which attack both ground rodents and man, in lands where plague is prevalent, are to be regarded as possible agents in the transmission of the malady.

One of the most familiar of these insects is the cosmopolitan human flea *Pulex irritans*. Although man is its favourite host it is often found on the badger, also on the fox and other mammals. The extensive genus *Xenopsylla* includes the plague flea *par excellence* (*X. cheopis*) which has been previously alluded to: it is almost tropicopolitan and is a scarce vagrant in the British Isles. *Ctenocephalus* (Fig. 606) includes the dog and cat fleas (*C. canis* and *C. felis*) both of which occur on dogs and cats. The rabbit flea (*Spilopsyllus cuniculi*) commonly affects the ears of hares and rabbits, and sometimes becomes transferred to cats while the latter are hunting those animals. The genus *Ceratophyllum* includes a number of species, some affecting birds and others mammals. Of the former, *C. gallinae* is frequent in hen-houses and in the nests of many wild birds: *C. penicilliger*, among the mammal-infesting forms, is common on numerous hosts including voles, mice, and stoats, while *C. fasciatus* is the common rat flea of cool countries. *Leptopsylla musculi* is harboured by the mouse and species of *Nycteropsylla* and *Ischnopsyllus* are essentially bat parasites. In addition to the foregoing species, which occur in Great Britain, mention needs to be made of the well known “jigger” or “chigoe” (*Dermatophilus penetrans*) of the tropics whose females remain attached to the skin in one position for the greater part of their existence. The modifications of external structure associated with this habit are so marked that the abdomen becomes distended to the size of a small pea, the insect bearing a close resemblance to a tick. It has a large number of hosts and its attacks are usually confined to the feet: in man it particularly affects the toes. Instead of
removing at the surface of its host, the fertilized female burrows into the flesh, until it may become completely embedded.

**External Anatomy.**—The body in the Aphaniptera is strongly compressed, and well chitinized, with the evident advantage of enabling these insects readily to work their way among the hair or feathers of the host. There is usually a prominent armature of spines and bristles which are sharply inclined backwards, thus aiding forward progression, and the claws of the feet are strong in conformity with the necessity for grasping. The *head* is very closely attached to the thorax without the intervention of a cercicum. Situated on the middle line of the frons there is, in many species, a chitinous tubercle which probably functions as an organ for the imago to cut through the pupa case and cocoon during emergence. The *eyes* are non-faceted, and may be deeply pigmented but, in a number of species, they are vestigial or absent. The latero-ventral border of the head often carries a row of powerful spines forming the *genal comb* which is present on either side: these organs are frequently referred to as *ctenidia* and are well seen, for example, in *Ctenocephalus*. The *antennae* are lodged in antennal grooves and are short and stout with three-evident joints. The terminal portion is pectinated and exhibits a number of annular divisions, which vary in completeness of development in different genera, and sometimes in different sexes. The *mouth-parts* (Fig. 607) are adapted for piercing and sucking, and the most important organs are the *mandibles*. These structures are rather broad blades which are serrated along the distal two-thirds of their length. Proximally, the inner surfaces of the mandibles are in contact with the short hypopharynx and, where the latter organ terminates, they are closely opposed to the epipharynx above. Each mandible is distally grooved along its inner aspect from the point where the hypopharynx ceases, and they form together a channel through which the saliva is ejected. Basally, the mandible articulates with the head capsule by means of a small rod-like sclerite which imparts to it considerable freedom of movement. The *labrum-epipharynx* is a long slender organ which is ventrally grooved, and closely approximated to the mandibles, the combined organs thus forming an afferent channel through which blood is sucked up. The *hypopharynx* is a small sclerite which is concave ventrally and incurved at the
margins: within the area thus defined the salivary pump and its operating muscles are lodged. Anteriorly, the hypopharynx is prolonged into a small process, which is perforated by the salivary duct, and extends for a short distance between the epipharynx and the mandibles. The **maxillae** each consist of a single lobe or blade, on either side of the mouth, and a 4-jointed palpus: they are not cutting organs and apparently do not enter the puncture made by the mandibles. The **labium** is formed of an oblong basal plate or mentum, which carries distally a pair of labial palpi: the latter are elongate and usually 5-jointed but the number of joints varies between 2 and 17. In transverse section the labial palpi are slightly concave and, when placed together, they form a kind of sheath which encloses the piercing mouth-parts. When a flea desires to feed it punctures the skin by means of the combined piercing organ formed by the labrum-epipharynx and mandibles. The muscles of the salivary pump inject saliva into the perforation thus formed and the aspiratory action of the pharynx draws up blood from the now congested wound, through the afferent channel, and so into the stomach. Considerable difference of opinion exists as to whether the labrum-epipharynx exercises any piercing function at all: several observers maintain from the structure of its apex that it is incapable of perforation and, if this view be the correct one, it is evident that the wound is made solely by the mandibles.

The **thorax** is composed of three quite distinct segments which admit of a certain amount of movement. In many species the hind margin of the pronotum carries a row of stout spines forming the **pronotal comb**. The terga are simple, broad, arched plates and the metathorax is characterized by its greatly developed epimera which overlie the base of the abdomen. The legs are adapted for clinging and leaping with large flattened coxae, short stout femora and elongate 5-jointed tarsi.

The **abdomen** is composed of 10 segments, the first of which has the sternum wanting, and the last three segments are modified for sexual purposes. The ninth segment in the male is of a complex nature. Its tergum bears a dorsal **sensory plate or pygidium** and the sides of the former region are modified to form accessory copulatory organs or claspers. The ninth sternum is represented by a pair of boomerang-shaped sclerites each of which consists of an internal vertical and a ventral horizontal arm, the latter projecting beyond the eighth sternum. The **penis** is an organ with complex chitinous parts projecting between the clasping organs and the ninth sternum. The tenth segment is greatly reduced and represented by two small plates, one above and the other below the anus. In the female the terminal segments are less modified than in the male. The ninth tergum similarly carries a dorsal sensory plate while the sternum of that segment forms the ventral wall of the vaginal cavity. The tenth tergum consists of a small plate bearing a conical setiferous process known as the **stylet** and the corresponding sternum is represented by a small ventral plate.

**Internal Anatomy.**—What may be regarded as the mouth is situated at the base of the epipharynx and forms the definitive opening into the alimentary canal. The first region of the latter is the pharynx which is an

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**Fig. 607.—Diagram of the Mouth-parts of a Flea.**

- h, head; lp, labrum-epipharynx; le, labial palp; m, mandible; m1, maxilla; mp, maxillary palp.
elongate chamber with strongly chitinized dorsal and ventral walls. In virtue of its powerful dilator muscles the pharynx functions as a pumping organ for imbibing blood from the host. It is followed by a long oesophagus of very small calibre, which leads into a somewhat conical organ termed the proventriculus. The inner walls of the latter are beset with a series of long backwardly directed chitinous rods. The function of this arrangement appears to be to prevent the regurgitation of the stomach contents when the pharynx is dilated in the act of sucking. The stomach, when fully distended, occupies a large part of the abdominal cavity and, near its junction with the hind intestine, are found the insertions of the four Malpighian tubes. Near the termination of the hind intestine there are six rectal papillae resembling those found among Diptera. The salivary glands consist of a pair of ovoid sacs on either side: their ducts eventually combine to form a common canal which enters the salivary pump beneath the hypopharynx. The nervous system is exceptionally primitive in that the ventral nerve cord consists of three thoracic and seven abdominal ganglia: these centres are very much approximated owing to the great reduction in length of the intervening connectives. The male reproductive organs consist of a pair of fusiform testes whose contents pass down extremely fine vasa deferentia: the latter unite to form a single passage opening into a small vesicula seminalis. The ejaculatory duct is associated with a copulatory organ of complex structure. The female reproductive organs are composed of a pair of ovaries, each formed of from four to eight panoistic ovarioles. Attached to the vagina there is a strongly chitinized spermatheca whose shape and size differ among various species. The respiratory system is well developed and communicates with the exterior by ten pairs of spiracles: two pairs of the latter are located on the thorax, the remainder being abdominal in position.

- Biology and Metamorphosis (Fig. 606).—The eggs of these insects are ovoid and white or cream in colour: unlike those of many ectoparasites they are not glued to the hair or feathers of the host. When deposited on the body of the latter they readily fall off and are normally found in the haunts or sleeping-places of the animal parasitized. In houses fleas breed in the cracks of floors, under matting or beneath carpets and almost always in uncleanly dwellings. Rat fleas often breed in granaries, barns, etc., particularly in those where there is an accumulation of floor litter. The dried excrement, feathers, straw, etc., which accumulate in chicken houses also afford a favourable environment. The incubation period varies on an average from three to ten days, according to temperature, and the young larva ruptures the chorion by the aid of a hatching-spine on the dorsal side of the head. The larvae (vide Bacot and Ridewood, 1914: Harms, 1912) are active, whitish, vermiform objects usually measuring about 4 mm. in length when fully grown. They are non-parasitic and feed upon particles of organic matter found in the host's lair, or among the dust and dirt which collects on the ground in the vicinity. In some species, however, blood which has passed through the body of adult fleas appears to be a necessary part of their nutriment. Larval Aphaniptera possess a well developed head but are devoid of both eyes and legs: in their general characters they resemble the larvae of certain Nematocera. The antennae are single-jointed but rather prominent, the mandibles are very definitely toothed and the maxillae assume a curious brush-like form with small 2-jointed palpi: each

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1 According to Minchin (1915) there are seven abdominal ganglia in the female of Ceratophyllum fasciatus and eight in the male.
labial palp is composed of a short basal joint surmounted by stout setae. The trunk consists of three thoracic and ten abdominal somites, each of which is armed with a band of outstanding bristles. Spiracles are present on the thorax and first eight abdominal segments. After undergoing two ecdyses, the larva spins a cocoon which is concealed by the fine particles of débris adherent to its outer surface. The adults remain quiescent for a variable period before emerging from the cocoons, and they often issue in large numbers in response to slight mechanical stimuli. The vibrations set up by persons walking about a disused room, for example, have been explained as being the cause of the emergence of an abundance of fleas within a very short time. When newly emerged, the adults can remain alive for a considerable period without food, but they take the first opportunity of reaching their particular host. As a general rule the female needs to imbibe the blood of the normal host before becoming capable of laying fertile eggs.

The period occupied by the complete developmental cycle varies in different species and in different countries. Thus *Pulex irritans* in Europe requires from 4 to 6 weeks while *Xenopsylla cheopis* in India passes through a complete generation in about 3 weeks: on the Pacific coast the life-cycle of the latter species occupies, according to Mitzmain, 9 to 11 weeks.

**Classification.**—The following key (adapted from Rothschild) of the families of Aphaniptera refers to the British species only.

1 (4).—Anterior part of head (= frons) not overlapping the posterior (= occiput) dorsally.

2 (3).—Abdomen without spines on the edge of any segment: 1st joint of middle tarsus shorter than 2nd. *Pulex*, *Xenopsylla*, *Ctenocephalus*. **PULICIDÆ**

3 (2).—Abdomen with apical spines on some of the terga: 1st joint of middle tarsus as long as 2nd. *Ceratophyllus*. **CERATOPHYLLIDÆ**

4 (1).—Anterior part of head overlapping posterior dorsally.

5 (8).—Head without two ventral flaps anteriorly on each side: genal combs present.

6 (7).—Abdomen without lateral combs at apices of segments. *Leptopsylla*. **LEPTOPSYLLIDÆ**

7 (6).—Abdomen with lateral spines or combs on some of the segments. *Hystrichopsylla*. **HYSTRICHOPSYLLIDÆ**

8 (5).—Head with two ventral flaps anteriorly on each side: no genal combs. *Ischnopsyllus*. **ISCHNOPSYLLIDÆ**

The Dermatophilidæ (Sarcopsyllidæ) may be recognized by the greatly contracted thoracic segments and by the metathoracic epimera extending over two or three abdominal segments. The gravid females have the abdomen more or less distended and live embedded in the skin. *Dermatophilus* is widely spread in the tropics.

**Literature on Aphaniptera**


Vide also "Reports on Plague Investigations in India," published in *Journ. Hyg.* between 1905 and 1914; also textbooks of parasitology and medical entomology.
ADDENDA

P. 146. The â€œdeusus.—It has been shown in most cases, where the development of this organ has been followed, that it is formed from paired rudiments which subsequently fuse. Its origin in Coleoptera, as an unpaired organ, appears to be exceptional.


P. 271. Intestinal Protozoa of termites.—The theory of symbiosis has received strong support from recent work by Cleveland (*Biol. Bull.*, 46, 1924) who has shown that termites are unable to digest wood when deprived of Protozoa; when reinfected they are able to utilize wood and live indefinitely.

P. 342. The Pseudovitellus or Mycetome.—For further information on this organ with special reference to its development, vide Uichanco (*Philippine Journ. Sci.*, 24, 1924).

P. 370. Development of *Neomargarodes*.—According to Marchal (*Compte Rendus*, 174) both sexes undergo hypermetamorphosis as follows. 1st Instar: primary, hexapod larva. 2nd Instar: apodous, cystoid, fixed larva. 3rd Instar: melolonthoid, mouthless larva. The male undergoes two or three further ecdyses.


P. 379. The Sympherobiidae.—It should be pointed out that this family is usually included among the Hemerobiidae.

P. 390. Salivary glands of *Panorpa*.—L. Mercier (*Arch. Zool. Exp.* 55, 1916) states that these glands attain much greater development in the male than in the female. This feature is correlated with the secretion, in the male, of a globule of saliva. The latter is discharged on the ground and while it is imbibed by the female, mating takes place.

P. 626. *Deuterophlebia*.—Pulikovsky (*Trans. Ent. Soc. Lond.*, 1924) has recently described the larva and pupa from streams in the Altai Mountains. The larva is provided with seven pairs of large segmental outgrowths bearing suckers and it respires by means of anal blood-gills.
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