ΙI CRITICAL REVIEW OF "GENERA" IN CULICIDAE

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PREFATORY REMARKS.

The present paper is written primarily for the systematic dipterologist and is an endeavour to reduce the multitudinous genera proposed by culicidologists to their taxonomic level from the point of view of the systematist.

The standard of validity adopted in the present paper is precisely that which would, so far as I can judge, be accorded by the average systematist in reviewing proposed genera in any family of diptera other than Culicidae.

A word first to the new names proposed by me in the Supplement to my Annotated Catalogue of Oriental Culicidae. These were stated at the time to be purely nomina nova, the names they were intended to displace being preoccupied (the bulk of them, it may incidentally be mentioned, in the order diptera itself, which shows conclusively how little the culicidologists concern themselves with what has been already done in diptera); but I now regret having encumbered the literature of the family to any further extent.

It must be borne in mind that all the considerations and conclusions herein offered rest on the validity of other authors' statements and descriptions, since on the great majority of points at issue there has been no opportunity of independent examination.

For any false deductions of mine in the present treatise, due to incorrect or incomplete descriptions, I claim exoneration on these grounds, but for any due to misconceptions or erroneous judgments of my own I freely accept full responsibility.

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS ON TAXONOMY IN DIPTERA.

There is no intention in the present paper of drawing an exhaustive comparison between the characters adopted of late years in distinguishing so-called genera in Culicidae, and those that have hitherto been employed in the diptera for the same purpose; but all who have any practical acquaintance with this order are aware that, until the influx of students to the study of Culicidae caused by the comparatively recent discovery of their direct connection with malaria,2 the known species of this family were

Rec. Ind. Mus., iv, 403 et seq.
 The first announcement that yellow fever was carried by mosquitoes, and probably malaria also, was made as far back as 1848 by Nott. Nothing more

comfortably provided for under eight genera only, Anopheles. Megarhinus, Subethes, Psorophora, Culex, Aedes, Corethra and Mechlonyx.1

The latest set up of these was the latter, in 1844, after which no new genus was proposed till Arribalzaga, by the first splitting up of Culex, in 1891, erected Janthinosoma, Ochlerotatus, Uranotaenia Taeniorhyuchus and Heteronycha

The next author to dismember the old genera was Theobald. the pioneer of the school of exclusive culicidologists, who in the first two volumes of his Monograph (1901) erected Toxorhynchites, Mucidus, Stegomyia, Armigeres, Panoplites, Deinocerites, Aedeomvia, Wyeomyia, and Trichoprosopon. In the meantime, Haemagogus, Will. (1896) was established, and this is apparently a sound genus.

From about 1901 onwards nearly 200 new "genera" have been proposed, the greater number of them on the most slender' and inconstant characters

It must be admitted that the general tendency of modern writers is to recognise a far greater number than formerly of families, genera and other related groups in all orders of the animal kingdom, but it is quite open to question whether such a course is either zoologically correct, or even advisable on the grounds of expediency. The number of families for instance in such groups as birds, fishes, beetles, etc. is much greater now than was the case say half a century ago, and this quite apart from strikingly distinct forms since discovered.

It must also be admitted that the confinement of one's studies to a single group, to the exclusion of all others, more especially a group much restricted both in extent and variety, infallibly narrows one's view of the science as a whole and equally infallibly distorts one's sense of taxonomic proportion; thus mere racial varieties become species, small groups of a few species with perhaps but a single kindred character are promoted to genera, and any such "genus" varying slightly from a very narrow and well beaten track is elevated immediately to the dignity of a subfamily.

Specialists who are also competent all-round zoologists or even good general entomologists are rarer year by year, but a general

seems to have been done till 1880 when Laveran discovered the actual parasite of malaria, after which it was 1894 to 1896 before a definite mosquito theory was propounded. (Vide Brit. Med. Jour., Dec. 8th, 1894; Mar. 14th, 21st, 28th, 1896). Ross first found the malaria parasite present in a mosquito's stomach in 1897, and studied the complete cycle of *Plasmodium* in birds in 1898. Grassi proved *Anopheles* to be the general carrier in 1899, since which time mosquito theories have been advanced by Pfeiffer and Koch, Mendini and others. Bovine malaria was traced to the agency of ticks by Smith and another in 1893.

The above medical notes were very generously compiled for me by Capt. R. B. Seymour Sewell, I M.S., to whom my thanks are heartily tendered.

1 Mochlonyx Lw. is synonymous with Corethra as pointed out by me in Rec.

Ind. Mus. iv 317.

² Owing to supp sed preoccupation renamed Desvoidea, Blanch., also preoccupied, renamed Blanchardiomvia Brun.

⁸ Preoccupied, renamed Mansonia, Blanch.

knowledge of the values of ranks in other groups of the animal kingdom is, or should be, imperative in any author who aspires to new classifications on weak characters, more especially if in direct defiance of the expressed views of systematists. of insects has such a lamentable want of technical knowledge been shown than in the writings of the modern authors on Culicidae,1 almost none of whom are dipterologists; in fact they include, as Professor Williston has observed, "some indeed, whose only papers on Entomology have been those proposing new subfamilies!" ?

He continues, "Their ignorance of related diptera has more than once been deplorably shown by writers on the Culicidae," adding, "no one is competent to discuss philosophically the classification of any group of animal life who is not well grounded in the principles of taxonomy as applied to related animals," * * * * because "the mosquitoes are not organisms isolated from all other living creatures."

He further, whilst accrediting "the right kind of scientific work" with its full dues, postulates that opinion with the observation that "one must learn the value of characters in classification before he can be successful in instructing others or in making his discoveries known. And this knowledge can only be acquired by long and faithful study of living things In days gone by the profuse maker of genera was ridiculed, and his labours were largely ignored, but I fear even Desvoidy's shade would turn pale with envy in the contemplation of some of the proposed genera of the modern culicidologists" (Man. N.A. Dipt., 3rd Ed. Intro. 15). He vigorously denounces the numerous proposed genera and subfamilies in this family.

Rondani as well as Desvoidy, I believe, suffered to some extent for the same reason, and many of his genera are still unrecognised owing to insufficient characterisation.

As regards classification above the rank of genera, this has no place in the present paper; suffice it to note that every culicid writer adopts a system more or less modified to meet his own views. It seems incumbent on me, however, to notice a very elaborate colour scheme classification offered by Major Christophers quite recently in Anophelini, and though I cannot herein examine it critically, it is certain that the characters used in separating the groups are very indefinite and open to various interpretations according to the reader, whilst it is incredible that the variation of species will not render the tables to a great extent inoperative.

¹ With the exception of one or two, like Col. Alcock and Mr. Edwards, who

have endeavoured to stem the tide of genus and subfamily making.

? Criticising the 2nd edition of James and Liston's "Monog. Anoph. Mosq. India" Mr. C. S. Banks says, "Had the authors stopped at describing the different species in such manner that any specimen collected [might] be easily identified," their work would have been less liable to adverse criticism by systematists, but they, like so many medical men not trained in systematic zoology, have attempted to deable in generic legardamein, thereby increasing the confusion already present to dabble in generic legerdemain, thereby increasing the confusion already present in culicid classification and adding to the burden of synonymy which must be borne, not by men of their profession but by the already encumbered entomologist." (Phil Jour. Sci. vii. Sect. D., p. 207, June 1912.)

The erection of what the author evidently intends as super-genera is to be deprecated, as is, in fact, any system that introduces a multiplicity of divisions.

COMPARATIVE EXAMINATION OF STRUCTURAL VALUES.

GENERAL.—Most families of the diptera, whilst quite well circumscribed and distinct in themselves, exhibit fairly wide diversity in several characters, whilst those parts of the body that vary considerably in one family may be tolerably constant in adjacent families or variable to a very much less extent, this being exclusive of families with but a single genus each. For instance, whilst the shape of the body and form of the antennae in Syrphidae exhibit considerable variety (Baccha, Syrphus, Eristalis, Microdon, Ceria), the venation is strikingly uniform; whereas in the Tipulidae, the reverse is the case, the shape of the body throughout the family being markedly uniform, whilst the venation shows a large number of modifications. Other instances could be cited, well known to dipterologists.

It will now be my endeavour to compare the variation (or otherwise) of the organs in *Culicidae* usually treated of, with the variation of the same organs, speaking broadly, in other families of diptera.

THE PROBOSCIS.—The proboscis throughout the diptera is exceptionally variable, ranging from the enormously prolonged, conspicuous organ in Pangonia, Rhaphiomidas, Bombylius, Nemestrina and other genera; its lesser but still conspicuous and elongate nature in Geranomyia, Empis, etc. to the very restricted forms in many families: also from its long horny form in Stomoxys and Drymeia to its soft prehensile nature in most Muscidae and Acalyptrata; and again to its vestigial form in such species as apparently take no nourishment in the adult state.

In both comparative size and structure the proboscis varies widely throughout the order, but usually not much within the genus, and its range of variability is much greater in many families than in the *Culicidae*.

So far as structure goes, the proboscis is consistently uniform throughout the subfamily *Culicinae*, whilst in the only other subfamily (*Corethrinae*) the mouth is not formed for piercing. The length varies in relation to the body, and this organ may be thin throughout, swollen apically into a more or less elongated club, or it may be foreshortened and thickened throughout. The modifications are not striking, and occur chiefly in the genera relegated by Theobald to his *Uranotaeninae* and amongst those referred to the Sabethini.

The mere comparative length, unless very striking and consistent, is not of generic value, as has been shown by its wide range in *Pangonia*, *Bombylius*, *Empis*, etc.

THE PALPI.—Throughout the order, the palpi exhibit great diversity, but usually conform to one of two forms, the elongate,

generally 4-jointed form in the Nemocera, and the (generally) 2 or 3-jointed form in the bulk of the rest of the diptera In some groups they are only one-jointed and are then of but slight value in restricted classification. One of the earliest classifications was built primarily on the palpi; long (4 or more joints) in Nemocera, and short (2 or 3 joints) in the Brachycera (i.e. the remaining diptera exclusive of Pupipara); and as a ready method of dividing the order into two great groups there is even to-day no better method, especially for the general entomologist.

The palpi in *Culicidae* vary more than any other organ and to a greater extent than in the allied nemocerous families.

Theobald, even in his first volume (p. 4) says the palpi "vary in each group, and are of specific but not always generic value," and in a footnote to page 16 adds, "the subject of the palpi is a very complicated one, and will take some time to work out. Arribalzaga figures the constrictions as joints."

In his latest volumes (iv, 15) he says "the classification by means of the relative lengths of the palpi, is, however, not satisfactory, as we get so many intermediate forms," and again (v. Intro. p. vi), "owing to the dense coating of scales, what look like palpi of 3 segments may really consist of 4, 5 or 6."

It is difficult to obtain definite information as to their structure in many genera without mutilating the unique types, a course from which most authors have refrained.

The σ palpi is said by Theobald to be especially liable to shrinkage after death, rendering exact examination difficult.

Besides it is not only the density of the scales, but the actual ill-defined nature of the joints themselves in many species that constitute a real stumbling block, though the taxonomic value in such cases must be considered to be correspondingly reduced. All degrees have been seen to occur from palpably mere constrictions to well-defined joints.

This uncertainty has led many writers to speak of the apical, penultimate and antepenultimate joints, by this means avoiding any statement of the exact number instead of the 1st, 2nd and so on, counting from the base, as is invariably done in diptera.

Possibly under the circumstances this is the safest method, but none the less it is consequently impossible for a reviewer to be precise in his deductions.

Study is also not facilitated by the obscure use of terms, some authors for instance speaking of a joint being "larger" than another when they presumably mean *longer*.

The figures do not always agree with the descriptions, as for example Anopheles maculatus, Theob. (Monog. i, 171), though several cases of discrepancy could be mentioned; whilst further ones of ambiguity of description are numerous. Patton figures 4 distinct joints to A. (Nyssorhynchus) tibani o, the first two quite long and the 3rd and 4th subequal to one another, and of about the normal lengths of the two apical joints in Anopheles, yet he does not say whether 4 joints are definitely present or not.

Personally I am disposed to regard the relative length of the palpi to the length of the whole body instead of to the proboscis only (itself an organ of some variation in length), or better still to the length of the head and thorax taken together, as of greater value than the relative length between the sexes, and in any case the number of joints, if quite definite, is of higher taxonomic value than the relative lengths of any of them

This uncertainty amongst authors renders it very difficult to estimate satisfactorily the taxonomic value of palpal lengths and joints, but in regarding both cases as of comparatively secondary importance except when well marked or in the broad sense as understood by the oldest authors, my views will be but in keeping with those of the most recent writers on this family.

A brief review of palpal variation in Culicidae is now attempted.

In Anopheles (s. str.) the palpus is long in both sexes; in the σ 3-jointed, the 1st long, the 2nd and 3rd generally subequal, considerably shorter than the 1st and often thicker or forming an elongate club: in the φ 4-jointed, approximately elongated, the joints slightly variable in their relative lengths, the last 2 joints generally less thickened than in the σ

Taxonomically therefore the palpi in Anopheles both in regard to their relative and actual length are tolerably uniform.

Megarhinus has palpi of 4 or 5 joints, long and cylindrical, about as long as the proboscis; in the σ rather longer than in the Ω the last joint in both sexes tapering, the 1st very short. In M purpureus Ω there are only 3 long joints, in addition to the usual very short basal one.

Ankylorhynchus differs from Megarhinus only in the last palpal joint in the ? being rounded, not pointed, and this may be a good genus though founded on a female character only.

Toxorhynchites differs from both Megarhinus and Ankylorhynchus by the palpi in the & being not more than one-third as long as the proboscis, and of 3 joints only, thicker than in Megarhinus, the 3rd with rounded tip.

The Culicini must include both the genera of the Culex group and those around Aedes, but the two groups appear more or less natural divisions although connected by Mimomyia, Gualteria and Cacomyia and probably others. Theobald (Monog. iv, 520) regarded Finlaya and Orthopodomyia as intermediate between Culex and Aedes, apparently mainly on the length of the palpi, but he afterwards (l.c. v) replaced them in the Culicini without comment.

The palpi in the Culex group may be thus described:

In the σ with 3 distinct joints (occasionally, owing to annulations 6 apparent joints being visible); one genus (or group of genera according to one's views, Ludlowia, having only 2 joints, though even this point seems to be open to question.

In the 2 there are 3 or 4 joints, or with constrictions or annulations, 5.

In the & the 1st joint is elongate, generally as long as or longer than the 2nd and 3rd together, and is often constricted at

or near the middle, or else a band of pale scales occurs there. The 2nd and 3rd joints may taper to a point or retain a nearly uniform width to the tip, or may be thickened separately, or, taken together, may form a more or less distinct club. Of the "genera" sunk in *Culex* in the present paper 6 are described as possessing clavate σ palpi, II as having the σ palpi more or less swollen at the tip, 2I as having non-clavate palpi, whilst of 15 the σ is unknown. Of the remainder the information is insufficient or has been unavailable, some being synonyms only.

Many intermediate stages being known to occur, no great value can be attached to these differences. The question of 3 or 4 joints in the male in *Culex* rests practically on the division or otherwise of the long 1st joint; that of 5 joints, if so many are ever present, on the presence of a small basal joint, which, moreover, may perhaps be an antennal protuberance only, such as exists in many diptera and which (as in some species of *Phlebotomus*) has frequently given rise to controversy as to its exact nature.

Yet when we come to the Aedes group there is little to erect genera on except the palpal joints.

In Mimomyia (type species only), Ludlowia, Megaculex, Banksinella, Radioculex and others the & has only 2-jointed palpi clavate apically, and it is on the strength of this character alone that Mimomyia (with which must be united the others as synonyms) is in the present paper admitted as a good genus. The venation differs slightly in the shape of the marginal cell, and perhaps in some cases the shorter forked cells.

The palpi in the Culex group, therefore, are seen to vary only in the cylindrical or clavate nature of their tips in the σ , or in being either 2 or 3-jointed in that sex; whilst in the \mathfrak{P} they are 3 or 4-jointed, or with constrictions, 5.

The palpi in the Aedes group consist in the &, of 2 or 3 joints (5 in Haemagogus), the divisions less clearly marked than in the Culex group. The & palpi vary from 2 to 5 apparent joints, the basal joint often sufficiently constricted for one author to regard it as two joints when another would admit only one constricted joint.

Haemagogus, Will. has 5 distinct joints as shewn in Theobald (Monog. ii, 239) and thereon ranks as a good genus. Hodgesia, Theob. is said to have single jointed 2 palpi (the & being unknown), and this appears to be a good genus also.

The palpi in the Sabethini shew much the same limits of variation as in the Culicini; they are long in the σ and moderately long in the \circ in at least one genus (*Eretmapodites*), long in the σ and short in the \circ in others (*Trichoposopon*, *Hyloconops*), and short in σ and \circ in yet others (*Sabethes*, *Wyeomyia*).

As regards the number of joints they vary from 2 to 5, the latter number reputed to exist in *Eretmapodites* or, whilst

¹ These numbers subject to be modified by later investigations or by literature overlooked by me.

Wyeomyia has ostensibly 4, Sabethes 3 (doubtful in σ) and Sabethoides 2 only in σ and φ

A general vagueness pervades the references to these organs in this group in most writings, or else their length is spoken

of irrespective of the number of joints.

THE ANTENNAE.—These exhibit extensive and even extraordinary modifications in many families (Stratiomyidae, Tabanidae, Bombylidae, Cyrtidae, Empidae, Syrphidae and some Acalyptrata), ranging from conspicuously elongate or variously shaped structures down to a minute, almost globular form. The number of joints often varies within the same family, Chironomidae, Cecidomyidae and Tipulidae, for example, in the latter varying from 6 to 28 joints.¹ They attain the most extraordinary forms in isolated genera (Pityocera in Tabanidae, Talarocera in Tachinidae, Ctenophora in Tipulidae); and vary to a very wide though less fantastic extent in Syrphidae, Empidae, Bombylidae and some groups of Acalyptrata, so that by comparative analogy there is hardly any family (containing more than a single genus), in which they are not infinitely more diverse than in the Culicidae.

In this matter, indeed, we meet with no such difficulties as with the palpi. The normal number of joints is 15 in the σ and 14 in the \circ , exceptions being rare. Normally densely plumose in the σ and pilose in the \circ , exceptions are uncommon except in some Sabethini when though they should be pilose in both sexes, though generally a little more densely so the σ , the degree of plumosity or pilosity in the σ may give rise to doubt.

Only quite a few genera have specialized antennae.

The very fanciful form of ornamentation of these organs in Lophoscelomyia of substantiates its erection as a distinct genus, whilst in Deinocerites and Dinomimetes the excessive length of the 2nd joint also justifies their separation. In Megarhinus the 1st scapal joint in the of is conspicuously annular or bead-like, the 2nd being elongate, thickened and densely scaled. One or both scapal joints may be scaled in one sex or both sexes (Chagasia, Calvertina), and may be enlarged or not, irrespective of scales, in others.

In Finlaya an apparent discrepancy occurs, the $\mathfrak P$ being reputed to possess 15-jointed antennae, but there seems to be only Theobald's original statement for this, and, it is true, the absence of contradiction by subsequent authors, but no figure has been available and if the 15th joint proves but a constriction of the 14th the alleged anomaly disappears. The two basal joints are also scaled.

To sum up, the antennae in the Culicidae may be regarded as generally consistently uniform, which justifies the exceptions (Lophoscelomyia, Deinocerites and Dinomimetes) being regarded

¹ Some authors have claimed 39 joints in Cerozodia (Cecidomvidae), but others have regarded some of these as annular impressions only. However, at least 17 pints are definitely present in some genera of Tipulidae, others having, equally extainly, only 6.

as good genera, whilst the somewhat lesser modifications exemplified in Megarhinus and the Sabethini are also constant inter se.

THE SCALES.—There is no analogy in other families of diptera respecting classification by the scales which clothe the greater part of the body, legs and wings in nearly all *Culicidae*, and Theobald may be regarded as the pioneer of a classification built mainly on this character.

An exhaustive examination of the scales is however unnecessary here, since to any unbiassed examiner it must soon become obvious that any serious attempt at classification of genera on this character alone is foredoomed to failure.

The continual shifting of species from one genus to another, according to the views of each writer, and of the same author at different periods, illustrates on what a slender basis such a classification rests. The difficulty of deciding the exact shape of the scales, the quantity of them requisite to throw a given species into one genus or another, and their exact surface distribution; in each case according to each writer's interpretations of other authors' impressions, as well as to those of his own, is self-evident at the outset. Even mosquito workers themselves are admitting this difficulty.

Scale characters are admittedly useful in sorting species intogroups, but it is impossible to regard these even as subgenera on account of the presence of so many intermediate forms.

More recently still, Mr. Edwards says (Bull. Ent. Res. iii, 3) "scale characters have practically been discarded as of value in generic definition," and it must be admitted the general tendency is in this direction. Col. Alcock regards them as quite unsatisfactory, Edwards sinks wholesale, genera so made, and Felt and Dyar and Knab consider genitalic and larval structure as of higher value. One or two recent authors place the construction of the claws before the scales. Only when scales or chaetae, or both together are present on the metanotum, a part of the body normally unadorned in diptera, at least with anything stronger than pubescence, can they be regarded of generic importance. In my paper on taxonomic values I underrated their systematic importance when on this part of the body, and the Sabethini section are sufficiently differentiated by this character alone.

As regards scales on the legs, these afford no assistance beyond specializing two or three genera (Psorophora, Mucidus, Lophoscelomyia) in which their length and outstanding nature give the insect a ragged appearance. Yet tufts or fringes of long outstanding scales are found on the legs of several species of Empis, in some Bombylidae (Hyperalonia, Exoprosopa) and in other genera in diptera without such species being accorded thereon generic rank.

THE CLAWS.—Theobald at first (Monog. i, ii) attached much value to the claws and Coquillett still does so (Can. Ent. 1876, p. 43, and Science xxiii, 313—1906) but the former admitted later

the inferior nature of the character (Monog. iv, 15) and considered Coquillett wrong in upholding their importance. He says (l.c. iv, 122), "unless both sexes are seen, it is quite impossible to place any culicid in any of the sections into which the family is divided."

I am not yet disposed to admit any high value to this character unless there is good evidence that practically all individuals can be definitely allotted to one or other of the alleged subdivisions; and in other works I have ventured to question the supposed high taxonomic value of what is perhaps a somewhat analogous character, the presence or absence of small (often very minute) spines at the tips of the tibiae in *Tipulidae*, to which much importance is attached by some authors. Mr. Edwards however finds sufficient reliability in the claws to use them as of primary importance in differentiating genera, but this method places *Stegomyia* in the *Aedes* group which does not seem to me its natural affinity. Besides, a character dependent on the female sex alone is nearly always a doubtful one.

THE VENATION.—There are several families amongst the diptera of which each family possesses a type of venation entirely peculiar to itself.

In addition to those with practically but a single genus each, Rhyphidae, Dixidae, Simuliidae, and Orphnephilidae; the Leptidae (with the Tabanidae), the Stratiomyidae, and Syrphidae, also the Tachininae and Anthomyinae subfamilies of Muscidae, all possess strikingly specialized types of venation, each peculiar to one family only. The Culicidae undoubtedly form another family of the same category, offering as pronounced an example of uniformity of venation as can be found. The Psychodid wing is closely allied but differs fundamentally in the basal proximity of the cross veins.

On the other hand, in *Tipulidae*, *Mycetophilidae*, *Chironomidae*, *Bombylidae*, *Cyrtidae*, *Empidae* and others we find extensive modifications of the type venation peculiar to each.

Genera founded on the presence or absence of certain veins or cells are ordinarily quite valid and constant, but exceptions are not rare, and individual aberration has to be allowed for. In Culicidae the genera varying most would appear to be Megarhinus, Mucidus, Uranotaenia, and Culex.

Exact precision cannot be expected, and in the matter of venation a little wider range of individual variation must be allowed for, even to the two wings of an individual specimen, such instances being not at all infrequent in many families. This margin of individual variation is known to every depterologist. The venation has, however, been largely ignored by culicid writers

It may be noted that in the Muscidae, sensu latissime, I recognise but a single family, with the Tachininae (including the Dexids and Sarcophagids). Muscinae and Anthomyinae as three subfamilies; each of the Acalyptrate groups ranking also as subfamilies of equal rank with these three. The Acalyptrata as a group possess technically the same type of venation as the Anthomyinae, but modified forms are found, each more or less peculiar to one subfamily only.

because it is less amenable than other characters to the microscopic differences that culicidologists delight in, but which, nevertheless, have no real specific value in nature.

Theobald in fact says (Monog. iv, 381) after mature deliberation "the venation is too variable to take with any degree of seriousness." The truth is, that whilst of all taxonomic characters in Culicidae the venation, speaking broadly, is by far the most uniform, a single typical form continuing through the family with but two or three minor modifications, affording no opportunity to found thereon a multiplicity of genera, yet it has both in the species and in the individual a sufficiently wide variation to have precisely the same restraining effect as regards species and varieties.

As regards modification, first there is the exact position of the posterior cross vein in *Mucidus*, which, theoretically, is beyond, even if only slightly, the anterior cross vein. This would be a good character if constant (always allowing for individual aberration), but in one or two species (alternans and sudanensis) this cross vein is evidently so little beyond the anterior cross vein as to discount the generic value of the character. In *Trichoprosopon* the two cross veins are theoretically in a line, but the genus is sufficiently differentiated by the scaled metanotum.

In *Tipulidae* and many families of Brachycera the posterior cross vein is (generically) as often beyond as before the anterior cross vein whilst very many genera have them practically in a line with one another, the presence or absence of a discal cell between them, of course, making no morphological difference.

The validity of Mucidus on the position of the posterior cross vein alone is precarious, but the genus seems to be substantiated by the peculiar nature of the scales.

The second modification is the shortened 1st submarginal and 2nd posterior cells (called by culicid writers the "forked cells") in certain genera, one of the principal characters of the Megarhini being the shortness of the forked cells, especially the 1st submarginal, while Theobald would distinguish his subfamily Uranotaeninae by the very small 1st submarginal cell.

As regards the generic value of the short forked cells in Uranotaenia doubts may be held, as though they are quite short in many species, their length, according to Theobald's figures, which form the only evidence before me, varies considerably, and closely approaches in some species their length in such species of Culex (s. latiss.) as have these cells rather shorter than usual. In Culex they may be regarded as about $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{3}$ the length of the wing, in Uranotaenia and Megarhinus, theoretically less than $\frac{1}{4}$, and even though in some species they may be less than $\frac{1}{5}$ of the wing, the border line between the longer celled species and Culex is very indefinite.

I There seems no objection to this term, which is certainly lucid and conveniently brief.

Felt's distinctions of his Culicelsa, Culicada, Ecculex, Culicella, Culiseta and Protoculex in the matter of forked cells, and the position of the posterior cross vein cannot be regarded as having any taxonomic weight whatever, nor can I personally conceive them possessing any constancy.

A further character in *Megarhinus* should be the more proximal position of the anterior and posterior cross veins. No specimen of the genus is before me, and Theobald's plates in his monograph do not attempt any venation but in his text figures of *M solstitialis* and *chrysocephalus* (iv. 134, 135 137) the cross veins are in their normal position, that is, near or just beyond the middle of the wing.

What apparently is a third modification occurs in *Heptaphle-bomyia* in which the presence of an alleged 7th vein with scales caused Theobald to erect a special subfamily for its reception. This view is a misconception and the point is discussed under the generic notes.

There are three folds (sometimes others) in the wing which appear with more or less distinctness in some species of *Culicidae*, in some individuals more vividly than others, and which may easily be mistaken for veins.

Such folds in the wing are well known to the dipterologist, and give rise in the family Blepharoceridae to what is known as the secondary venation. The "spurious" vein, one of the principal characters of the great family Syrphidae (being constant throughout it with the exception of a single genus) is similarly caused, whilst indistinct "veins" of similar nature occur in Chironomidae, Mycetophilidae, Simulium and other groups, and have, it is true, given rise to erroneous conceptions as to their true nature and value. They must not, however, be confounded with the fixed normal venation.

The first of the three folds referred to is in a line with the longitudinal part of the 3rd vein and certainly might easily be mistaken by a beginner for the basal part of that vein, were it not for the definite statement of dipterologists to the contrary.

As, however, the recent school of workers in mosquitoes mostly appear to deliberately disregard all writings outside of those of their own way of thinking in this particular family it is no wonder that serious errors are perpetuated.¹

The second and third folds of the wing lie respectively behind the 5th and 6th veins and have even been regarded as veins by the author of the British Museum's little brochure, "How to collect mosquitoes." This view is quite erroneous. The hindermost of these folds seems to be thickened somewhat in *Heptaphlebomyia*, and by bearing a row of scales led Theobald astray.

l The study of related diptera by means of Schiner's Fauna Austriaca, Williston's "Manual of North American Diptera" 3rd Ed., and Verrall's two splendid volumes on "British Flies" would give the student all necessary information on venation. See also my explanation of the venation, with diagram, in Rec. Ind. Mus. iv, 408

As regards terminology in venation the culicid workers are in many ways completely wrong and it is remarkable how most of the mistakes are adhered to.

I have dealt elsewhere (Rec. Ind. Mus. iv, 408) with the usual mistakes of modern writers, so need not recapitulate, except to emphasise yet once again that the so-called "supernumary cross vein" is not a cross vein at all, but the basal portion of the 3rd longitudinal vein, which always issues from the 2nd longitudinal vein, in spite of Theobald's deplorable statement (Monog. i, 19) that "In a large number of Culicidae the 3rd long vein passes some way into the basal cell and certainly does not arise from the 2nd longitudinal vein!" This view he again expresses in defining Desvoidia (Monog. i, 322) (as Armigeres), "the wings have the 3rd long vein continued on, into and through the basal cell as a distinct unscaled line."

The fact is, the 3rd longitudinal vein is frequently sharply angled at the end of its basal section, and, as very frequently occurs in many genera outside of the *Culicidae*, it often throws off an appendix at the point of angulation, which adds to the appearance of the vein itself being straight or nearly so, whilst the short basal section of it, being so often at right angles to the remainder heightens the effect of such basal section being a cross vein.

Such an appendix is frequently found in other parts of the wing in different families but gives rise to no misinterpretation. It is quite common adventitiously as well as specifically and more or less generically in some Bombylidae, Asilidae, Therevidae and Tabanidae, whilst in many Syrphidae it is more often the rule than the exception at the bend of both the 4th and 5th longitudinal veins (see Verrall, "British Flies," Syrphidae, 133) and it occurs at the same spots in numberless Tachinids. Apart from Tipulidae and Culicidae such an appendix is uncommon in the Nemocera.

In Toxorhynchites this appendix is considerably lengthened and the anterior cross vein joins this appendix to the 4th vein, which is quite an abnormal character.

In many cases the 3rd vein emerges in a curve, or at an acute angle from the 2nd longitudinal, and without any appendix, thus proving its regular place of origin, and a large number of Theobald's wing figures confirm this.

Blanchard gives an excellent diagrammatic wing of Culex (after Van der Wulp, be it noted), distinctly shewing the natural origin of the 3rd vein and the very obvious anterior and posterior cross veins, but his own figures of Anopheles and Culex are very slovenly drawn, and exhibit all the common errors of mosquito students. He adheres to these in the text and even introduces still more cross veins that have no existence in Culicidae. Giles also speaks of a subcostal and a marginal cross vein and proffers the extraordinary intelligence that the anterior cross vein is absent in Culicidae! It would be superfluous to enumerate here the errors of all the recent writers on this group, since they have in the main copied one another, with an individual addition or two, but I

think all without exception are unanimous in the hypothetical "supernumary cross vein."

Even Col. Alcock commits one serious error in describing the venation.

His wing of Tabanus is quite correct. In his wing of a mosquito, waiving the point that his 2nd marginal cell is more usually termed the 1st submarginal (since this is a matter that can be regarded from two points of view), he commits a serious error in not recognising the very obvious posterior cross vein, which he terms his "anterior basal cross vein," stating that the posterior cross vein is not present at all and that therefore there is no enclosed anal cell. The presence or absence of the posterior cross vein has no bearing whatever on the anal cell, which is always the cell that lies behind the 5th longitudinal vein, or the lower branch of it when this vein is forked, and it may be open or closed quite independently of the posterior cross vein.

Far be it from my desire, let it be understood, to in any way condemn or undervalue Col. Alcock's valuable chapters on diptera, than which I have seldom perused anything more concise and clear, and it is refreshing to see that he eschews that, to me, particular bugbear, Theobald's "supernumary cross vein" and recognises its true character, as the basal section of the 3rd longitudinal vein.

A new and still more deplorable misconception than Theobald's "supernumary cross vein" is provided by Major Christophers in a recent paper on the wing markings of the Anotheline group. This author postulates that "if the 2nd longitudinal vein itself formed a direct junction with the 1st, etc., etc.," continuing "some authors figure the vein as acting in this way, but I have not found any example of an Anopheles wing shewing this arrangement," though he admits it "appears to occur" in some other Culicidae.

This author therefore actually seriously suggests that the 2nd longitudinal vein does not emerge from the 1st either in a curve or at a sharp angle (with or without an appendix at the flexure) but that it is joined to the 1st vein by a cross vein. The 2nd longitudinal vein does most emphatically not "continue past this cross vein," etc., to "lose itself in the wing membrane," but both 2nd and 3rd veins emerge from the 1st and 2nd respectively in Culicidae, as they do in other families. Is it not extraordinary that present-day writers on mosquitoes find veins that giants of dipterology like Wiedemann, Zetterstedt, Loew, Schiner and the late Osten Sacken and Verrall (two exceptionally gifted exponents of venation in diptera) all overlooked and that the 2nd and 3rd longitudinal veins in Culicidae are suddenly found to have totally different methods of origin to those in every other family of diptera?

¹ Ann. Trop. Med. and Paras vii. No. 1. 57, March 31, 1913.

I protest emphatically against Major Christophers' statement that "it seems absurd to term the longitudinals by numbers and the much less important cross veins by a hybrid nomenclature only partially descriptive. The omission of the radio-sector cross vein, which is every bit as important as the others, is also absurd."

Now firstly, the numbering of the longitudinal veins is correct, concise and easy to remember; and secondly the writer shews a strange ignorance of the comparative value of the veins in diptera when he asserts that the cross veins are "much less important" than the longitudinals, as exactly the reverse is really the case. The anterior and posterior cross veins are of infinitely more importance taxonomically than the branching of the longitudinal veins, as is shewn by the absolute fixity in most families of diptera of them both, and especially the former, which any dipterologist of experience can locate with absolute precision in almost every instance.

His discovery that the "radio sector cross vein" is "every bit as important as the others" is stultified by the absolute fact that there is no cross vein there at all. Some authors would construe as a cross vein every vein that starts at anything approaching a right angle.

It seems strange that every fresh writer on mosquitoes must introduce new terms for veins and cells, apparently oblivious of the fact that for at least half a century the venation in diptera has been thoroughly understood by dipterologists and two standard systems of terminology accepted, either of which is legitimate, the one employed by the late Mr. G. H. Verrall in his wonderfully accurate and explicit volumes on the British Diptera, the other as used by the late Baron Osten Sacken and by most of the principal dipterologists of today. These two authors were perhaps unequalled in their elaborate knowledge of the classification of the diptera, of the taxonomic value of the different characters dominating each group and in their precise and correct terminology.

Finally it is beyond the present writer's comprehension why recent workers on mosquitoes have from the first so *studiously ignored* both of the two accepted systems of venation used by dipterologists for over half a century and which are morphologically unassailable.

To sum up, the venation in the Culicidae as a family, dipterologically speaking, is throughout remarkably uniform, and is tolerably constant, generically and specifically within reasonable limits; the only points of variation being the positions, relatively or absolutely, of the cross veins in Mucidus and Megarhinus, the shortened fork cells in the latter and in Uranotaenia, and the alleged 7th vein in Heptaphlebomyia, all of which I have endeavoured to dispose of satisfactorily.

¹ By which is meant the actual, often angulated base of the 2nd longitudinal vein. James and Liston also erroneously regard this basal section as a cross vein, the "marginal transverse vein." One or two others have made the same deplorable error.

THE & GENITALIA.—Though the value of the & genitalia in allied families to the Culicidae (Tipulidae, Mycetophilidae, and. I believe, Chironomidae also) has long been known to dipterologists, Osten Sacken describing and figuring them very conscientiously in his classic monograph of the North American Tipulidae brevipalpi in 1869, it is not until Theobald's 4th volume of his work (pp. 7, 9) that the subject is broached in this family by him, nor do contemporary authors deign more than an incidental reference to these parts, ignoring them altogether in the specific descriptions. That culicidologists should ignore the male organs is not to be wondered at considering the pernicious precedence consistently accorded by them to the 2, in spite of dipterologists having pointed out that characters and especially external markings are almost always more fixed in the or than the 2 and, as the former sex is less bloodthirsty there is, in specimens of it, less discoloration due to imbibed blood.

Dr. Dyar says "genitalic divisions are more natural than those recently founded on scales and palpi," but Theobald, replying (Monog. iv, 13) asserts that he himself supports characters "which are common to both sexes, such as the scales" adding "such we find to be the case, not only from a structural but also from a bionomic point of view." Theobald observes (i, 327) that the or genitalia "vary so much in closely related gnats," but the subject is then shelved.

The genera set up by Felt, Culicada, Culicella, and the allied others exhibit a reasonable amount of variation in these organs, but not sufficient to separate them generically from Culex (s. latu). In fact far more diversity is found in them in the very large and homogeneous genus Tipula, whilst they vary widely within the limits of the genus in many cases in allied nemocerous families. Generic subdivision on these organs alone is to be deprecated. Dr. Dyar (Proc. Ent. Soc. Wash. vii, No. 1—1905) gives a table of genera (including four new ones), reproduced by Theobald (iv,11), constructed solely on the σ genitalia. Felt (N. York State Mus. Bull. No. 79, Ent. 22—1904) also endeavours to classify similarly, supplementing this character by those of the veins, the scales and the larvae, but his distinctions do not appeal to me as at all convincing and it does not seem conceivable that all the characters hold good in all his genera.

It may well be that the & genitalia are much less diverse than in some allied families, and if used with caution and in conjunction with other characters they should prove a useful adjunct in discriminating species, but they are hardly likely to prove of generic value in this family except possibly in rare instances.

The female genital organs in diptera hardly ever offer much in the way of distinctive characters.

THE LARVA.—Classification by larval characters is not easily criticised unless one has some considerable knowledge of this branch of study. Perhaps Messrs. Dyar and Knab have advanced farthest in this line, and in their view the principal features in the

Anophelinae are the frontal hairs of the head and the structure of the antennae and the palmate hairs; in the Culicinae, the form of the clypeus, the siphon and the so-called comb at its base, the antennal structure and the number and structure of the spines forming Theobald adds (iv, 6) a table by Felt classifying a certain number of species by larval characters including species widely different in the adult stage. As a matter of fact, according to Felt's own diagnoses, the larva shows considerable difference in their so-called genera Culicelsa, Culicada, Ecculex, Culicella, Culiseta and Protoculex, all of which are inseparable from Culex, It must also be noted that Theobald and others of his school contend that classification by larval characters is most untrustworthy, separating very closely allied species, and bringing together widely different ones. Moreover, animals are classified on their adult forms and not on transitional stages. It is also well known in diptera that closely allied species are not infrequently widely different in their early stages.

In Dyar and Knab's lengthy paper on the larvae of Culicidae, classified as independent organisms, they combat the value of scale structure as a character of generic values (t. Th. iv, 13). In this paper they sink all the anopheline genera in Anopheles, yet raise one species, barberi, Coq. to generic rank, (Coelodiazeses), a species that Theobald considers so near bifurcatus, L., as to be hardly separable. These authors admit three sub-families, Anophelinae, Culicinae and Sabethinae; they refer several of Theobald's species to other genera, and sink Ochlerotatus, Haemagogus, Stegomyia, Grabhamia, Howardina, Verrallina, Culicelsa, Culicada, Ecculex, Protoculex, Gymnoptera, Lepidoplatys and Pseudoculex in Aedes.

Haemagogus has every appearance of a good genus, whilst the prospect of Stegomyia proving a natural group is strong. Aedes is certainly distinct from the genera around Culex.

The sole substantial character drawn from larval stages that does not interfere with adult classification, is the absence of a respiratory siphon in the *Anophelinae*, an organ which is present in the other groups.

One very useful piece of information gleaned from larval characters is the absolute affinity of the *Corethrinae* with the *Culicidae*.

"Even when the most is made of the difference between the larva of Culex and the larva of Corethra, there still remains the fact that the larva of Mochlonyx (whose adult is indisputably corethrine) possesses the structural peculiarities of the larva both of Corethra and of Culex, besides exhibiting in its four clypeal bristles one of the peculiarities of the larva of Anopheles" (Alcock, Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist. (8), viii, 240 and Entom. for Medical Officers, p. 59).

In further support of the larval characters alone being an insufficient guide to real affinity, Prof. Mienert may be drawn upon. "The likeness between the imagines of the genus is the more remarkable as the difference between the larvae and pupae

and especially between the larvae, is so great; but on the other hand there are other genera among the true *Culicidae*, such as *Culex* and *Anopheles*, of which the imagines, at any rate in one sex 1 are so like as to lead to confusion while the larvae are exceedingly different. * * * "

ABNORMAL CHARACTERS.—Genera founded on legitimate variation of bodily structure are very few, Dactylomyia, Lophoceratomyia, Rachionotomyia, Deinocerites, Dinomimetes and Runchomyia, all dealt with further on, are, apparently, all that can be found in Culicidae.

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SUBFAMILIES AND SECTIONS IN CULICIDAE.

Having compared the principal characters in *Culicidae* with the same characters in other families of diptera we can proceed to examine the genera proposed of late years and estimate their validity.

The Culicidae form only two subfamilies * Culicinae and Corethrinae and the former should be divided into four sections only.

Table of sections in Culicinae.

Scutellum simple, never trilobed; palpi long in σ and φ ; larva without respiratory siphon

I Anophelini.

Scutellum trilobed; palpi variable, generally shorter in 2 than σ ; larva with respiratory siphon.

Metanotum nude.

Proboscis strongly recurved

II Megarhini.

Proboscis normally straight;

never recurved as in the Me-

. III Culicini.

garhini
Metanotum with scales, chaetae or both

IV Sabethini.

Section I. ANOPHELINI.

The genus Anopheles in the original sense is a very well defined and natural one, characterized by the non-trilobed scutel-lum in conjunction with the long palpi in both sexes. A secondary character is the larva being without a respiratory siphon, whilst the generally maculated nature of the wings in the adult, formed

¹ Meinert adds in a footnote "Thus with regard to Culex nemorosus see Zett. (Dipt. Scand. 3458, note):—"caveas ne hunc cum Anophele bifasciato confundas."

² Mr. Edwards desires to add the *Dixinae* as a third subfamily, but though this view has the support of as sound an authority as Prof. Williston, I think *Dixa* is best separated from the family.

³ Mr Edwards uses practically the same names, though I had personally decided on them months before his paper was seen by me

by spots and lines of black, white or yellowish scales is a prevailing feature of the genus in Meigen's sense.

Of over twenty genera proposed since Anopheles, I can only personally recognize four, Chagasia, Cruz, Calvertina, Ludl., Bironella, Theob. and Dactylomyia, Newst. and Cart.

Two of the latest workers in this group, Col. Alcock and Mr. Edwards, are disposed to return the bulk of the known species to Anophele proper, that is, in Meigen's sense. All the recent genera set up merely on scale characters are utterly untenable and must be abandoned by the systematist.

Col. Alcock shows (Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist. (8) viii, 240, etc.) how many of the so-called genera in the Anophelini grade into one another and concludes 'the so-called 'genera' of the proposed subfamily 'Anophelinae' cannot be separately focussed as distinct generic conceptions, but must all be merged in a generalization.'

Mr. Edwards (Bull. Ent. Res. iii, 241) observes that the socalled genera "grade imperceptibly into one another and are not founded on any structural differences, while *Anopheles* in the broad sense is a very well defined genus easily recognizable even by an amateur."

He deprecates the erection of a number of even subgeneric names as tending to obscure larger relationships and increase the difficulty of determination. "The differences found in the larvae, like those between the adults are very slight, and moreover they do not seem to support the classification by scale characters."

In an earlier volume (loc. cit. ii, 141) the same author in writing on the West African species of Anopheles agrees with sinking most of the recently established genera of Anophelina in Anopheles but provisionally respects Stethomyia, Chagasia, Calvertina and Bironella.

It is striking that three out of four of his retained genera should be the same as those admitted by me working on quite independent lines. Dactylomyia had not been proposed at the time he wrote. I can also agree with Mr. Edward's remarks on synonymy (l.c., p. 141).

The differences between the genera admitted here are sufficiently shown in the following table:—

Table of genera in Anophelini.

- A 1st submarginal cell subequal to the 2nd posterior cell, both of normal length.
- B Antennae without whorls of scales.
- C No shoulder tubercle . . . An

CC A finger-like tubercle on each shoulder

Anopheles, Mg.

Dactylomyia, Newstead and Carter.

BB Antennae with whorls of scales (Dense long outstanding scales at sides of thorax)

Chagasia, Cruz.

AA 1st submarginal cell only about half as long as 2nd posterior cell.

D Antennae with whorls of scales Calvertina, Ludl. DD Antennae without whorls of scales Bironella, Theob.

Generic notes in Anophelini.

Anopheles, Mg. A natural and easily recognized genus, of which no criticism is necessary.

None of the following proposed genera can be accorded generic rank, and from the feeble lines of demarcation between most of them they cannot be regarded systematically as even subgenera. No special sequence is adopted in listing them here.

Patagiamyia, James. Myzomyia, Blanch. (Grassia, Theob.) Neomyzomyia, Theob. Cycloleppteron, Theob. Nototricha, Coq. (Notonotricha, Theob. em.) Feltinella, Theob. Neostethopheles, James. Nyssomyzomyia, James. Stethomyia, Theob. Pyretophorus, Blanch. (Howardia, Theob.) Myzorhynchella, Theob. Arribalzagia, Theob Conchyliastes, Theob.

Myzorhynchus, Blanch. (Rossia, Theob.) Christya, Theob. Lophoscelomyia, Theob. (Lophomyia, Giles.) Nyssorhynchus, Blanch. (Laverania, Theob.) Cellia, Theob. Neocellia, Theob. Aldrichinella, Theob. (Aldrichia, Theob.) Kerteszia, Theob. Christophersia, James. Manguinhosia, Cruz. Coelodiazeses, Dyar and Knab 1

The following four genera appear distinct, and are differentiated in the table.

Chagasia, Cruz.
Calvertina, Ludl.
(Calvertia, Ludl.)

Bironella, Theob.

Dactylomyia, Newstead and
Carter.

Mr. Edwards thinks Dactylomyia may be identical with Anopheles deceptor, Don. and Myzomyia thorntoni, Ludl. Apparently the σ is unknown of Chagasia and the \circ of Bironella.

Section II. MEGARHINI.

The Megarhini form a compact group of 3 or 4 genera characterized by the strongly recurved proboscis, the position of the posterior cross vein beyond the anterior cross vein, and the

l Erected on larval characters alone and therefore inadmissible: the adult is known and cannot be separated from *Anopheles*.

generally much shortened second submarginal and first posterior wing cells. They are mainly the giants of the family, with tufts of brilliantly coloured scales on the abdomen. The genera are differentiated as follows, but the table is not a satisfactory one, being built on sexual characters, so that it is impossible to generically identify males unless the known corresponding females are present also.

Table of genera in MEGARHINI.

Palpi long in σ and φ (in φ only a little shorter than in σ).

Last palpal joint in ? truncate or rounded. .

Last palpal joint in 2 long and pointed.

Palpi long in σ , not more than one-third as long as proboscis in \circ

Megarhinus, R. Desv.

Ankylorhynchus, Lutz.

Toxorhynchites, Theob.

Generic notes in MEGARHINI.

Megarhinus, R. Desv. This is, of course, a well-marked genus of long institution. Lynchiella, Lahille, in Peryassu, is synonymous.

Ankylorhynchus, Lutz. A somewhat unsatisfactory genus built on the \circ palpi only, but if this character is constant it would appear to be a natural group

Toxorhynchites, Theob.

Worcesteria, Banks.

Teromyia, Leices.

One of *Teromyia*'s alleged distinctions is that the 2 palpi are only half as long as the proboscis, and 5-jointed, as compared with *Toxorhynchites*, in which they are from one-quarter to one-third as long as the proboscis, and 4-jointed. The palpal length, anyway seems very difficult of exact determination and too arbitrary to be a natural distinction

A far stronger distinction, if it really exists, is in the alleged cross vein between the subcostal and 1st longitudinal veins, claimed by Leicester for all his species. This would, of course, be the subcostal cross vein, but it is difficult to conceive that that author is not mistaken, as this vein has never been dipterologically recorded in the family. The juxtaposition of two veins often results in a slight thickening of both which appears at first sight as a cross vein, and in my studies in *Tipulidae* and *Mycetophilidae* few points have given me more trouble than the decision as to the presence or absence of this cross vein, which in both these families is found in some genera and not in others.

Section III. CULICINI.

Although the Anophelini, Megarhini and Sabethini form natural groups, each represented by a limited number of valid

genera, we are confronted in the Culicini (with which must be united the Aedines, as it is clear that, though they appear to be more or less natural groups, we can at present draw no satisfactory line of demarcation between them) with a very extensive series of closely allied forms exhibiting great variety within narrow limits.

Of over 100 groups admitted by Theobald as generic, to which must be added about a dozen others of later erection, only a very small number stand out clearly as valid independently of characters of indefinite or disputed nature, such as the exact number of joints of the palpi and the relative or actual length of these organs, sexually, specifically and generically, and of course apart from any scale characters.

After eliminating these few tolerably well defined genera there are hardly any characters left in the remaining forms on which to construct even sub-genera, and though culicidologists also consider the *Culex* and *Aedes* groups as more or less natural ones, intermediate forms occur, which after all is not surprising.

The original distinctions of palpi in σ long, in Ω short—in Culex, and short in both sexes in Aedes sufficed for the few species known to the early authors, but, both by the now proved variety in length of this organ within the narrow limits as thus defined, and by the actual indefinite formation of its joints in many 'genera' these differences hold good only in a very general way.

Cacomyia and Gualteria are acclaimed as intermediate and though Theobald recently puts Cacomyia with the Aedines I have retained it here as of uncertain position. Theobald at one time (Monog. iv, 520) regarded Finlaya and Orthopodomyia as also intermediate, though later (l.c. v) he replaces both in his Culicinae without comment, whilst Col. Alcock, one of our latest (and incidentally one of the soundest) authorities on the classification of this family, considers Myxosquamus, Carrollia, Eumelanomyia, Acartomyia, Bancroftia, Catageomyia, and Boycia all as "annectant forms between Culex, Stegomyia and Aedes."

Psorophora also has been adjudged intermediate, but this can, at any rate considered solely as a genus, be sufficiently easily recognised by its peculiar leg scales.

Mr. Edwards divides the Culex group from the Aedes group as follows: In the former the "eggs are laid in masses, the last segment of the & abdomen is broad and immovable, and the claws in the & are never toothed." Genera: Culex, Taeniorhynchus, Aedomyia, Theobaldia, Uranotaenia, etc.; in the latter group the "eggs are laid singly, the last segment of the & abdomen is narrow, usually completely retractile into the penultimate and the & claws, at least the anterior ones, are nearly always toothed." Genera: Mucidus, Psorophora, Janthinosoma, Ochlerotatus, Stegomyia, Aedes, etc. I regret I cannot consider any of the three characters of sufficient weight, and though palpal characters are also unsatisfactory, they have been adopted in the present paper,

pending some quite decisive method of dividing these two groups.

After a critical survey of the proposed genera in the Culicini, founded on the descriptions of the promoters (since little else is available to me) it appears as though, from the systematist's point of view the only valid genera in the Culex group are: (1) Deinocerites, distinguished by its exceptionally long and antennal joint; (2) Lophoceratomyia, by the fantastic abdornment of the σ anten nae; (3) Rachionotomyia, by the spine-like production of the scutellum; (4-6) Psorophora, Janthinosoma and Mucidus, by the outstanding scales on the legs, these latter three differentiated amongst themselves by fairly good characters; (7) Ekrinomyia, by the posterior cross vein being placed beyond the anterior cross vein, assuming this to be definite and constant in conjunction with the absence of outstanding leg scales; (8) Mimomyia (with several synonyms) by the 2-jointed, more or less clavate σ palpi; and (9) Stegomyia, by the 5-jointed & and 4-jointed & palpi, but this latter genus is admitted herein on the presumption that this character is definite and constant, which, by the way, is not too certain.

The following good genera occur in the Aedes group: (1) Haemagogus, distinguished by the distinctly 5-jointed antennae in both sexes; (2) Harpagomyia, by the elbowed proboscis; (3) Hodgesia, by its 13-jointed antennae and one-jointed palpi, in both cases in the $\mathfrak P$ only, the $\mathfrak P$ being unknown.

The remainder of the Aedines² should fall in Aedes or Skusea, technically distinguished by a 2-jointed σ and 4-jointed Ω palpi in the former, and a 3-jointed palpi in both sexes in the latter, and it seems wise to acknowledge both genera. Aedes is, of course, a quite sound genus of many years' standing, but much uncertainty attaches to the descriptions of most of the recent genera and species. Uranotaenia will hold good if the character of 2-jointed palpi in σ and Ω can be trusted.

After accounting for the above as good genera in Culicini there remains a very large number of species and groups of species, including *Culex* itself, which have little, if anything, taxonomically to separate them from one another except still vaguer palpal characters, all of admitted variability, the difficulty of unravelling the puzzle being increased by the limited information authors have been able to afford.

Scale characters I strongly resent being considered of generic value, and the continual shifting of species from one genus to another and of genera from the *Culex* to the *Aedes* group and *vice* versa, emphasises both their instability and the existing want of unity of opinion even amongst culicidologists themselves.

¹ Mr. Edwards admits the ♀ claws are variable in at least one species—Stegomyia simpsoni, Theob. See Howardina, in List of Genera, p. 62.

² The Aedes group is considered separately further on, as being more convenient.

This bulky residuum consists, in the Culex group (the Aedes group being considered further on) of, firstly, nearly a dozen genera of which insufficient information is available to form any opinion, and secondly, Culex itself, sensu lato. Of this latter well distributed and extensive genus five subgenera may be regarded as fairly well founded: Chaelocruiomyia, on its spiny legs; Culiciomyia (Pectinopalpus) with its long outstanding scales on the 1st palpal joint; Taeniorhynchus on several rather indecisive characters which taken in the aggregate may justify subgeneric rank; Finlaya also on several minor characters, some of which would be better for further substantiation; and Newsteadina, on the long scaled basal joints of the antennae in both sexes.

Heptaphlebomyia, which Theobald almost decided was not a Culicid at all, is now recognized as "a slightly modified Culex"!

The so-called genera sunk in *Culex* in the present paper number no less than 77, including synonyms.

The diagnoses of the following do not allow of their satisfactory disposition: Brevirhynchus, Duttonia, Orthopodomyia, Eumelanomyia, Gualteria, Cacomyia and Catageiomyia.¹

Such information as could be gleaned on these appears in the

generic notes.

The genera in the Culicini are now considered in two groups, those round Culex and those round Aedes, the theoretical distinction being that of the palpi; because, having little or nothing on which to test generic validities beyond the descriptions I have been compelled to adopt this method, for want of any other.

Table of Genera in Culicini.

- A The 2nd antennal joint normal.
- B Scutellum normal.
- C Legs with conspicuous outstanding scales.
- D Posterior cross vein before the anterior cross vein.
- E All the legs with outstanding scales
- EE Hind legs only so-scaled
- DD Posterior cross vein beyond the anterior cross vein
- CC Body and legs without such conspicuous outstanding scales.
 - F Posterior cross vein beyond anterior cross vein
- FF Posterior cross vein before anterior cross vein.

Psorophora R. Desv. Janthinosoma, Arrib.

Mucidus, Theob.

Ekrinomyia, Leices.

¹ Of this I have no knowledge beyond its simple inclusion in a table of genera (Theob. Monog., v, 115).

G Antennae in of fancifully ornamented Lophoceratomyia, Theob. GG Antennae in both sexes without such fanciful ornamentation. \mathbf{H} Palpi in o 5-jointed, in 4-jointed Stegomyia, Theob. HHPalpi in σ 3-jointed, in Q 3—4-jointed Culex, L. Palpi in σ and \circ 2-jointed HHH Ludlowia, Theob. Scutellum produced $\mathbf{B}\mathbf{B}$ into blunt spine (o unknown) Rachionotomyia, Theob. AA The 2nd antennal joint many Deinocerites, Theob.

N.B.—The above table is offered with some diffidence since several of the more striking genera are unknown to me and the remainder rest on the trustworthiness of the characters set up by their promoters.

times longer than usual

Generic notes on the CULEX group.

Psorophora, R. Desv. Janthinosoma, Arrib. Mucidus, Theob.

These three genera are sufficiently clearly characterized, providing always that the position of the posterior cross vein beyond the anterior cross vein holds constant in all the species. no means certain in M. alternans, Westw. and M. sudanensis, Theob., for instance,

As regards the palpi, Theobald says Psorophora has them 4jointed, admitting that Robineau Desvoidy and Arribalzaga claimed 5 joints for them, but in Mucidus although he describes six species in his monograph he does not mention any number in the 2 palpi.1 In his "genera of the Mucidus type," Col. Alcock includes Mansonia, Mansonioides, "Etorilepidomyia" (?=Etorleptiomyia), Orthopodomyia, Aedimyia and Finlaya.

Ekrinomyia, Leices. This genus is apparently sound, the posterior cross vein being beyond the anterior one, but the prominent outstanding scales on the legs being absent prevent it being confused with the first three genera.

Stegomyia, Theob.

Quasistegomyia, Theob. Kingia, Theob. Blanchardiomyia, Brun. (Desvoidya, Blanch.). Scutomyia, Theob.

¹ The continual recurrence of omissions like this render it almost impossible for a systematist to arrive at just conclusions.

The principal character of Stegomyia is the 5-jointed or palpi, the 2 having 4 joints, and the other genera added are said to be very near it. Theobald is silent as to the number of joints in the palpi in these, except that Quasistegomyia has 3 joints. This would presumably throw this "genus" back into Culex. Edwards ranks Scutomyia as a synonym of Howardina, which latter I cannot separate from Culex. Some discussion may be raised here as to the real preoccupation of Blanchard's name or not, on the ground of the spelling. Meade first used the name for a genus of Tachinid flies, spelling it Desvoidia, which is emended in the Palaearctic Catalogue to Desvoidya, that is to say subsequently to the use of the term by Blanchard, who spelt it Desvoidea. As the terms are obviously all used in commemoration of the French dipterologist Robineau-Desvoidy the exact spelling seems immaterial.

In any case, Blanchard's name, however it may or ought to be spelt, has no real weight, being proposed as a nomen novum for Armigeres, Th., under the assumption that the latter was pre-occupied, which is really not the case, Armiger, Hartm. (in Moll. 1842), not being a true homonym. The original name Armigeres, Theob., should be therefore restored as a matter of principle though generic rank must be denied it. Theobald makes the extraordinary statement that "the wings have the 3rd long vein continued on, into and through the basal cell as a distinct unscaled line"!

Brevirhynchus, Theob. The validity seems doubtful, though the alleged 4-jointed σ palpi and the thick sinuous proboscis in the φ are good characters. No definite opinion can be offered here. The name, as a generic one, is in any case ill founded.

Mimomyia, Theob.

Ludlowia, Theob.

Megaculex, Theob.

Radioculex, Theob.

Hispidimyia, Theob.

Banksinella, Theob. Boycia, Theob. Conopomyia, Leices.

This seems a definite, if not a very clearly limited genus, characterized by the 2-jointed clavate of palpi, and the more or less different shape of the marginal cell, also less distinctly by the shorter fork cells and minor characters. Edwards admits Banksinella as distinct, on the fore and mid ungues in the 2 being dentate, not simple. In Conopomyia the 2nd antennal joint is three times the usual length and as Leicester describes both sexes of the three species it may possibly be constant enough to form a sub-genus. "Mimomyia" is often regarded as intermediate between the Culex and Aedes groups, but Edwards has recently shown the type species (splendens) to be identical with the above group of genera, whilst the other species of the genus are quite distinct, and for these he has erected the genus Ingramia, and this latter genus I leave amongst those requiring confirmation.

Duttonia, Newstead. On this I can pronounce no opinion, the 4-jointed σ palpi being uncommon. The σ has the "anterior tarsi sub-chelate."

Eumelanomyia, Theob. This shows a little abnormality in the thickened 2-jointed 9 palpi, and may be left as an uncertain quantity at present.

Orthopodomyia, Theob. This again has 4-jointed & palpi, the ? having 5 joints, the last "minute but distinct." It remains in abeyance.

Lophoceratomyia, Theob. This ranks as a good genus on the strikingly fantastic adornment of the σ antennae; the \circ has 2-jointed palpi.

Rachionotomyia, Theob. Generically distinct by the scutellum being drawn out into a blunt spine. Q only known.

Cyathomyia, Meij. This is recently erected, near Finlaya, and must be left here in abeyance as I know nothing of it, but being established by a dipterologist and not by a culicidologist is at least presumptive evidence in favour of its validity.

Oculeomyia, Theob. From the original description of this, alleging contiguous eyes, "suggesting the family Acroceridae," and from Theobald's figure I was willing to accord it generic rank. Molpemyia, Theob., is evidently identical. Yet Mr. Edwards says it is founded on a misconception, many species with contiguous eyes existing both in Culicini and Metanotricha (= my Sabethini). It is, of course, a question of degree of contiguity. Blanchard's figures of Taeniorhynchus taeniorhynchus, W (p. 291), Culex fatigans, W (p. 353), and others show the eyes contiguous or subcontiguous for a short space only, but in Oculeomyia they are shown by Theobald as sub-contiguous for half their length, and this seems to me sufficiently distinct from other genera to form a separate genus. I am disposed to leave the question open at present.

Deinocerites, Theob. (Brachiomyia, Theob.) The very long 2nd antennal point makes this a good genus, the pilose of antennae forming a second character. Theobald made a subfamily of this genus and Dinomimetes, Knab, together, but the latter belongs to the Sabethini and there is certainly nothing above generic rank in either.

Heptaphlebomyia, Theob. This has given rise to the most erratic views, Theobald, when first describing it, saying it 'must undoubtedly be placed in a separate subfamily on account of there being 7, not 6, longitudinal scaled veins,'' subsequently (Monog. iv, 531) even adding, 'the strangeness of the venation might be thought sufficient to exclude them from the Culicidae altogether," (!) yet he admits on the same page that the vein is not, as a rule, scaled for its whole length, and finally Alcock defines the genus as 'a somewhat modified Culex.''

In describing what Theobald assumes (with a doubt) to be the σ of H. simplex, the type species, he says the 7th vein is apparently not scaled, and moreover his figure of the wing shows no 7th vein at all! In describing H. argenteopunctata, Ventr., he says "this species has a false nerve covered with a row of scales forming a 7th vein." A row of scales cannot constitute a vein, as his descriptions would lead one to suppose, but remains simply a row of scales. I have never seen Heptaphlebomyia, but suspect that the so-called 7th vein is merely the usual fold of the wing a little more distinct than usual, and bearing scales or not according to the species or perhaps, to sex also. Mr. Edwards finally disposes of H. simplex and with it the "subfamily" by registering the σ as synonymous with Culex decens, Theob., and the $\mathfrak P$ with C. univitatus, Theob.

The genus Culex, L.

Sub-genera of Culex.

The following five species or groups of species appear to have more or less claim to sub-generic rank in Culex.

Chaetocruiomyia, Theob. This is characterized by long spines on the fore tibiae and lesser, though conspicuous ones on the femora. Other supporting characters are claimed for it. Its generic validity is at least dubious.

Culiciomyia, Theob.

(Pectinopalpus, Theob.).

This is erected on a row of long outstanding scales on the σ palpi, a feature omitted from the original description. Edwards draws attention to this fact (Bull. Ent. Res. ii, 242) and *Pectino-palpus* becomes synonymous.

Taeniorhynchus, Arrib.

(Pseudotaeniorhynchus, Theob.; Rhynchotaenia, Brethes).

In this the σ palpi are clavate, turned downwards at the tips, the P palpi are said to be 5-jointed, the last very minute; the hind metatarsi distinctly shorter than the tibiae, differing thus from Culex proper, in which the σ palpi are not clavate and are turned upwards at the tip, the P possessing only 3 or 4 joints, and the hind metatarsi are at least as long as the tibiae, generally longer. The distinctions read satisfactorily, all depends on the absence of intermediary forms. Edwards thinks Coquillettidea may be synonymous.

Finlaya, Theob. This is founded on the 2 only and is recorded as possessing three abnormalities, a 15-jointed antenna, the two basal joints of which are scaly, and tufts of scales below the abdomen towards the tip.

¹ It is curious that Theobald himself in his 1st vol. (pp. 18. 19) calls attention to the *folds* in the wing, and advises caution not to misinterpret them as veins.

Theobald at first regarded it as intermediate between the Culicines and the Aedines, but later he placed it in the former section, whilst Edwards sinks it in Ochlerotatus.

Newsteadina, Theob. The alleged 4-jointed & palpi and the long scales in both sexes on the basal antennal joints may separate this from Culex proper, but it must be noted that some species of Culex have the basal antennal joints more or less scaled. Its even subgeneric rank is very uncertain, as the supposed 4th palpal joint may be apparent only, due to a constriction.

Mr. Edwards (Bull. Ent. Res. iii, 14) definitely sinks in Ochlerotatus, the following genera as synonymous: Acartomyia, Finlaya, Aedimorphus, Culicelsa, Culicada, Ecculex, Protoculex, Pseudoculex, Chrysoconops, Reedomyia, Pecomyia, Pseudograbhamia, Phagomyia, Polyleptiomyia, Lepidotomyia, Lepidotomyia, Pseudoskusea, Pseudohowardina, Protomacleaya, Duttonia, Mimeteculex, Geitonomyia, Myxosquamus, Neopecomyia, Stenoscutus, Bathosomyia, and Leslieomyia. Also, with a doubt, Gilesia, Gualteria, Danielsia, Cacomyia, Stegoconops, Molpemyia and Andersonia.

Mr. Edwards separates Ochlerotatus from Culex (Bull. Ent. Res. ii, 242) partly by the last two joints of the & palpi being thickened and more or less turned downwards at the tip, instead of being thin and turned upwards, as in the latter genus, but in his above list of synonyms are included Lepidotomyia, Pecomyia, Reedomyia, Lepidoplatys, Culicada, Culicelsa and Culiseta, and of these Theobald does not mention the & palpi as clavate, although it is true this is merely negative evidence. He separates the two genera Ochlerotatus and Culex, in the females by ungual characters, and speaks very positively on this point, but I am not at present prepared to accord it such value.

It seems impossible to recognize Ochlerotatus simply on the strength of clavate & palpi, there being so many genera admittedly with the & palpi more or less swollen at the tip 1 and which would be annectant, and in addition there would be semi-intermediate forms, so to speak, to be found in those species which were slightly aberrant in this character, yet included either in the clavate palpi genera or the non-clavate palpi ones.

It has therefore seemed justifiable to sink in *Culex* all genera considered by Mr. Edwards as synonymous with *Ochlerotatus*, except *Finlaya* and *Duttonia*, the former of which ranks in the present paper as a sub-genus of *Culex* and the latter as a genus left in abeyance on account of the 4-jointed σ palpi.

Generic synonyms of Culex.

Acartomyia, Theob. Aedimorphus, Theob. Andersonia, Strickland.

Aporoculex, Theob. Bancroftia, Lutz. Bathosomyia, Theob.

¹ These are Macleaya, Gymnometopa, Theobaldia, Grabhamia, Pseudograbhamia and Mimeteculex, with no doubt others.

Carrollia. Lutz in Theob. Ceratocystia, Dyar and Knab. Chrysoconops, Goeldi. Culicada, Felt. Culicella, Felt. Culicelsa, Felt. Culiseta, Felt. Danielsia, Theob. Diceromyia, Theob. Ecculex, Felt. Etorleptiomyia, Theob. (Etorilepidomyia, Alcock, em.) Feltidia, Dyar. Geitonomyia, Leices. Gilesia. Theob. Gnophodeomyia, Theob. Grabhamia, Theob. Heptaphlebomyia, Theob. Heteronycha, Arrib. Howardina, Theob. Hulecoeteomyia, Theob. Jamesia, Christophers. Lasioconops, Theob. Leicesteria, Theob. Lepidoplatys, Coq. Lepidotomyia, I. Theob. Lepidotomyia, II. Theob. Leslieomyia, Christophers. Leucomyia, Theob. Lutzia, Theob. Macleaya, Theob. Maillotia, Theob. Mansonia, Blanch. Mansonioides, Theob. Melanoconion, Theob. Microculex, Theob. Mimeteculex, Theob. Mimeteomyia, Theob. Mochlostyrax, Dyar and Knab. Myxosquamus, Theob.

Neoculex, Dyar. Neomacleaya, Theob. Neomelanoconion, Theob. ?. Neopecomyia, Theob. Ochlerotatus, Arrib. O'Reillia, Ludlow. Panoplites, Theob. Pardomyia, Theob. Pecomyia, Theob. Phagomyia, Theob. Pneumaculex, Dyar. Polyleptiomyia, Theob. **Popea**, Ludlow. Protoculex, Felt. Protomacleaya, Theob. Protomelanoconion, Theob. Pseudocarrollia, Theob. Pseudoculex, Dyar. Pseudograbhamia, Theob. Pseudoheptaphlebomyia, Ventrillon. Pseudohowardina, Theob. Pseudoskusea, Theob. Pseudotheobaldia, Theob. Rachisoura, Theob. Reedomyia, Ludlow. ? Stegoconops, Lutz. Stenoscutus, Theob. Theobaldia, Nev. Lem. Theobaldinella, Blanch. Theobaldiomyia, Brun., nom. nov. for Leucomyia, Theob. preocc. Thomasina, Newstead and Car-Trichopronomyia, Theob. Trichorhynchomyia, Brun., nom nov. for Trichorhynchus, Theob., preocc.

N.B.—Accepted synonyms of any so-called genera are included in the above list.

The majority of the above cannot be distinguished from *Culex* by any characters that would be recognized by a systematic dipterologist. Those which appear to show (from the generic descriptions) the greatest modifications are noted below.

Acartomyia has the 1st antennal joint thickened and scaly; Approculex is founded on some trifling difference in venation;

Bancroftia has two prominent tufts of hair-like scales, or scale-like hairs, on the scutellum; Bathosomyia has peculiar o genitalia, and the " 1st posterior cell almost uniform in breadth" (!): Carrollia has the abdominal segments in the o deeply constricted at the base; Ceratocystia is synonymous with Grabhamia (t. Cog.); Culicada is said to have 4-jointed or palpi, but fuller information on this is required: Diceromyia is synonymous with Mansonioides (t. Edwards); Heptaphlebomyia is dealt with elsewhere (see p. 41); Howardina was at first admitted by Edwards on claw characters, but in a later paper he abandons it: Lasioconops was founded on a misconception, through some lepidopterous scales adhering, accidentally to the type; Leucomyia is said to have 5-jointed or palpi: Mansonia is reputed to have 4-jointed or palpi; Melanoconion is a group of small black species with densely scaled wings: Microculex is a "small stout gnat totally different from any other member of the genus' (Culex); Mimeteculex has the two basal antennal joints scaled; Mimeteomyia has the 2nd and 3rd antennal joints rather enlarged; Mochlostyrax based on larval characters, is allied to Melanoconion in the adult stage; Pardomyia is supposed to possess a novel venation but differs only slightly from normal Culex: Pecomyia has unequal hind ungues in the o, said to be unique, also the o genitalia very marked; Phagomyia is included here on account of Theobald associating it with other "genera" belonging here, though he says it is near Stegomyia: Pneumaculex was founded originally on larval characters only, but the adult is now known and is said to be near Danielsia, judging from the σ genitalia; Polyleptiomyia is included for the same reason as Phagomyia; Pseudoskusea has the mid-ungues of the σ equal in size, a character found only in this genus; Rachisoura has the plumosity of the σ antennae a little less dense than usual: Reedomvia has the o genitalia "very marked"; Theobaldia forms for Theobald a natural group of five species with spotted wings, clubbed antennae and thick wing scales in or and 9, Edwards ranking it generically distinct on claw characters; Thomasina is supposed to have the or palpi short and the opplipi "relatively long" and Trichorhynchomyia (nom. nov. for Trichorhynchus, preocc.) is said to be "very marked" and to be intermediate between the Culex and Stegomyia groups.

The AEDES group.

Coming to a closer examination of the Aedes group we find much difficulty in the ambiguous or actually negative information afforded us as regards the palpal joints, and the plumosity or pilosity

I The authors figure a σ head in which the palpi are only a very little shorter than the prosboscis, though their diagnosis reads "much shorter." This exaggeration of minute differences is the cause of the bulk of the trouble in understanding culicid writer's meanings. They then figure an isolated φ palpus, so there is no means of judging their idea of "relatively short." If they are drawn to the same scale both are of equal length.

of the orantennae, both evidently uncertain quantities in many cases.

The following table attempts to elucidate the few genera that appear well founded, but their validity, of course, depends on the definite nature and constancy of the points tabulated, and it is seen that practically nothing but palpal characters can be used. The other recorded genera appear of uncertain validity.

Table of genera.

Proboscis not elbowed.

Antennae 14-jointed in 2 as usual.

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a. Palpi in o 5-jointed, in 2 5-jointed Haemagogus, Will.
b. ,, ,, 3 ,, ,, 3 ,, Skusea, Theob.
c. ,, ,, 2 ,, ,, 4 ,, Aedes, Mg.
d. ,, ,, 2 ,, ,, 2 ,, Uranotaenia, Arrib.
Antennae 13-jointed in 2, 2 palpi I-
jointed: o unknown Hodgesia, Theob.
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Proboscis elbowed

Hodgesia, Theob.

Harpagomyia, Meij.

Generic notes on the AEDES group.

Haemagogus, Will. By the 5-jointed palpi in σ and φ this should be a good genus, though the 1st and 5th joints are very small. *Colonemyia*, Leices., may be synonymous as it is also said (with a doubt) to possess 5-jointed palpi.

Zeugnomyia, Leices. Palpi in & 3, in & 4-jointed. On this it cannot be synonymous with either Aedes or Skusea. Its author says it is allied to Colonemyia, Skeiromyia and Uranotaenia, and through these to the Wyeomyia group. For my own part I leave its position in abeyance at present.

Skusea, Theob. Of its 3-jointed palpi in both sexes, the last is "small and ripple-like," and on this it is tentatively ranked as valid, at least pro. tem. There seems nothing to separate Aioretomyia, Leices., and Acalleomyia, Leices., from Skusea.

Aedes, Mg. Technically with 2-jointed σ and 4-jointed Ω palpi, this genus is sufficiently distinct from Culex, but several others must be included as identical, as Micraedes, Coq., Aedeomyia, Theob., Aedinus, Lutz., and probably both Leptosomatomyia, Theob. (established on a unique σ), and Squamomyia, Theob. (of which the Ω is unknown).

Uranotaenia, Arrib. Apparently a natural group whether of generic rank or not, characterized by 2-jointed palpi in σ and \mathfrak{P} , a proboscis swollen at the tip, the usually quite small size and often brilliant blue colouring. Pseudouranotaenia, Theob., Anisochelcomyia, Theob., Verrallina, Theob. (in which trace of an additional basal palpal joint is spoken of in the \mathfrak{P} , the σ being unknown), and Ficalbia, Theob., are evidently synonyms.

Hodgesia. Theob. The or is unknown, which is unsatisfactory. The 2 antenna is reputed to have only 13-joints, which

would be an abnormality, and the 1st joint is large and globular. The palpi is one-jointed only, which in itself would entitle it to generic rank, especially if a similar character exists in the σ . From the one-jointed palpi attributed to *Skeiromyia*, Leices., this may be synonymous.

Harpagomyia, Meij. The short thick elbowed proboscis distinguishes this. Grahamia, Theob., is, on his own showing, synonymous, as, though it appeared first in print, the paper was for private circulation only. Malaya, Leices., is also synonymous, for Edwards has shown that though Leicester described the metanotum ("mesonotum," lapsus) as with scales, which would throw the genus in the Sabethini, it is probable these were accidentally attached, and in that case the genus falls here, and becomes synonymous with Harpagomyia. Moreover, the name Malaya is practically preoccupied by Malaia, Heller in 1891.

However, if the genus has scales on the metanotum it in all probability will be synonymous with *Limatus*, Theob.

Topomyia, Leices. No palpal information is given by the author, though he describes nine species. The males are said to be very gossamer-like and the genus may quite likely prove a good one.

Genera of uncertain position.

The following genera are left in abeyance, simply in the section Culicini, as no exact position is at present assignable to them.

Cacomyia, Coq. A large cluster of outstanding blunt spines are found below the penultimate abdominal segment; the palpi are half as long as the proboscis, and some alleged slight differences of venation are urged in favour of this genus.

Theobald says *Gualteria* has similar characters, so the two may be identical, in which case the latter has precedence, but at the time of its erection it was said to be "near *Danielsia*," a genus of the *Culex* group. Theobald placed it with the Aedines, but it seems likely that with its σ palpi half as long as the proboscis it should be referred, and probably *Gualteria* also, to the *Culex* group.

Philodendromyia, Theob., and Polylepidomyia, Theob.

These two genera, once placed erroneously in the Sabethini group, are referred by Theobald as probably intermediate between the *Culex* and *Aedes* groups. Of the former the σ antennae are pilose, the P being unknown. Of the latter the σ is unknown, and both palpi and proboscis are said to vary in almost every individual.

Ingramia, Edwards. (Mimomyia, Theob. pt; Dasymyia, Leices., preocc.)

This genus is really a new name for the species recently placed in *Mimomyia*, except the type species, *splendens*. *Dasymyia* is synonymous with *Ingramia*, but is preoccupied.

Section IV. SABETHINI.

The genera comprised herein under this section are distributed finally by Theobald (Monog., v, 554 et seq.) in three sub-families:
(1) Trichoprosoponinae, with Runchomyia, Trichoprosopon, Joblotia (wrongly admitted as a good genus), Hyloconops, Goeldia and Eretmapodites; (2) Dendromyinae, with Sabethes, Phoniomyia, Wyeomyia, Menolepis, Bolbodeomyia, Sabethoides, Dendromyia and Prosopolepis; Limatus forming his other sub-family. Two other genera Philodendromyia and Polylepidomyia, though included in his table are rightfully excluded in a footnote and referred to the Uranotaenia group, the metanotum being nude.

He places *Dinomimetes*, Knab., in the *Deinoceratinae*, a subfamily he characterizes by the very long 2nd antennal joint, and short palpi in both sexes, but the metanotum bearing setae is a stronger character than the abnormal length of the 2nd antennal joint, and the genus must come in the present section.

In separating the genera Theobald uses scale distribution, some points of venation and the length and shape of the proboscis as distinguishing characters.

Sabethes is easily recognized by the paddle-like scales on some of the legs, a feature absent in the other genera except in some species of Eretmapodites (v. tab. genera, post). This feature is by no means generic in itself, it is not dependent on sex and occurs in various genera in diptera, Empis, Rhamphomyia, etc.

The proboscis varies considerably in length, from half as long as to longer than the whole body, and may be dilated or swollen apically or not. No generic characters can be safely drawn from it in this section except to identify *Limatus*. The antennae are normally pilose in both sexes, a little denser in the σ , and this character appears fairly constant, but it is subplumose or plumose in *Sabethes* and certainly plumose in *Hyloconops*.

Even of Wyeomyia I have seen no definite statement of the number of palpal joints in the σ , whilst there seems an uncertainty of them being 3-jointed in the \mathfrak{P}

The presence of chaetae only scales only or both together may all be regarded as of equal taxonomic value.

Table of genera in Sabethini.

A 2nd antennal joint very long. (Metanotum with chaetae) .. Dinomimetes, Knab.

AA 2nd antennal joint normal.

B Palpi comparatively long, always more than half as long as proboscis.

Antennae pilose in & as well as 9

Metanotum with both chaetae and scales; palpi in o 4-jointed, in 9, 3-jointed.

Trichoposopon, Theob.,

DDMetanotum with chaetae only; palpi in σ 5-jointed, in Ω 4-jointed.

Eretmapodites, Theob..

Antennae plumose in &, pilose in CC 9 (metanotum with chaetae and scales)

Hyloconops, Lutz, &

Palpi comparatively short, or very BBshort: at most one-third the length of the proboscis. (In Goeldia and some species in either sex in Sabethes, about $\frac{1}{3}$ as long as proboscis. Metanotum with chaetae only, scales only, or both).

Frons with a protuberance between E the eyes. (Proboscis longer than the whole body)

Runchomyia, Theob.

Frons normal. EE

Proboscis not elbowed. F

Legs with paddle-like scales. G tennae in o moderately or quite plumose, in 9 pilose: metanotum with chaetae)

Sabethes, R. Desv.

GG Legs without such scales. (Antennae pilose ♂♀).

 \mathbf{H} Palpi ostensibly 4-jointed. (Metanotum with chaetae only, scales only, or both)

Wyeomyia, Theob., (s. latu, mihi.)

Metanotum with chaetae only or scales only; palpi in & never so long as $\frac{1}{3}$ of the proboscis.

Wyeomyia, sub-genus Theob.

Metanotum with both chaetae and scales; palpi in 🛷 onethird as long as proboscis, in 2 very short.

sub-genus Goeldia,2 Theob.

Palpi 2-jointed in o and ? (Antennae in ? densely pilose)

Sabethoides, Theob Limatus, Theob.

FF Proboscis elbowed.

It is impossible to satisfactorily include $Hyloconops\ \$ in the present table. The obald saying simply that the $\$ palpi are "short," the $\$ pantennae being pilose, these definitions being insufficient for the purpose.

² Some doubt attaches to the alleged 2 of this genus. 8 Sabethinus, Lutz, may be synonymous with Sabethoides, according to Theo-

Generic notes in SABETHINI.

Dinomimetes. Knab. The very long and antennal joint "14 times as long as wide" conspicuously separates this from all other genera in the family except Deinocerites, a genus of Culicini. The eyes are said by Theobald to be contiguous, and this is made a generic character but Edwards points out that this is no uncommon feature both in Culicini and Sabethini.

Trichoprosopon, Theob. A sufficiently distinct genus by the metanotal adornment coupled with palpal characters.

Joblotia, Blanch., is an absolute synonym, erected as a nom. nov. under the mistaken assumption that Theobald's name was preoccupied by Trichoprosopus, Macq., in Diptera.

Lutz would employ Joblotia as a separate genus, for Trichoprosopon lunata, Theob, characterized by the clypeus not being hairy.

Lestiocampa, Dyar and Knab. Firstly this is inadmissible, being founded on larval characters only. Theobald says that in the adult it differs from Runchomyia only in the absence of the conical frons, but he refers some of the species to Trichoprosopon, with which it may be considered synonymous.

Eretmapodites, Theob. This author claims generic rank for this on the thin hairless o palpi, the ungues, and the greater length of the two last antennal joints (presumably in both sexes), but it is admitted here as valid on the metanotal and palpal characters given in the table.

Some species, at least in the σ , have paddle-like scales on the legs, in this respect resembling Sabethes. These species, in the or or are recognizable by the thin palpi, but I know of no method of distinguishing the Q Q with certainty.

Hyloconops, Lutz. Theobald professes to differentiate this genus from Trichoprosopon by the "swollen apex of the proboscis and the shorter or palpi," but the latter is said to have the proboscis with "rather expanded apex." The plumose instead of pilose or antennae, assuming no doubt on the matter, is a better distinction. As regards the ? Hyloconops, insufficient information is accorded to be able to identify it with certainty.

Chaetomyia, Leices. (renamed Leicesteriomyia, Brun.), must, on account of its metanotum bearing scales and chaetae, be removedfrom the Culicini to this section. In my table of genera it comes with Hyloconops, from which insufficient information as to the latter genus precludes my separating it. It may possibly be synonymous.

Runchomyia, Theob. (Binotia, Blanch.). The frontal prominence in this genus sufficiently distinguishes it. The proboscis

bald; on the other hand it seems quite possible to be synonymous with Wycomyia

⁽v. generic notes, post).

1 Newstead describing a new species from the Congo says no metanotal scales or chaetae are present. They may have been rubbed off, or perhaps the species is placed wrongly here.

being longer than the whole body is also a useful character, although it shares this distinction with at least *Phoniomyia*.

Sabethes, R. Desv. This genus, one of the oldest erected in the family, is well characterized by the paddle-like fringe of scales on the legs, a peculiarity shared only with some species of *Eretmapodites* (v. ante).

Wyeomyia, Theob. This appears, in the wide sense, a good genus, but it seems doubtful if it can be subdivided, at least any further than into Wyeomyia s. str. and Goeldia, Theob., and additional species may break down the apparent differences between these. The $\mathfrak P$ form attributed to Goeldia is not definitely known to belong here.

Phoniomyia, Theob.

Menolepis, Lutz.

Bolbodeomyia, Theob.

Dendromyia, Theob.

(Heinzmannia, Ludl.).

Prosopolepis, Lutz.

There seems no justification for recognizing any of these as good genera. Theobald would found *Phoniomyia* on the proboscis being "longer than the whole body" but in one species *P. indica*, it is only "nearly as long" as the whole body, and some species of *Wyeomyia* probably possess it nearly as long as in *P. indica*. The white scaled metanotum in *Menolepis*, the "complex or genitalia" forming a "very marked genus" in *Bolbodeomyia*, and the scaled clypeus in *Prosopolepis* are all indefinite or quite minor characters, and all these must sink in *Wyeomyia*, sensulato.

Sabethoides, Theob. The alleged 2-jointed palpi afford the only grounds on which to establish this.

As regards Sabethinus, Lutz., Theobald admits that "apart from any marked genitalic diversity" (he notes the genitalia as very marked) this genus only differs from Sabethoides by the swollen tip of the proboscis.

In Theobald's description of Sabethinus he mentions no number of joints to the palpi, but as Sabethoides is only admitted in this paper as a good genus on the strength of its alleged 2-jointed palpi, both of these genera become synonymous with Wyeomyia if their palpi prove 4-jointed as in the latter. If they have 3-jointed palpi they might, united, form a separate genus, or an unpaddled legged section of Sabethes, the recorded variation of the antennae and proboscis being of a minor nature.

Limatus, Theob. (Simondella, Laveran). The elbowed proboscis seems sufficient on which to erect this genus.

Genera of uncertain position in CULICIDAE.

The following genera are regarded by Theobald as of uncertain position in the family. I have no further information of them.

Isostomyia, Coq.

Coq. Science xxiii, 314 (1906). Lepidosia,

Cog. Proc. Ent. Soc. Wash. vii, 185 (1906). Tinoletes

The sub-family Corethrinae.

There is nothing to be criticized in this group the few admitted genera being well founded, Corethra, Mg., Chaoborus, Lichtenstein (Sayomia Coq.), and Ramcia, Annandale.

The question of the synonymy of the first two genera was fully discussed by me recently.4

Mr. W S. Dallas, F.L.S., has given ⁶ a translation of a paper by Prof. Meinert on Corethra, in which the latter accepted plumicornis. F., as the type species simply because it figured as such in popular manuals.

Prof. Meinert, however, added, "Strictly speaking, the generic name Corethra should be retained for Tipula culiciformis, DeGeer, and when other species such as C. plumicornis and pallida were afterwards proved to belong to a different genus from the first named species a new generic name ought to have been selected for them." He, however, refrained from making the transposition, and concluded, "If such a change is eventually to be made, it had better remain over for some future monographer of the group."

The conclusions reached substantiate the synonymy as worked out by me, though at the time I had no knowledge of Meinert's

Some controversy has of late years arisen by the mosquito workers desiring to exclude the Corethrinae from the Culicidae, on the absence of a biting mouth and scales, or because they do not appear to have any economic value, perhaps. This cannot be The two groups have been accepted without dispute in a single family for a century by dipterologists, who, when all is said and done, must remain the ultimate judges of systematic questions.

In spite of attempts to prove the contrary, the most recent researches have proved the biological affinity of the two groups, Alcock asserting this most emphatically, and the new genus Ramcia, set up by Dr. Annandale,6 though decidely more corethrine than culicine, is distinctly intermediate in nature.

Dr. Adolf Eysell in his paper "Sind die Culiciden eine Familie 3⁷ desires to separate the corethrines and would also form a separate family of the anophelines, but both suggestions are dipterologically incorrect.

¹ I can find no reference to the description of this genus.

² I have shown Mochlonyx, Lw. to be synonymous with Corethra. (Rec.

Ind. Mus. iv, 317).

8 Edwards has adopted the term Chaoborinae for this subfamily, but the antiquity of Corethrinae must preserve it from alteration.

^{*} Rec. Ind. Mus. iv, 317 and vi, 227

Ann. Mag. Nat. His. (5) xii, 374 (1883).

Rec Ind.

Archiv. fur Schiffs. und Tropen Hygiene ix, 51-55 (1905). 6 Rec Ind. Mus. iv, 505.

SYSTEMATIC CATALOGUE OF VALID GENERA IN CULICIDAE.

Sub-family. I. CULICINAE.

Sect. I. ANOPHELINI.

- I Anopheles, Mg.1
- 2 Chagasia, Cruz.
- 3 Calvertina, Ludl.
- 4 Bironella, Theob.
- 5 Dactylomyia, Newst. and Carter.

Sect. II. MEGARHINI.

- 6 Megarhinus, R. Desv. Lynchiella, Lahille.
- Ankylorhynchus, Lutz.
- 8 Toxorhynchites, Theob. Worcesteria, Banks. Teromyia, Leices.

Sect. III. CULICINI.

CULEX GROUP.

- 9 Psorophora, R. Desv.
- 10 Janthinosoma, Arrib.
- II Mucidus, Theob.
- 12 Ekrinomyia, Leices.
- 13 Lophoceratomyia, Theob.
- 14 Stegomyia, Theob.

Quasistegomyia, Theob.

Kingia, Theob.

*Armigeres, Theob. Desvoidya, Blanch.

Blanchardiomyia, Brun.

Scutomyia, Theob.

Gymnometopa, Coq.

15 Mimomyia, Theob.

Ludlowia, Theob.

Megaculex, Theob.

Radioculex, Theob.

Banksinella, Theob.

Boycia, Newstead.

Hispidomyia, Theob.

Conopomyia, Leices.

16 Culex, L.2

Sub-genera-

I Chaetocruiomyia, Theob.

Culex, L. (contd.)

II Culiciomyia, Theob.

Pectinopalpus, Theob.

Neomelanoconion,

Theob. & only.

III Taeniorhynchus, Arrib.

Pseudotaeniorhynchus,

Theob.

Rhynchotaenia,

Brethes.

? Coquillettidea, Dyar.

IV Finlaya, Theob.

V Newsteadina, Theob.

17 Rachionotomyia, Theob.

18 **Deinocerites**, Theob.

Brachiomyia, Theob.

19 ? Cyathomyia, Meij.

Genera requiring confirmation.

- I Brevirhynchus, Theob.
- 2 Duttonia, Newstead.
- 3 Eumelanomyia, Theob.
- 4 Orthopodomyia, Theob.
- 5 Oculeomyia, Theob.
 - ? Molpemyia, Theob.

AEDES GROUP.

20 Haemagogus, Will

? Colonemyia, Leices.

21 Skusea, Theob.

Aioretomyia, Leices.

Acalleomyia, Leices.

22 Aedes, Mg.

Micraedes, Coq.

Aedeomyia, Theob.

Aedinus, Lutz.

? Leptosomatomyia, Theob.

? Squamomyia, Theob.

23 Uranotaenia, Arrib.

Pseudouranotaenia, Theob.

Anisocheleomyia, Theob. Verrallina, Theob.

Ficalbia, Theob. 24 Hodgesia, Theob.

? Skeiromyia, Leices.

¹ For list of synonyms, see p. 34.

² For list of synonyms, see p. 43.

25 Harpagomyia, Meij. Grahamia, Theob. Malaya, Leices.

Genera requiring confirmation.

- I Zeugnomyia, Leices.
- 2 Topomyia, Leices.
- 3 Ingramia, Edw.
 Dasymyia, Leices.
 Mimomyia, Theob.
- 4 Pseudograhamia, Th.1

Genera requiring confirmation belonging to Section CULICINI.

(Uncertain whether to Culex or Aedes group.)

- I Philodendromyia, Theob.
- 2 Polylepidomyia, Theob.
- 3 Cacomyia, Coq.
- 4 Gualteria, Lutz.

Sect. IV. SABETHINI.

26 Dinomimetes, Knab.

Trichoprosopon, Theob.

Joblotia, Blanch.

Lestrocampa, Dyar and

Knab.

27 Eretmapodites, Theob.

28 Hyloconops, Lutz.

Leicesteriomyia, Brun.

(Chaetomyia, Leices.)

29 Runchomyia, Theob. Binotia, Blanch.

- 30 Sabethes, R. Desv.
- 31 Wyeomyia, Theob.

Sub-genera-

I Wycomyia, Theob.

II Goeldia, Theob. (Syns. Wyeomyia, s. lato).

Phoniomyia, Theob.

Menolepis, Lutz.

Bolbodeomyia, Theob.

Dendromyia, Theob.
(Heinzmannia, Ludl.)

Prosopolepis, Lutz.

32 Sabethoides, Theob.

Sabethinus, Lutz.

33 **Limatus,** Theob. Simondella, Laveran.

Sub-fam. II. CORETHRINAE.

34 Corethra, Mg.

Mochlonyx, Lw.

35 Chaoborus, Lichtenstein. Sayomyia, Coq.

36 Ramcia, Annandale.

INDEX OF PUBLISHED GENERA IN CULICIDAE.2

Acalleomyia, Leices., Cul. Mal. 194 (1908).

Type, A. obscurus, Leices., sp. nov., σQ , l.c., the only species. —Skusea, Theob.

Acartomyia, Theob., Monog. iii, 251 (1913).

Type, A zammitii, Theob., sp. nov., $\sigma \circ l.c.$ 252, the only species.

—Culex, L.

Aedeomyia, Theob., Monog. ii, 218 (1901) (sp. allotted); Jour. Trop. Med. iv, 235 (July 15, 1901), (nom. nud.)

Aedomyia, Edwards, emend. Bull. Ent. Res. iii, 24.

Type, Aedes squamipennis, Arrib., & 2, the first species, by present designation.

=Aedes, Mg.

1 Nothing sufficiently definite about this to estimate its generic validity.
2 In the present index, "Monog." refers to Theobald's "Monograph of the Culicidae of the World," and Leices. "Cul. Mal." to a long paper by Dr. Leicester published in the "Studies from the Institute of Medical Research," Kuala Lumpur, vol. iii (1908).

Aedes, Mg., Syst. Besch. i, 13 (1818).

Type, Aedes cinereus, Mg., by original designation.

A valid genus.

Aedimorphus, Theob., Monog. iii, 290 (1903).

Type, Uranotaenia domestica, Theob., l.c., ii, 253, ?, the only species at the erection of the genus.

—Culex, L.

Aedinus, Lutz., in Peryassu. Os Culic. do Bras. 36 (1908).

Type, A. amazonensis, Lutz., sp. nov., by original designation.

—Aedes, Mg.

Aioretomyia, Leices., Cul. Mal. 185 (1908).

Type, A. varietas, Leices., sp. nov., $\sigma \circ , l.c.$, the first of the six species, by present designation. = Skusca, Theob.

Aldrichia, Theob., Monog. iii, 353, App. (1903).

Aldrichinella, Theob. emend.; loc. cit., v, 77 (1910). Aldrichia, preocc. Coq., 1894, in Bombylidae.

Type, A. error, Theob., l.c., iii, 353, \circ , by original designation.

-Anopheles, Mg.

Andersonia, Strickland, Entom. (1911), p. 250.

Type, A. tasmaniensis, Strick., sp. nov., l.c., by original designation. =-Culex, L.

Anisocheleomyia, Theob., Entom. xxxviii, 52 (1905); Monog., iv, 570.

Type, A. nivipes, Theob., sp. nov. (the first of the four species given in his Monog., iv 570) by present designation.

=- Uranotaenia, Arrib.

Ankylorhynchus, Lutz., in Bourroul's Mosq. Bras. 3 (1904).

Type, Culex violaceus, Hgg., in Wied. by present designation as the earliest described of the three species referred to this genus by Theobald. (Monog. iv, 127). A valid genus.

Anopheles, Mg., Syst. Besch. i, 10 (1818).

Type, A. maculipennis, Mg., by customary european acceptance.²

N.B.—Coquillett quotes bifurcatus, L., as the type species, but A. maculipennis is I think usually regarded in Europe as the type.

A valid genus.

Aporoculex, Theob., Monog. iv, 316 (1907).

Type, A. punctipes, Theob., sp. nov., \circ , the only species.

=Culex, L.

Armigeres, Theob., Monog. i, 322 (1901).

Type, Culex obturbans, Walk., the only species at time of erection.

N.B.—Armigeres is not preoccupied, Armiger, Hartm., in Moll., 1842, not being a homonym, and this name should be res-

² Prof. Kertesz's Catalogue adopts the name claviger, F., for this well-known species. The alteration, after a century, is quite inadmissible.

¹ Lutz's work is not accessible, and Theobald does not note any type species having been selected.

tored in place of Desvoidya, Blanch., if the genus is ever considered valid.

—Stegomyia, Theob.

Arribalzagia, Theob., Monog. iii, 81 (1903).

Type, Arribalzagia maculipes, Theob., sp. nov. Q, l c., by original designation. Coquillett ranks it synonymous with Cellia, Theob. =Anopheles, Mg.

Bancroftia, Lutz., in Bourroul's Mosq. Bras 40 (? 59) (1904). Type, B. albicosta, Lutz., sp. nov., 2, the only species.

=Culex, L.

Banksinella, Theob., Monog. iv, 468 (1907).

Banksiella, Brun., Rec. Ind. Mus. iv, 477, lapsus.

Type, Culex luteolateralis, Theob., $\sigma \circ$, by original designation.

—Mimomyia, Theob.

Bathosomyia, Theob., Monog. v, 267 (1910).

Type, B. abnormalis, Theob., sp. nov., l.c. 268, & only, the only species

—Culex, L.

Binotia, Blanch., Arch. Paras. viii, 478 (1904); Les Moust., 427.

N. B.—Erected as a nom. nov. for Runchomyia, Theob., under the supposed preoccupation by Rhynchomyia R. Desv., in Muscinae.

—Runchomyia, Theob.

Bironella, Theob., Ann. Mus. Hung. iii, 69 (1905).

Type, B. gracilis, Theob., &, sp. nov., l.c., the only species.

A valid genus.

Blanchardiomyia, Brun., Rec. Ind. Mus. iv, 440 (1912).

Nom. nov. for Desvoidya, Blanch., preoccupied by Meade in

Muscidae (Desvoidia) = Stegomyia, Theob.

Bolbodeomyia, Theob., Rec. Ind. Mus. iv, 31 (1910).

Type, B complex, Theob., sp. nov., l.c., & 2, by original designation.

=Wyeomyia, Theob.

Boycia, Newstead, Ann. Trop Med. and Paras. i, No. 1, 33 (1907). Type, B. mimomyiaformis, Newst., sp. nov, l.c. 34, σ 2, fig. 7, wing, by original designation. —Mimomyia, Theob.

Brachiomyia, Theob., Monog. ii, 343, App. (1901).

Type, B. magna, Theob., sp. nov., 2, l.c. 344, by original designation. Synonymous with Deinocerites, Theob. (t. Theob., l.c., iii, 275).

Brevirhynchus, Theob., Rec. Ind. Mus. ii, 293 (1908).

Type, B. magnus, Theob., $\sigma \circ ,$ sp. nov., l.c., $\sigma \circ ,$ by original designation.

Of doubtful validity.

Cacomyia, Coq, U.S. Dep. Agric. Bull. Tech. Ser. ii, 16 (1906).

Type, Haemagogus albomaculatus, Theob., by designation of Coquillett.

Of uncertain validity.

Calvertia, Ludl., Can. Ent. xli, 22 (1909); emended by Miss Ludlow to Calvertina, loc. cit., xli, 234 (1909); Calvertia, preocc. by Warren in Lepidoptera.

Type, Chagasia lineata, Ludl., Can. Ent. x1, 50.

A valid genus.

Carrollia, Lutz in Theob., Monog. iv, 206 (1907).

Type, C. iridescens, Lutz (irridescens, lapsus), the original species —Culex, L.

Catageiomyia, Theob., Monog. v, 115 (1910) nom. nud.

N.B.—I can obtain no further information respecting this genus.

Cellia, Theob., Jour. Trop. Med. v, 183 (June 16, 1902); Monog. iii, 107 (1903).

Type, Theobald gives Anopheles pulcherrimus, Theob., as the first species in his Monograph, and apparently intended it as the genotype, but I have seen A. pharoensis, Theob., suggested in its place.

Ceratocystia, Dyar and Knab, Jour. N.Yk. Ent. So. xiv, 183 (1906).

Type, Culex discolor, Coq. Identical with Grabhamia, Theob., according to Coquillett. =Culex, L.

Chaetocruiomyia, Theob., Monog. v, 195 (1910).

Type, C. sylvestris, Theob., sp. nov., l.c., 2, the only species.

=Subgen. Culex, pro tem.

Chaetomyia, Leices, Cul. Mal. 100 (1908).

Preocc. Brauer and Berg. in Tachininae (1892). Renamed Leicesteriomyia, Brun., Rec. Ind. Mus. iv, 452.

Type, C. flava, Leices., sp. nov., l.c., 101, & 2, the only species. May be identical with Hyloconops, Lutz.

Chagasia, Cruz, Brasil Medico xx, 20, p. 199 (1906).

Type, Pyretophorus fajardi, Lutz, by original designation.

A valid genus.

Chaoborus, Lichtenstein, Wied. Arch. Zool. i, 174 (1800).

Type, Tipula crystallina, Degeer (as antisepticus, sp. nov).

Synonymous with Sayomyia, Coq.

A valid genus.

Christophersia, James, Rec. Ind. Mus. iv, 103 (1910); Paludism 33, nom. nud.

Type, C. halli, James, Paludism i, 33, by original designation. == Anopheles, Mg.

Christya, Theob., Rep. Sleep. Sick. Roy. So. 7, p. 34 (1903).

Chrystya, Giles, Revis. Anoph. 40 (1904).

Type, Christya implexa, Theob., sp. nov., l.c., ?

=Anopheles, Mg.

Chrysoconops, Goeldi., Os Mosq. do Para. 114 (1905).

N.B.—I have seen no type species stated; Culex fulvus, W., is the earliest described species of those now referred to it.

=Culex, L.

Coelodiazesis, Dyar and Knab., Jour. N.Yk. Ent. So. xiv, 77 (1906).

¹ This volume is inaccessible to me, perhaps only a nom. nud.

Type, Anopheles barberi, Coq., by original designation. Erected on larval characters alone, therefore inadmissible.

In any case it=Anopheles, Mg.

Colonemyia, Leices., Cul. Mal. 233 (1908).

Type, C. caeruleocephala, Leices., sp. nov., l.c., & Q, the 1st species, by present designation.

Probably=Haemagogus, Will.

Conchyliastes, Theob., in Howard's "Mosquitoes," p. 235 (1901).

Type, Culex posticatus, W (as musicus, Say), the first species by Coquillett's designation, the latter author saying it is synonymous with Arribalzagia.

=Anopheles, Mg.

Conopomyia, Leices., Cul. Mal. 113 (1908).

Type, C. metallica, Leices., sp. nov., l.c., $\sigma \circ$, the first of the three species, by present designation. =Mimomyia, Theob.

Coquillettidia, Dyar, Proc. Ent. So. Wash. vii, 47 (1905). Edwards sinks in Taeniorhynchus, Arrib.

Corethra, Mg., Illig. Mag. ii, 260 (1803).

Mochlonyx, Lw., 1844.

Type, Tipula culiciformis, Degeer, by original designation.

A valid genus.

Culex, L. Syst. Nat. Ed. x, 602 (1758).

Type. C. pipiens, L., by universal designation and by Latreille's, Consid. Gen. 442 (1810). A valid genus.

Culicada, Felt, N.Yk. State Mus. Bull. 79, Ent. 22, App. p. 391b (1904)

Type, Culex canadensis, Theob., by original designation, but Theob. says (Monog. iv, 319) that the type species should be cantans, Mg., giving no reason, but perhaps because it is the oldest known species referred to it. =Culex, L.

Culicella, Felt, N.Yk. State Mus. Bull. 79, Ent. 22, App. p. 391c (1904).

Type, Culex dyari, Coq., by original designation. = Culex, L.

Culicelsa, Felt., loc. cit., p 391 (1904).

Type, Culex taeniorhynchus, W., by original designation.

=Culex, L.

Culiciomyia, Theob., Monog. iv, 227 (1907).

Type, C. inornata, Theob., sp. nov., l.c., $\sigma \circ$, the first species, by present designation.

Admitted herein as a subgenus of Culex.

Culiseta, Felt., N.Yk. State Mus. Bull. 79, Ent. 22, App. p. 391e (1904).

Type, Culex absobrinus, Felt., by original designation.

=Culex, L.

Cyathomyia, Meij., Ann. Jard. bot. Buitenzorg 3rd supp., p. 922 (1910).

Type, C. jenseni, Meij., sp. nov., l.c., by original designation.

Admitted herein as valid, pro. tem.

- Cycloleppteron, Theob., Monog. ii, 312 (1901); id., Jour. Trop. Med. iv, 234 (1901) nom. nud.; Cyclolepidopteron, Blanch., em. Type, Anopheles grabhami, Theob., by original designation.

 =Anopheles, Mg.
- Dactylomyia, Newstead and Carter, Ann. Trop. Med. iv, 377 (1910).
 Type, D. ceylonica, Newst. and Cart., sp. nov., l.c., by original designation. Type in Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine.
 Mr. Edwards thinks may = Anopheles deceptor, Don., and Myzomyia thorntoni, Ludl. Apparently a valid genus.
- Danielsia, Theob., Entom. xxxvii, 73 (1904).

 Type, D. albotaeniata, Theob., l.c., p 111, & Q, by original designation.

 —Culex, L.
- Dasymyia, Leices., Cul. Mal. 102 (1908).

 Type, D. fusca, Leices., sp. nov., & Q, l.c., the only species.

 Dasymyia, preocc., Egg. 1858 in Syrphidae (=Pocota, St. Farg. and Serv.); renamed Ingramia, Edw.
- Deinocerites, Theob., Monog. ii, 215 (1901); Jour. Trop. Med. iv, 235 (1901), nom. nud; Brachiosoma, Theob., July 15, 1901, Brachiomyia, Theob., Nov. 23, 1901.

 Type, D. cancer, Theob., sp nov., l.c, the only species.

 A valid genus.
- Dendromyia, Theob., Monog. iii, 313 (1903).

 Type, D. ulocoma, Theob., sp. nov., l.c., 2, the first of the five species given, by present designation. = Wyeomyia, Theob.
- Desvoidea, Blanch., Comp. rend. liii, 1043 (1901), nom. nov. for Armigeres, Theob., under presumed preoccupation by Armiger: id., Moust., 265. Desvoidya, Theob., emend. Gen. Ins. Fasc., 26, 17.

 Desvoidea, preoc. Meade, 1892, in Tachininae (Desvoidia); see p. 40?

 Stegomyia, Theob.
- Diceromyia, Theob., 4th Rep. Wellc. Lab. Vol. B. 151 (1911).

 Type, unknown to me.

 —Culex, I.
- Dinomimetes, Knab, Jour. N Yk. Ent. So. xv, 120 (1907).

 Type, D. ulocoma, Theob., sp. nov., ?, l.c., by Coquillett's designation.

 A valid genus.
- Duttonia, Newstead, Ann. Trop. Med. and Paras. i, No. 1, 17 (1907).

 Type, D. tarsalis, Newst. sp. nov. l.c. 18 & 9, fig. 2, wing.

Type, D. tarsalis, Newst., sp. nov., l.c. 18, & 9, fig. 2, wing, the only species; in Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine.

Of doubtful validity.

Ecculex, Felt., N.Yk. State Mus. Bull. 79, Ent. 22, App. p. 391c (1904).

Type, Culex sylvestris, Theob., by original designation.

=Culex, L.

Ekrinomyia, Leices., Cul. Mal. 71 (1908).

Type, E. aureostriata, Leices., sp. nov., l.c., σ ?, the only species. Possibly a valid genus.

Eretmapodites, Theob., Monog. i, 280 (1901).

Type, E. 5-vittatus, Theob., sp. nov., l.c., by original designation.

A valid genus.

Etorleptiomyia, Theob., 1st Rep. Wellc. Lab. 71 (1904); Gen. Ins. Fasc. 26, 44; Monog. iv, 505 (Etiorleptiomyia). Etorilepidomyia, Alcock, em. Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist. (8) viii, 249.

Type, O'Reillia luzonensis, Ludl., 9 = Culex, L.

Eumelanomyia, Theob., Monog. v, 240 (1910).

Type, E. inconspicuosa, Theob, sp. nov., l.c., $\sigma \circ$, the only species. Of uncertain validity.

Feltidia, Dyar, Proc. Ent. So Wash. vii, No. 1, 47 (1905).

Type, Culex jamaicensis, Theob., by original designation.

N.B.—This genus was erected on the identical species which formed the genotype of Grabhamia and is synonymous with that genus.

—Culex, L.

Feltinella, Theob., Monog. iv, 56 (1907).

Type, F. pallidopalpi, Theob., sp. nov, l.c., σ , by original designation.

=Anopheles, Mg.

Ficalbia, Theob., Monog. iii, 296 (1903).

Type, Uranotaenia minima, Theob., the first described of the four species now allotted to the genus, by present designation.

—Uranotaenia, Arrib.

Finlaya, Theob., Monog. iii, 281 (1903).

Type F. poicilia, Theob., sp. nov., 2, l.c. 283, by present designation.

Admitted herein as a sub-genus of Culex, L.

Geitonomyia, Leices., Cul. Mal. 134 (1908).

Type, Culex caecus, Theob., by original designation.

=Culex, L.

Gilesia, Theob., Monog. iii, 233 (1903).

Type, G. aculeata, Theob., sp. nov., l.c., 9, only, the only species.

—Culex, I.

Gnophodeomyia, Theob., Jour. econ. Biol. i, No. 1, 21 (1905);
Monog. iv, 251.

Type, G. inornata, Theob., sp. nov., Q, the only species. =: Culex, L.

Goeldia, Theob., Monog. iii, 330 (1903).

Type, G. fluviatilis, Theob., sp. nov., the original species.

Admitted herein as a sub-genus of Wyeomyia, Theob.

Grabhamia, Theob., Monog. iii, 243 (1903).

Feltidia, Dyar; Ceratocystia, Dyar and Knab. See Feltidia.

Type, Culex jamaicensis, Theob., the original species.

=Culex, I.

Grahamia, Theob., in Rept. on Dr. Graham's Collection, and Monog. v, 497, footnote, and 548.

Type, Grahamia trichorostris, Theob., sp. nov., l.c.

N.B.—As Theobald's paper was not for sale, Meijere's genus Harpagomyia, with which Grahamia is synonymous, takes precedence. —Harpagomyia, Meij.

Grassia, Theob., Jour. Trop. Med. v, 181 (June 16, 1902).

Preocc. Fisch., 1885, in Protozoa; renamed Myzomyia, Blanch.

Type, Anopheles rossii, Giles. =Anopheles, Mg.

Gualteria, Lutz, in Bourroul's Mosq. Bras. 49 (? 54) (1904).

Type, G. oswaldii, Lutz, sp. nov., l.c., the first of the two species, by present designation. Possibly identical with Cacomyia, Coq. Of doubtful validity.

Gymnometopa, Coq., Proc. Ent. So. Wash. vii, 183 (1906).

Type, Stegomyia mediovittata, Coq., by original designation.

N.B.—Theobald says (Monog. iv, 209) the genus was founded on his (Theobald's) Stegomyia 6-linzata, and that it is probably synonymous with Macleaya. Coquillett himself appointed mediovittata as the type species and added 6-lineata also to his genus. The question of its identity or otherwise with Macleaya is another one. Coquillett and Theobald place Gymnometopa near Stegomyia, and I follow Edwards in ranking it synonymous, but I have seen no reference to the palpi.

—Stegomyia, Theob.

Haemagogus, Will., Trans. Ent. So. Lond. (1896) 271. Type, H. splendens, Will., by original designation.

A valid genus.

Harpagomyia, Meij., Tijd. v. Ent. lii, 165 (1909).

Grahamia, Theob., Report on Dr. Graham's collection. This Report not on sale and therefore techn.cally not "published." Type, H. splendens, Meij., sp. nov., lc., by original designation.

A valid genus.

Heinzmannia, Ludl., Can. Ent. xxxvii, 130 (1905) (Heizmannia, lapsus); emend., Banks, Phil. Jour. Sci. i, 99. Absolutely synonymous with Dendromyia, Theob.

Type, Heinzmannia scintillans, Ludl, sp. nov., Can. Ent. xxxvii, 130. —Wyeomyia, Theob.

Heptaphlebomyia, Theob., Monog. iii, 336 (1903).

Type, H. simplex, Theob., sp. nov., Q, l.c., the original species. =Culex, L.

Heteronycha, Arrib., Rev. Mus. la Plata I, 397 (1891).

Type, Culex aestuans, W. (as dolosa, sp. nov.) the only species, but aestuans is considered synonymous with fatigans.

=Culex, L

¹ The full title of this paper is "Descriptions of new Mosquitoes collected by Dr. Graham in Ashanti." Colonial Office Report, Miscellaneous, No. 237 (May 23, 1909).

Hispidimyia, Theob., Monog. v. 245 (1910).

Type, H. hispida, Theob., sp. nov., $\sigma \circ l.c.$, the only species.

—Mimomyia, Theob.

Hodgesia, Theob., Jour. Trop. Med. vii, 17 (Jan. 15, 1904); Monog. iv, 579.

Type, H sanguinae, Theob., sp. nov., Q, l.c., by original designation. A valid genus.

Howardia, Theob., Jour. Trop. Med. v, 181 (1902).

Renamed Pyretophorus, Blanch; (Howardia, preocc. Dalla Torre 1897 in Insecta).

Type, unknown to me.

=Anopheles, Mg.

Howardina, Theob., Monog. iii, 287 (1903).

Type, Culex walkeri, Theob., by designation of Dyar (Proc. Ent. So. Wash. vii, 49 (1905).

N.B.—Edwards sinks Howardina in Stegomyia, saying the ? claws are variable. (Bull. Ent. Res. iii, 11). —Culex, L.

Hulecoeteomyia, Theob., Entom. xxxvii, 163 (1904); Monog. iv, 219 (1907).

Type, H. trilineata, Leices., in Theob., sp. nov., σQ , l.c., by present designation.

N.B.—Is Alcock's Hylecoetomyia (Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist. (8) viii, 248), an emendation? — Culex, L.

Hyloconops, Lutz, in Bourroul's Mosq. Bras. 49 (? 55) (1904).

Type, H. pallidiventer, Lutz, apparently the original species, as longipalpis; the only other species was not described till 1907 (Monog. iv, 588).

A valid genus.

Ingramia, Edwards, Bull. Ent, Res. iii, 43 (May 1912).

Mimomyia, Theob., Monog. iii, 304 pt.; Dasymyia, Leices., (preocc.) pt.

Type, Mimomyia malfeyti, Newstead, by original designation.

Of uncertain validity.

Isostomyia, Coq.

Type, Aedes perturbans, Will., the original species.

Of uncertain validity and position.

Jamesia, Christophers, Sci. Mem. Med. Off. Ind. (n. s.) xxv, 12 (1906).

Type, Major Christophers quotes Culex concolor and tigripes as belonging to his genus, without specifying either as a definite type. In any case as Jamesia is erected on larval characters it has no locus standi, and, in any case again, it is only a Culex — Culex, L.

Janthinosoma, Arrib., Rev. Mus. la Plata I, 394 (1891). Conchyliastes, Theob.

Type, Culex discrucians, Walk.

A valid genus.

Joblotia, Blanch., Comp. rend. So. biol. Paris liii, 1046 (Dec. 6, 1901), nom. nov. for Trichoprosopon, Theob., under the assumed preoccupation by Trichoprosopus, Macq.

=Trichoprosopon, Theob.

Kerteszia, Theob., Ann. Mus. Hung. iii, 66 (1905); Monog iv, 117. Type, K. boliviensis, Theob., sp. nov., Q, l.c., by original designation. =Anopheles, Mg

Kingia, Theob., Monog. v, 135 (1910).

Type, Stegomyia luteocephala, Newstead, by original designation.

—Stegomyia, Theob

Lasioconops, Theob., Monog. iii, 235 (1903) (Lacioconops, lapsus, v, 4, 4).

Type, I. poicilipes, Theob. sp. nov., lc., the only species.

=Culex. I

Laverania, Theob., Jour. Trop. Med. v, 181 (June 16, 1902), preocc Billet 1895 in Protozoa, and again by Grassi and Filetti in 1900. Renamed Nyssorhynchus, Blanch.

Type, Anopheles argyritarsis, R. Desv. =Anopheles, Mg.

Leicesteria, Theob., Entom. xxxvii, 211 (Aug. 1904); Monog. iv, 201 (1907).

Type, L. longipalpis, Leices, l.c., the original species.

=Culex. L.

Leicesteriomyia, Brun., Rec. Ind. Mus. iv, 452 (1912); nom. nov. for Chaetomyia, Leices., preocc. Brauer and Berg in Tachininae.

Possibly = Hyloconops, Lutz.

Lepidoplatys, Coq., Science xxiii, 314 (1906).

Type, Culex squamiger, Coq.

=Culex, L

Lepidosia, Coq., Sciene xxiii, 314 (1906).

Type, Culex cyanescens, Coq.

Of uncertain validity and position.

Lepidotomyia I., Theob., Ann. Mus. Hung. iii, 80 (1905).

Synonymous with Reedomyia, Ludl.

Type, L. alboscutellata, Theob., sp. nov., l.c., by original designation. =Culex, L.

Lepidotomyia II., Theob., Gen. Ins. Fasc. 26, 22 (1905); Monog. v, 249; non Lepidotomyia, Theob., Ann. Mus. Hung., iii. Type, L. magna, Theob., sp. nov., $\sigma \circ \rho$, the only species.

=Culex, L.

Leptosomatomyia, Theob., Ann. Mus. Hung iii, 110 (1905); Monog. iv, 548.

Type, L. lateralis, Theob., sp. nov., σ only, by original designation. Probably=Aedes, Mg.

Leslieomyia, Christophers, Paludism No. 2, p. 68 (1911).

Type, L. taeniorhynchoides, sp. nov., l.c. $\sigma \circ \circ$, by original designation. =Culex, L.

Lestiocampa, Dyar and Knab, Jour. N.Yk. Ent. So. xiv, 226 (1906) Type, Wyeomvia lunata, Theob.

N.B.—Inadmissible, being founded on larval characters only. It is however synonymous with *Trichoprosopon*, Theob.

Leucomyia, Theob., Monog. iv, 372 (1907).

Preocc. Brauer and Berg. 1892 in Sarcophaginae, renamed Theobaldiomyia, Brun.

Type, Culex gelidus, Theob., by original designation.

=Culex, L.

Limatus, Theob., Monog. ii, 349 App. (1901). Simondella, Laveran.

Type, L. durhamii, Theob., by original designation.

A valid genus.

Lophoceratomyia, Theob., Ann. Mus Hung. iii, 93 (1905). Monog. iv, 471.

Type, L. fraudatrix, Theob., sp. nov. $\sigma \circ l.c.$, by present designation, the first of the two species. A valid genus.

Lophoscelomyia, Theob., Entom. xxxvii, 12 (Jan. 1904).

Lophocelomyia, Theob., Gen. Ins. Fasc. 26, 10 (lapsus).

Lophomyia, Giles, Jour. Trop. Med. vii, 366 (1904).

Type, Lophoscelomyia asiatica, Theob., sp. nov., l.c., 13.

=Anopheles, Mg.

Ludlowia, Theob., Monog. iv, 193 (1907).

Type, Mimomyia chamberlaini, Ludl., the original species.

=Mimomyia, Theob

Lutzia, Theob., Monog., iii, 155 (1903).

Type, Culex bigotii, Bell., \$\sigma\$ 2, the original species.

=Culex, L.

Lynchiella, Lahille in Peryassu, Os Culic. do Bras. 125 (1905).

Type, unknown to me.

—Megarhinus, R. Desv.

Macleaya, Theob., Entom. xxxvi, 154 (1903); Monog. iv, 203. Type, M tremula, Theob., nov. sp., l.c., the only species.

=Culex, L.

Maillotia, Theob., Monog. iv, 274 (1907).

Type, M. pilifera, Theob., sp. nov., \circ , l.c., the only species.

=Culex, L.

Malaya, Leices., Cul. Mal. 258 (1908).

Type, M genurostris, Leices., sp. nov., &, l.c.

N.B.—The name is practically preoccupied by Malaia, Heller (1891). —Harpagomyia, Meij.

Manguinhosia, Cruz in Peryassu, Os Culic. do Bras. 112 (1908). Type, M. lutzi, Cruz, l.c., the only species, = Anopheles, Mg.

Mansonia, Blanch., Comp. rend liii, No. 37, 1046 (1901); Moust. 375; nom. nov. for Panoplites, Theob., preocc. Gould, 1853, in Aves.

Type, Culex titillans, Walk.

=Culex. L.

Mansonioides, Theob., Monog. iv, 498 (1907).

Type, M 7-guttata, Theob., sp. nov., Q, l.c., the original species. =Culex, L.

Megaculex, Theob., Monog. iv, 282 (1907).

Type, Culex albitarsis, Theob., l.c., ii, 267, σ ; iii, 186, \mathfrak{P} , the only species. =Mimomyia. Theob.

Megarhinus, R. Desv, Essai Culic. in Mem. So. Nat. Hist. Paris, iii, 412 (1827); Megarrhinus, Megarhina, Megarrhina, Auctt., Lynchiella, Lahille.

Type, Culex haemorrhoidalis, F.

N.B.—Megarhina, was used by St. Farg. and Serv. in Diptera, and Megarhinus proposed again by Schonh. 1836 in Coleoptera.

A valid genus.

Melanoconion, Theob., Monog. iii, 238 (1903).

Mochlostyrax, Dyar and Knab.

Type, Culex atratus, Theob., by Dyar's designation (Proc. Ent. So. Wash. vii, 49).

—Culex, L.

Menolepis, Lutz in Peryassu, Os Culic. do Bras. 38 (1908).

Type, M leucostigma, Lutz, sp nov., l.c., the only species.

= Wyeomyia, Theob.

Micraedes, Coq., Proc. Ent. So Wash. vii, 185 (1906). Type, M bisulcatus, Coq., by original designation.

=Aedes, Mg.

=Culex, L.

Microculex, Theob., Monog. iv, 461 (1907).

Type, M argenteoumbrosus, Theob., sp. nov., & l.c., the only species.

—Culex, L.

Mimeteculex, Theob., 3rd Rep. Wellc. Res. Lab. Gordon College, 258 (1908); Monog. v, 408.

Type, M kingii, Theob., sp. nov., & 2, l.c., the only species.

Mimeteomyia, Theob., Monog. v, 210 (1910).

Type, M. apicotriangulata, Theob., sp. nov., l.c., the only species.

—Culex, L.

Mimomyia, Theob., Monog. iii, 304 (1903).

Type, M splendens, Theob., sp. nov., Q, l.c., the original species. Admitted on Edward's testimony as a valid genus.

N.B.—All the species except the genotype are now removed to *Ingramia*.

Mochlonyx, Loew., Stett. Ent. Zeit. v, 121 (1844).

Type, Corethra velutina, Ruthe, by original designation.

=Corethra, Mg.

Mochlostyrax, Dyar and Knab, Jour. N.Yk. Ent. So. xiv, 223 (Ap. 15, 1906).

Type, M. caudelli, Dyar and Knab, by original designation. N.B.—Technically inadmissible, founded on larval characters only, but from the adults subsequently discovered or bred, it is said to be allied to Melanoconion. =Culex, L.

Molpemyia, Theob., Monog. v, 479 (1910).

Type, M purpurea, Theob., sp. nov., Q, l.c., the only species. N.B.—Probably synonymous with Oculeomyia, which Mr. Edwards sinks in Culex.

Mucidus, Theob., Monog. i, 268 (1901).

No type species was appointed by Theobald, so out of the five species included by that author at the erection of the genus I propose alternans, Westw., as being (apart from laniger, W., which Theobald at that time had not seen) the oldest described one (1835). Both sexes were present before him, and the "type" (Theobald does not say which sex) is in the Hope collection at Oxford.

A valid genus.

Myxosquamus, Theob., Monog. v, 225 (1910).

Type, M confusus, Theob., sp. nov., Q, l.c., by original designation.

=Culex, L.

Myzomia, Blanch., Comp. rend, liv, 795 (July 4, 1902).

Type, Anopheles rossii, Giles, by original designation.

N.B.—Theobald suggests (Monog. iii, 12) altering the type to funesta, Giles, but this of course is inadmissible. James apparently desires to erect a new genus Nyssomyzomvia on rossii, but this is impossible, as the latter must remain the type of Myzomvia.

= Anopheles, Mg.

Myzorhynchella, Theob., Monog. iv, 78 (1907).

Type, M nigra, Theob. = Anopheles, Mg.

Myzorhynchus, Blanch., Comp. rend. liv, 795 (1902). Type, Anopheles sinensis, W., by original designation.

=Anopheles, Mg. N.B.—Major James suggests barbirostris, Wulp, as the type species which is quite impossible in the face of Blanchard's definite selection of a type.

Neocellia, Theob., Monog. iv, III (1907).

Type, N indica, Theob, sp. nov, $\sigma \circ , l.c.$, the first species.

=Anopheles, Mg.

Neoculex, Dyar, Proc. Ent. So. Wash. vii, 47 (1905).

Type, Culex territans, Walk.

—Culex, L.

Neomacleaya, Theob., Monog. iv, 238 (1907).

Type, N indica, Theob., sp. nov, Q, l.c., the original species. =Culex, L.

Neomelanoconion, Theob., Monog. iv, 514 (1907).

Type, Culex rima, Theob., Rep. Liverp. Sch. Trop. Med. App p xi (1901), by original designation, (iv, 514).

N.B—Neomelanoconion $\sigma = Culiciomyia$, Theob., according to Edwards.

Neomyzomyia, Theob., Monog. v, 29 (1910).

Type, Anopheles elegans, James in Theob, by original designation.

=Anopheles, Mg.

Rec. Ind. Mus. iv, 106. In this paper Major James desires to make culicifacies. Giles, the type of Myzomyia, which is impossible since rossii was definitely selected as such by Blanchard. These attempts to alter genotypes are zoologically unpardonable.

Neopecomyia, Theob., Monog. v, 261 (1910).

Type, N. uniannulata, Theob., sp. nov., Q, l.c., the only species. = Culex, L.

Neostethopheles, James, Rec. Ind. Mus. iv, 98 (1910). Type, N. aitkeni, James, by original designation.

=Anopheles, Mg.

Newsteadina, Theob., Ann. Trop. Med. Paras. II, No. 4, 297 (1909); Monog. v, 474.

Type, Culex arboricollis, D'Emm de Char. loc. cit., 257, & Admitted herein pro tem as subgenus Culex, L.

Nototricha, Coq.

Type, Cycloleppteron mediopunctatus, Theob., by original designation, the only species.

N.B.—Theobald (Monog. v, 33) spells the genus Notonotricha. =Anopheles, Mg.

Nyssomyzomyia, James, Rec. Ind. Mus. iv, 101 (1910).

Type, Anopheles rossii, Giles, according to James, but this is impossible, as this species was the chosen type of Myzomyia at its erection by Blanchard. =Anopheles, Mg.

Nyssorhynchus, Blanch., Comp. rend., liv, 795 (1902). Nom. nov. for Laverania, Theob., preocc.

N.B.—Blanchard desired to make Anopheles albimanus, W., the type, but as his name is simply a nomen novum the original type of Laverania, argyritarsis, R. Desv., must remain as the type of Nyssorhynchus. Theobald suggests (Monog. iii, 14) maculatus, Theob., as type, and James (Rec. Ind. Mus. iv, 100) would follow him, but, as Edwards has pointed out (Bull Ent Res. ii, 141) this is not permissible.

=Anopheles, Mg.

Ochlerotatus, Arrib., Rev. Mus. la Plata i, 385 (1891).

Type, Coquillett designated O. confirmatus, Arrib., sp. nov. as type, but Edwards says Culex alsitasciatus, Macq. was so appointed, which, as these were apparently the only two species admitted by Arribalzaga, seems the more likely.

N.B.—Mr. Edwards believes strongly in the validity of this genus. —Culex L.

Oculeomyia, Theob., Monog. iv, 515 (1907).

Type, O sarawaki, Theob., sp. nov., l.c., the original species.

Of uncertain validity.

O'Reillia, Ludl., Can. Ent. xxxvii, 101 (1905).

Type, O. luzonens, Ludl., sp. nov., l.c., the original species. Synonymous with Etorleptiomyia, Theob. =Culex, L.

Orthopodomyia, Theob., Entom. xxxvii, 236 (1904). Monog. iv. 527.

Type, O. albipes, Leices. in Theob., sp. nov., l.c. 237, the original species. Of uncertain validity.

Panoplites, Theob., Rep. Coll. Mosq. Brit. Mus. 5 (1900); Monog. ii, 173 (1901).

Renamed Mansonia, Blanch., Panophites, preocc.

Type, Culex titillans, Walk., as Taeniorhynchus taeniorhynchus, Arrib., by designation of Neveu Lemaire (Mem. So. Zool. xiv, 214).

—Culex, L.

Pardomyia, Theob., Monog. iv, 280 (1910).

Type, P. aurantia, Theob., sp. nov., Q, l.c., the original species. = Culex, L.

Patagiamyia, James, Rec. Ind. Mus. iv, 98 (1910).

Type, Anopheles gigas, Giles, by original designation.

=Anopheles, Mg.

Pecomyia, Theob., Jour. econ. biol. I. No. 1, 24 (1905); Monog. iv, 265.

Type, P. maculata, Theob., sp. nov., the original species.

=Culex, I.

Pectinopalpus, Theob., Monog. v, 416 (1910).

Type, P. fuscus, Theob., sp. nov., l.c., the only species. Synonymous with Culiciomyia, Theob., which is regarded herein as a subgenus of Culex.

Phagomyia, Theob., Gen. Ins. Fasc. 26, 21 (1905). Monog. iv, 223. Either P. (Stegomyia) gubernateris, Giles (Entom. 1901, p. 194), or P. irritans, Theob. (Rep Liverp. Sch. Trop. Med. App 3, 1901), must be the generic type, but I cannot tell which has priority.

—Culex, L.

Philodendromyia, Theob., Monog. iv, 623 (1907).

Type, P. barkerii, Theob., sp. nov., &, l.c., the original species.

Of uncertain validity.

Phoniomyia, Theob., Monog. iii. 311 (1903).

Type, Wyeomyia longirostris, Theob., by designation of Dyar, Proc. Ent. So. Wash. vii, 49.

—Wyeomyia, Theob.

Pneumaculex, Theob., Monog. iv, 523 (1907). Dyar Proc. Ent. So. Wash. vii, No. 1, nom. nud.

Type, Culex signifer, Coq., Can. Ent. xxviii, 43 (1896).

N.B.—The genus must stand to Theobald's credit, as he apparently first described it, Dyar's reference being merely a nomen nudum. Founded originally on larval characters and therefore inadmissible but the adult has since been obtained.

=Culex, L

Polyleptiomyia, Theob., Gen Ins. Fasc. 26, 21 (1905); Monog. iv, 223 (1907)

Type, P. albocephala, Theob. (Monog. iii, 140), the only species, a unique σ . =Cu!ex, L.

Polylepidomyia, Theob., Ann. Mus. Hung. iii, 118 (1905). Monog. iv, 625.

Type, P. argenteiventris, Theob., sp. nov., Q, l.c., the only species. Of uncertain validity.

Popea, Ludl., Can. Ent. xxxvii, 95 (1905). Type, P. lutea, Ludl., sp. nov., σ l.c., the only species. =Culex, L. Prosopolepis, Lutz in Peryassu, Os Culic. do Braz. 38 (1908). Theob. Monog. v, 594. Type, P. confusus, Lutz., sp. nov., the original species. =Wyeomyia, Theob. Protoculex, Felt, N.Yk. State Mus. Bull. 79, Ent. 22, p. 391d, App. (1904). Type, Culex serratus, Theob., by original designation. =Culex, L.Protomacleaya, Theob., Monog. iv, 253 (1907). Type, Culex triseriatus, Say. =Culex, L.Protomelanoconion, Theob., Monog. v, 462 (1910). Type, P. fusca, Theob., sp. nov., l.c., 463. =Culex, L.Pseudocarrollia, Theob., Rec. Ind. Mus. iv, 12 (1910). Monog. v, 186. Type, P. lophoventralis, Theob., sp. nov., Q, l.c., the only species. =Culex, \mathbf{L} . Pseudoculex, Dyar, Proc. Ent. So. Wash. vii, 45 (1905). =Culex, L.Type, Culex aurifer, Coq. Pseudoficalbia, Theob., Trans. Linn. So. Lond. xvi, 89 (1912); U. South. Afr. Dept. Agric. 1st Rep. Vet. Res. nom. nud. 272 (IQII). =Uranotaenia, Arrib. Pseudograbhamia, Theob., J. Bomb. N. H. So. xvi, 244 (1905). Monog. iv, 314. Type, P. maculata, Theob., sp. nov., l.c., the only species. Pseudograhamia, Theob., Rec. Ind. Mus. iv, 26 (1910). Monog. v, 551. Type, P. aureoventer, Theob., sp. nov., 9, lc., 27, the original species. Of doubtful validity. Pseudoheptaphlebomyia, Ventr., Bull. Mus. Paris xi, 427 (1905) nom. nud. =Culex, LType, not allotted. Pseudohowardina, Theob., Monog. iv, 223 (1907). Type, Culex trivittata, Coq., by original designation. =Culex, L.Pseudoskusea, Theob., Monog iv (1907). Type, Skusea multiplex, Theob, by present designation, as the only species mentioned at the erection of the genus. =Culex, L.Pseudostegomyia, Ludl., Can. Ent. xxxvii, 99 (1905) (lapsus calami

Pseudotaeniorhynchus, Theob., Novae Culicidae i, 19 (1911).

Type, Taeniorhynchus fasciolatus, Arrib. Mr. Edwards says this is certainly synonymous with Taeniorhynchus, which is herein ranked as a subgenus of Culex.

for Quasistegomyia; (t. Ludl. in Theob. Monog. v, 135).

- Pseudotheobaldia, Theob., Monog. iv, 217 (1907).

 Type, P. niveitaeniata, Theob., sp. nov., &, l.c. =Culex, L.
- Pseudouranotaenia, Theob., Jour. econ. biol. i, 33 (1905); Monog. iv, 566 (1907). Type, P. rowlandii, Theob., sp. nov., l.c., the original species. — Uranotaenia, Arrib.
- Psorophora, R. Desv., Essai Culic. (1827).

 Type, Culex ciliata, F.. the oldest described species at the institution of the genus.

 A valid genus.
- Pyretophorus, Blanch., Comp. rend xxiii, 795 (1902).

 Type, Anopheles costalis, Lw., by original designation.\(^1\)

 =Anopheles, Mg.
- Quasistegomyia, Theob., 2nd Rep. Gord. College Wellc. Labor., 69 (1906).

 Type, Q. unilineata, Theob., sp. nov., the original species.

 —Stegomyia, Theob.
- Rachionotomyia, Theob., Jour. Bomb. Nat. Hist. So. xvi, 248 (1905). Monog. iv, 518.

 Type, R. ceylonensis, Theob., sp. nov., ?, l.c., the original species.

 A valid genus.
- Rachisoura, Theob., Monog. v, 207 (1910).

 Type, R. sylvestris, Theob., sp. nov., l.c., 208 the only species.

 =Culex, I.
- Radioculex, Theob., Rec. Ind. Mus., ii, 295 (1908); Monog. v, 192. Type, R. clavipalpis, Theob., sp. nov., l.c., the original species. —Mimomyia, Theob.
- Ramcia, Annandale, Spol. Zeyl. vii, 187 (1911).

 Type, R. inepta, Annand., sp. nov., &, l.c., the only species.

 A valid genus.
- Reedomyia, Ludl., Can. Ent. xxxvii, 94 (1905).

 Type, R. pampangensis, Ludl., sp. nov., 2, l.c., the original species.

 —Culex, L.
- Rhynchotaenia, Brethes, Ann. Mus. Buen. Ayres xx, 470 (1910), nom. nov. for Taeniorhynchus, Theob.
- Rossia, Theob., Jour. Trop. Med. v, 181 (1902).

 Preocc. by Owen 1838 in Mollusca, and Bonap., 1838, in Aves; renamed Myzorhynchus, Blanch.
 - No type species ever set up, and as Rossia is displaced by Myzorhynchus, which itself sinks in Anopheles, nothing is to be gained by selecting one now.

 —Anopheles, Mg.

I Major James' suggestion (Rec. Ind. Mus. iv, 92) to set up palestinensis, Theob., as the "type example" of the genus (whatever he may mean by that as distinct from "type of the genus") is unpardonable. A. costalis, Lw., was definitely selected by Blanchard as the type and must remain so.

Runchomyia, Theob., Monog. iii, 319 (1903).

Binotia, Blanch., nom. nov. on alleged preoccupation by Rhynchomyia, R. Desv (1830), in Muscinae.

Type, R. frontosa, Theob., sp. nov., Q, l.c., by original designation.

A valid genus.

Sabethes, R. Desv., Essai Culic. 411 (1827). Sabettus, Scudd., emend. (1882).

Type, Culex longipes, F., so far as I can ascertain. Coquillett gives C cyaneus, F., "as locuples, sp. nov."; the Kertesz Catalogue makes locuples a synonym of longipes, F., which has another synonym in remipes, W. (this latter being given as genotype by Theobald). Cyaneus. F., is a separate species under Culex in the Kertesz Cat. and even if it should prove synonymous with longipes, F., the latter takes bare precedence by being described on the previous page.

A valid genus.

Sabethinus, Lutz., in Bourroul, Mosq. Bras. 48 (? 57), (1904). Sabettinus, Blanch., Moust. 634, emend.

Type, S. intermedius, Lutz, the first species described, by present designation. Theobald says the genus may be synonymous with Sabethoides, Theob., which is the view adopted herein.

Sabethoides, Theob., Monog. iii, 328 (1903).

Sabettoides, Blanch., emend., Moust. 423.

Sabethinus, Lutz.

Type, S. confusus, Theob. Admitted as valid pro. tem.

Sayomyia, Coq., Can. Ent. xxxv, 190 (1903).

Type, Corethra punctipennis, Say. —Chaoborus, Lichtenstein.

Scutomyia, Theob., Entom. xxxvii, 77 (1904).

Type, Culex sugens, W., by present designation, as the oldest described species included by Theobald at the erection of the genus.

—Stegomyia, Theob.

Simondella, Laveran, Comp. rend. soc. biol. liv, 1158 (1902).

Type, S. curvirostris, Lav. —Limatus, Theob.

Skeiromyia, Leices., Cul. Mal. 248 (1908).

Type, S. fusca, sp. nov., of Q, l.c., the only species.

Probably=Hodgesia, Theob.

Skusea, Theob., Monog. iii, 291 (1903).

Type, S. funerea, Theob., by original designation.

A valid genus.

Squamomyia, Theob., Rec. Ind. Mus iv, 28 (1910); Monog. v, 529. Type, S. inornata, Theob., sp. nov. o, the original species. Probably—Aedes, Mg.

Stegoconops, Lutz, Imprensa Medica (1906) (? nom. nud.); Peryassu, Os Culic. do Bras. 34 (1908). Type, unknown to me. =Culex, L. Stegomyia, Theob., in Howard's Mosquitoes p. 233 (Jan. 1, 1901); Monog. i, 283.

Type, Culex fasciatus, F., as calopus, Mg.

Apparently a valid genus.

Stenoscutus, Theob., Monog. v, 263 (1910).

Type, S. africanus, Theob., sp. nov., Q, l.c. = Culex, L.

Stethomyia, Theob., Jour. Trop. Med. v, 181 (1902).

Type, S. nimta, Theob., sp. nov., l.c., the original species.

=Anopheles, Mg.

Taeniorhynchus, Arrib., Rev. Mus. la Plata i, 389 (1891). Restricted by Theobald, Monog. ii, 190 (1901).

Type, Culex titillans, Walk., as C. taeniorhynchus, W., technically.

N.B.—Theobald observes (Monog. iv, 483) the genus was technically founded on Wiedemann's taeniorhynchus, with which the author regarded titillans as synonymous, also adding two new species, confinnis and fasciolatus. Coquillett would adopt titillans, in place of taeniorhynchus, to avoid tautonomy, but the selected original type species must stand. Admitted herein as a sub-genus of Culex L.

Teromyia, Leices., Cul. Mal. 49 (1908).

Type, T acaudata, Leices., sp. nov., $\sigma \circ \varphi$, the first species, by present designation. See p. 35 as to possible validity.

=Toxorhynchites, Theob.

Theobaldia, Neveu-Lemaire, Comp. rend. liv, 1331 (Nov. 29, 1902). Theobaldinella, Blanch., Moust. 390, nom. nov., under supposed preoccupation by Theobaldius, Neville, in Mollusca.

Type, Culex annulatus, Schrk.

—Culex, L.

- Theobaldiomyia, Brun., Rec. Ind. Mus. iv, 462 (1912), nom. nov. for Leucomyia, Theob. preocc., Brauer and Berg., 1892 in Sarcophaginae.
- Thomasina, Newstead and Carter, Ann. Trop. Med. Paras. iv, 553 fig. 1 head & (1910-11).

Type, Mansonia longipalpis, (2 only descr.) Newstead and Thomas, Ann. Trop. Med. Paras. iv, 145, 2 = Culex, L.

Tinoletes, Coq., Proc. Ent. So. Wash. vii, 185 (1906).

Type, T latisquama, Coq., by original designation.

Of uncertain validity and position.

Topomyia, Leices., Cul. Mal. 238 (1908).

Type, T minor, Leices., sp. nov., σ Q, l.c., the first of the nine species, by present designation. Probably a valid genus.

Toxorhynchites, Theob., Monog. i, 244 (1901).

Type, T brevipalpis, Theob., sp. nov., Q, i.c., by original designation. The attempt to make Megarhinus mutilus the type must fail, as stated by Mr. Edwards (Bull. Ent. Res. iii, 3).

A valid genus.

Trichopronomyia, Theob., Ann. Mus. Hung. iii, 98 (1905); Monog. iv, 479.

Type, T annulata, Theob., sp. nov., σ , l.c., the original species. = Culex, L.

Trichoprosopon, Theob., Monog. ii, 283 (1901); Jour. Trop. Med. iv, 235, July 15, 1901, nom. nud.

Type, T nivipes, Theob., sp. nov. the original species.

A valid genus.

Trichorhynchomyia, Brun., Rec. Ind. Mus. iv, 477 (1912).
nom. nov. for Trichorhynchus, Theob., preocc.

Trichorhynchus, Theob., Jr. Bomb. Nat. Hist. Soc. xvi, 240 (1905); Monog. iv, 270.

Preoccuped by Balbiani 1887 in Protozoa; renamed Trichorhynchymyia, Brun.

Type, T fuscus, Theob., by original designation. =Culex L

Uranotaenia, Arrib., Rev. Mus. la Plata i, 405 (1891).

Type, U. pulcherrima, Arrib., by designation of Neveu-Lemaire (Mem. So. Zool. Fran. xv, 21—1902).

Apparently a valid genus.

Verrallina, Theob., Monog. iii, 295 (1903).

Type, Aedes butleri, Theob., by Coquillett's designation.

=Uranotaenia, Arrib.

Worcesteria, Banks, Phil. Jour. Sci. i, 779 (1906).

Type, W grata, Banks, sp. nov. the original species.

Some doubt attaches as to grata being distinct from Toxorhynchites immisericors. = Toxorhynchites, Theob.

Wyeomyia, Theob., Monog. ii, 267 (1901); Jour. Trop. Med. iv, 235, July 15, 1901, nom. nov.

Type, W grayii, Theob., by designation of Neveu Lemaire, (Mem. So. Zool. Fran. xv, 223—1902).

A valid genus. ? p. 268.

Zeugnomyia, Leices., Cul. Mal. 231 (1908).

Type, Z. gracilis, Leices., sp. nov., $\Im Q$, l.c. 232, the only species. Of uncertain validity.