XXIII. Illustrations of the Relationships existing amongst Natural Objects, usually termed Affinity and Analogy, selected from the Class of Insects. By J. O. Westwood, Esq., F.L.S., \&c.

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IN the fourteenth volume of the Transactions of the Linnean Society is contained an interesting paper by the Rev. W. Kirby, with the title, "A Description of some Insects, which appear to exemplify Mr. William S. MacLeay's Doctrine of Affinity and Analogy," wherein the reverend author points out the confusion which has occasionally arisen in attempts made to distribute the objects of nature according to their natural relations, in consequence of the authors of such attempts having no clear perception of the distinctions which exist between the two kinds of relations above mentioned, and therefore confounding them together, or even occasionally giving the higher rank to relations of analogy instead of affinity.

The object of the following remarks is still further to illustrate the theory in question, and to show that from the entirely relative and comparative nature of these relations, founded as they both are upon more or less perfect resemblance, two animals may at the same time be allied together both by affinity and analogy; in other words, two animals may possess totally independent relations both of affinity and analogy : thus, whilst the goatsucker and the swallow are related to each other by analogy when we look to the class of birds alone, we find them related together by affinity when the comparison is made between them both as birds with the bat amongst Mammalia. In like manner, whilst the bat and the swallow are thus related together by analogy as members of the classes Aves and Mammalia, they must be considered to be related together by affinity as vertebrated animals when we compare them with the dragonfly amongst the Invertebrata.

The truly comparative nature of these relations has not been hitherto stated, and hence, as it appears to me, has originated much of the misconception which still exists even among professed naturalists, many of whom are ready to admit the existence of relations amongst natural objects founded upon more or less complete resemblances, but yet of equivalent value, without perceiving the various natures, and consequently varied value, of such relations*.

In the following pages I have first selected such species of insects as exhibit an analogy with other species of the same order ; and secondly, such as illustrate the analogies between insects of different orders.

That species belonging to two genera of the same family, or even subfamily, may be analogous representatives of each other, is as clear as though they belonged to different families or orders. Thus, although the genus Adelium, K. is so excellent an example of analogy, when its species are compared with the species composing the family Carabide, that the specific names Caraboides, Calosomoides, Licinoides, have been given to insects belonging to the former genus, yet there may be relations of analogy existing among the species of

* One of the chief difficulties connected with this subject is that of drawing the precise line between these two kinds of relations (hence the difficulties connected with the true location of Mantispa) ; this is not a little increased by the evident distinctions existing amongst each class of relations : thus affinities may be so concealed as to escape the eye even of professed naturalists; hence the Homopterous genus Aleyrodes so completely puts on the appearance of a moth, that Linnæus named it Phalene Tinea proletella; whilst Fabricius in all his works described an Orthopterous insect (Hymenotes rhombea, Westw. Proc. Zool. Soc., 1837, p. 130.) under the Homopterous genus Membracis ; the precise relations of these insects being disguised affinities. The relation between the house- and field-cricket is an evident affinity, but that which exists between the field-cricket and the mole-cricket is a disguised affinity, and yet no one will question the propriety of these insects being considered as closely allied together, although so totally different in form. Again, analogies may be equally disguised. No one, for example, has ever supposed that one of the Carabida and Paussus possessed any relation; and yet not only do Ozena and Paussus crepitate, but both also possess a minute tubercle at the posterior external angle of the elytra, which no other Coleopterous insects exhibit. In like manner, no one would suppose that any relation could exist between a butterfly and a woodlouse (beyond that of each being a Condylopodous animal), and yet by comparing the imperfect state of Thecla with the perfect state of Oniscus we find them to possess a disguised analogical relation. I mention these as instances of the many trivial circumstances which may be collected as grounds for asserting the existence of analogical relations, which are necessarily often of so diversified a character and so readily to be traced between almost any given groups, as to lead to a supposition that they can afford no decisive test of a natural arrangement independent of more important considerations.
the Carabideous genera thus analogically represented not less strong. The genus Carabus, for instance, comprises species (Carabus gemmatus, F.) which in their habit and the peculiar sculpture of their elytra analogically resemble Calosoma Scrutator, whilst Carabus Fabricii, \&c., in the flattened form of the body represent Licinus.

In like manner, Catascopus, belonging to one of the subfamilies of Carabidse, represents, as Mr. Kirby, in the memoir above referred to, notices, some of the insects composing another subfamily, Bembidiidee; whilst Masoreus (a genus nearly allied to Trechus), in the posteriorly dilated thoracic lobe, represents Lebia, \&c.

These Carabideous insects must however be regarded as related together by affinity (as forming part of the same family), when a relation of analogy is endeavoured to be traced between them and the species of other families, as, for instance, between Carabus and the Helopideous genus Adelium, noticed above.

In order to illustrate the relation of analogy exhibited by an insect belonging to one tribe but possessing the aspect of another, Mr. Kirby, in the memoir above referred to, described a genus under the name of Pseudomorpha, of which he says, " that even a practical entomologist, if he chanced to examine a specimen that had lost its antennæ, might at first regard it as a Nitidula or Ips, $\mathbf{F}$., or as coming near that genus in the system; but when he came to study it in detail he would discover to his surprise all the essential diagnostics of one of Latreille's Entomophagi. The characters which give it an air and general appearance unlike those of its tribe are its sessile wide head received into the thorax, and its short antennæ and legs."

For the purpose of completing the illustrations of this curious genus given by Mr. Kirby in the plate accompanying his memoir, I have here added an outline figure of the insect now in the collection of the Entomological Society of London, the original being incorrect in the relative proportions of the legs, and no notice having been taken either in the description or figure of the erect rigid hairs with which the margins of the elytra are clothed. Mr. Kirby indeed describes the eyes as being "in medio pilosi;" but this is not correct, as it is only that part of the skull which borders the underside of the eyes which is furnished with rigid hairs, which extend beyond the middle of the
eyes. I have also given a careful representation of the maxilla and the anterior tibia, showing the peculiar construction of the subapical notch; and have added a figure of the underside of the head with the various organs in situ, from which it will be seen that there is a curved elevated line across the middle of the produced central part supporting the mentum, but I very much doubt whether there be any actual articulation at this place. On each side of this central part is a deep impression, having an elevated ridge running down the middle, forming two deep canals on each side, the interior of which serves for the action of the base of the maxilla, whilst the external forms a fossula for the concealment of the antenna when withdrawn beneath the head.

In the "Iconographie des Coléoptères" of Messrs. Dejean and Boisduval (vol. i. p. 176) a genus was proposed under the name of Axinophorus, consisting of two species, A. Lacordairei and A. Lecontei, the former inhabiting the vicinity of Rio Janeiro, and the latter North America. In the Supplement to the Spécies Général, Dejean having ascertained that this new genus was identical with Pseudomorpha as well as with the genus Drepanus, indicated only by Illiger in the sixth volume of the "Magazin der Entomologie" (p.344), republished his descriptions of the Axinophori under the generic name of Drepanus, giving A. Lecontei as probably identical with Pseudomorpha excrucians, K. On comparing the figure given of $A$. Lecontei in the Iconographie with the authentic specimen of Pseudomorpha excrucians, now in the collection of the Entomological Society, it is unquestionable that they are specifically identical, so that the name Lecontei must sink into a synonym; and in like manner I feel disposed to preserve the generic name proposed by Mr. Kirby in preference to that merely indicated by Illiger.

In the first part of the Transactions of the Entomological Society, a still more remarkable insect was described by the Rev. F. W. Hope, under the name of Adelotopus Gyrinoides, being doubtfully placed in the family Gyrinida, with the observation: "This singular insect was sent to me from the Swan River Settlement in New Holland. It seems to unite in itself the characters of several families. From the tarsi it is referrible to the Pentamera; whilst its general appearance and clavate antennæ place it amongst the Necrophaga. By its subcontractile legs (for the bent tibiæ are not en-
tirely concealed within the femora) it is allied to the Byrrhida; but the leading character afforded by the maxillæ evinces a near affinity with the Entomophaga, amongst which the Gyrinide must be considered the nearest in proximity, Gyrinus bicolor, Fab. somewhat approaching this insect in form."

Very ample details were figured of this most extraordinary insect, which certainly presents one of the most interesting instances of analogical relations which have hitherto been published. That such is the case, must be certainly admitted, when the preceding observations upon its relations are considered with reference to its actual affinity, since, notwithstanding its Gyrinoid habit, clavate antennæ, and subretractile legs, I have now ascertained that it unquestionably belongs to the Carabidee, and that it is very closely allied to Pseudomorpha, with which it agrees in the peculiar structure of the underside of the head, very short maxillary palpi, hatchet-shaped labial palpi, large femora, slender tibiæ, simple tarsi, \&c.*

I should probably have long remained in ignorance of this most unexpected affinity, had it not been for the examination of another curious beetle, also from New Holland, which I purchased from a dealer, and which, having its legs and antennæ retracted, I for a length of time regarded as a Gyrimus;

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## Adelotopus Ipsoides. W. Tab. XXVIII. fig. 2.

A. rufescenti-piceus; elytris paullò dilutioribus tenuissimè punctatis, genubus subtùs valdè dilatatis, humerisque elytrorum sublævibus.
Long. corp. lin. $3 \frac{\mathrm{I}}{2}$. Lat. lin. $1 \frac{\mathrm{I}}{2}$.
Habitat in Australasiâ. (Adelaide.) A. H. Davis.
Oblongus, convexus; capite tenuissimè punctato, transverso, genubus subtùs maximis, et (capite suprà viso) valdè prominentibus : antennæ breves compressæ, in canali profundo ad basim receptæ. Palpi et antenne breves, piceo-rufescentes ; thorax lateribus subrotundatis, angulis posticis acutis ; marginatus; lateribusque anticè paullò recurvis, margine antico punctis minutis valdè approximatis, posticè magis distantibus. Elytra tenuè marginata, (versus humeros sublævia,) tenuissimè et irregularitèr punctata. Pedes picei, femoribus maximis. Corpus subtùs pallidius, rufescenti- aut luteopiceum, glabrum, nitidum.
I have never met with any Coleopterous insect which exhibited so great a development of the gena on the underside of the head, here forming a large elevated plate on each side of the mouth between the trophi and the base of the antennæ.
wishing however to investigate my exotic Gyrinida, I found on examining the underside of the insect that it had slender legs and antennæ; I therefore, still supposing that my insect must be one of the Hydradephaga, immediately regarded it as a species of Colymbetes; but a little further examination showed me that the legs were neither ciliated nor fitted for swimming. I therefore determined to investigate the structure of the mouth, when I discovered that I had obtained another Carabideous insect, also very closely allied to Pseudomorpha, which had not only deceived myself, but several excellent entomologists. The following are its characters.

## Sphallomorpha.

Corpus breve, latum, depressum, oblongo-subquadratum, thoracis elytrorumque lateribus continuis.
Caput transversum, depressum, thoraci ad oculos immersum. Oculi sat magni, laterales. Labrum transversum, breve, anticè ferè rectum, angulis anticis rotundatis. Mandibulce forcipatæ, breves, subtrigonæ, intùs edentatæ, basi intùs in lobum magnum rotundatum producto. Maxillce parvæ, lobo interno incurvo, intùs setis rigidis instructo, externo palpiformi biarticulato, articulo 1 mo brevi, 2do ante apicem paullò crassiori, apice ipso truncato. Palpi maxillares maxillâ breviores, incrassati, cylindrici, 4-articulati, articulo 1 mo brevissimo, ut vix distinguendo, 2ndo magno subconico, reliquis duobus sensim tenuioribus, extimo præcedente paullò longiori, apice obliquè truncato. Mentum basi haud articulatum (lineâ indistinctâ locum articuli occupanti), breve, transversum, angulis lateralibus anticè in lobos duos ferè parallelos productis, dente nullo medio. Labium ultra lobos menti haud extensum. Palpi labiales brevissimi, scapo basali inserti, 3-articulati, articulis duobus basalibus brevibus, ultimo longiori compresso, et apicem versus paullò crassiori (minimè securiformi), apice obliquè truncato. Jugulum elongatum, basi mento angustius, apice latiori, angulis anticis setâ instructis, fossulâ profundâ utrinque pro receptione maxillarum, alterâque inter hanc et oculum pro receptione antennarum. Antennce capite ferè duplò longiores, gracillimæ, 11-articulatæ, articulo 1 mo incrassato subarcuato, 2ndo cæteris breviori, reliquis equalibus.

Thorax transversus, anticè angustior, posticè elytrorum baseos latitudine, sinu lato antico pro receptione capitis, margine postico ferè rectè truncato angulis anticis acutis, posticis subrotundatis; marginibus lateralibus rotundatis, tenuissimè marginatis: prosternum inter pedes anticos acutè protensum: metasternum breve. Scutellum parvum, subtriangulare. Elytra oblongo-subquadrata, depressa, posticè paullò angustiora, basi thoracis partis posticæ latitudine, et ad eum arctè applicatâ, tenuissimè marginata, apicibus obliquè subtruncatis, abdominis apicem haud tegentibus. Pedes breves, femoribus magnis, ovatis, compressis, subtùs (pro receptione tibiarum) carinatis, tibiis gracilibus, anticis intùs apicem versus emarginatis, tarsis subsetaceis, articulis simplicibus, anticis subtùs (in uno sexu saltem) serie duplici pulvillorum minutissimorum ; unguibus duobus.

## Spec. 1. Sphallomorpha decipiens.

Nigra, lævis, subnitida; ore, antennis pedibusque Iuteo-piceis, thoracis elytrorumque limbo tenui-luteo.
Long. corp. 4 lin.
Habitat in Novâ Hollandiâ.
In Mus. nostr.
Hoc genus a Pseudomorpha differt habitu latiori et magis depresso, et præsertim structurâ juguli, menti et palporum labialium, atque ab Adelotopo antennis filiformibus, mento et palpis.

I am further enabled by the kindness of the Rev. F. W. Hope to add to the interest of this communication by the introduction of a figure and description of another New Holland insect, which in some respects appears to be intermediate between Pseudomorpha and Sphallomorpha, and of which the following are the characters.

## Silphomorpha.

Corpus oblongo-ovatum, subdepressum ; thoracis elytrorumque lateribus subcontinuis, subreflexo-marginatis.
Caput, antennce, mandibule, maxillce, et palpi maxillares fere ut in Sphallomorpha. Labrum latum, breve, margine antico in medio parùm emarvol. XVIII.
ginato 4-setigero. Mentum maximum, cum jugulo adeò connexum, ut vestigium nullum articuli videas, angulis basalibus 4 -setosis, lateribus dilatatis, angulis anticis in lobos duos magnos obtusos productis, denteque medio obtuso abbreviato. Labium ultra apicem loborum menti productum. Palpi labiales quàm in Pseudomorpha paullò longiores, triarticulati, articulis duobus terminalibus, subæqualibus, ultimo compresso apicem versus latiori, obliquè truncato, subsecuriformi. Antennce gracillimæ, dum quiescentes in fossulâ ad latera menti receptr. Thorax ferè ut in Sphallomorpha, lateribus magis rotundatis, et angulis posticis minùs acutis, subindè margo lateralis thoracis et elytrorum minùs continuus evadit. Elytra obovata, quadrata, depressa, ad apicem obliquè subtruncata. Pedes breves. Femoribus ovato-compressis, tibiis tarsisque gracillimis simplicibus, tibiis anticis ante apicem internè emarginatis.

## Silphomorpha fallax.

Obscurè piceo-nigra, haud nitida, sublentè punctatissima; elytris striis decem punctorum parvorum notatis, ore, antennis, pedibus corporeque piceis.
Long. corp. lin. $7 \frac{1}{2}$.
Habitat in Novâ Hollandiâ.
In Mus. Dom. Hope, Melly, Newman.
The four preceding genera possess, as will be readily seen, so many characters in common, that they would doubtless be considered as belonging to the same genus, were they not carefully examined. All of them possess the same formation of the legs, (namely, large oval compressed femora, with very slender tibiæ and tarsi,) mandibles, maxillæ, minute maxillary palpi, truncate labial palpi, \&c. But I think the differences pointed out above will be considered amply sufficient to warrant the establishment of distinct genera for their reception.

As to their immediate conjoint affinities amongst Carabideous insects, it is exceedingly difficult to decide. Mr. Kirby considered Pseudomorpha as doubtfully allied to Omophron (Latr., Scolytus, F.), its sessile head bringing it near to that genus and the aquatic Entomophagi. It is probably on account of this
supposition that he observes, "Habitat in Georgiæ forsan aquaticis ?" He however noticed several circumstances which seemed to indicate an approximation towards Lebia, Dromius, Tarus, \&c.; and Dejean, without being aware at the time of the observations of Mr. Kirby, placed it in the subfamily Truncatipennes (Brachinida, MacL.), with some of the genera of which group, such as Coptodera, Orthogonius, Thyreopterus, \&c. these insects seem to me to be most nearly allied.

It is certainly a curious fact in the geographical distribution of Insects, that so aberrant a form as is indicated by the four insects noticed above should be found in regions so distant as North America, Brazil, and New South Wales. This fact alone I should imagine must be considered sufficient to prove that a wide geographical range is not the character of a typical group, as stated by Mr. Swainson.

The two insects represented in the accompanying figures 5 and 6, are Rhyzopertha, (Steph.) pusilla (Fabr.), and Tomicus (Latr.) fuscus (Marsh.), which in their xylophagous habits, cylindrical form, pitchy-ferruginous colour, punctated surface, transversely rugose thorax extending over the concealed head, dentate tibiæ, and short antennæ, are so very nearly alike, that by many authors they have been even placed in the same genus. A minute investigation of their structure proves them however to be totally different in their essential organs, the antennæ, trophi and tarsi. In these respects Tomicus will be found to belong to the group having the elm-destroying Scolytus as its type; whilst Rhyzopertha is most nearly allied to the genus Bostrichus of Geoffroy (Dermestes capucinus, Linn.). These two groups have indeed by many persons been considered to belong to the same family Bostrichidee; and even by those who have ventured to place them in different groups, they have been made to follow each other without any intervening link; being indeed employed when thus connected to form the transition between the Pentamerous Ptinidee and the Pseudotetramerous Curculionida, to which last Scolytus most intimately approaches.

That the relation between these two groups, notwithstanding the many points of connexion, in habit, economy, and even structure, is not an affinity, but merely an analogy, I entertain very little doubt, but our comparative ignorance of the structure and larvæ of the Xylophagous insects of Latreille
prevents a positive assertion upon this point*. The variations, however, existing between these two groups in the important organs noticed above is so great, that, in comparison with the structure of other allied tribes, it must be admitted that we here find the real characteristics of an analogy, namely, external similarity of form, but a complete diversity of structure in the essential organs.

The examples hitherto produced have exhibited analogies existing between insects belonging to the same order. In this latter respect, however, (or, in other words, on account of their Coleopterous structure, they are related together by affinity.

Of the still more widely extended relationship resulting from analogy, many examples might be given. Some have already been noticed in the introductory remarks upon the genus Diopsis, published in the last volume of the Transactions of this Society. Others may be mentioned wherein a great enlargement either of the scutellum or the posterior part of the prothorax is observed, which, contrary to the ordinary structure, is extended entirely over the body and wings. The genus Scutellera (so named from this circumstance) amongst the Heteropterous Hemiptera, many Centroti, \&c. amongst the Homopterous Hemiptera, the species of Acrydium (Tetrix, Latr.) in the order Orthoptera, Thorocantha, Latr., in the Hymenoptera, and Celyphus, Dalm. in the Diptera, -respectively exhibit this singularity of formation.

The curious genus Copium, Thunberg (Holhymenia, Serv. and St. Farg.), is strikingly represented amongst Dipterous insects by the insect which I have figured in Griffiths's "Animal Kingdom" under the name of Diateina Holhymenioides, and in which the structure of the antennæ, and even the white colour of the terminal joints, are especially traceable in a most singular manner.

The Neuropterous genus Ascalaphus in like manner analogically represents the genus Papilio in another Order, Lepidoptera. But the most complete instance which I have hitherto met with, of deception produced by an insect of one order assuming the appearance of another, occurs in the species about

[^1]to be described, and which for a great length of time I had arranged in my cabinet amongst the Cicindelidae, regarding it as an immature Colliuris or Tricondyla, although it in reality belongs to the order Orthoptera.

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(Locustarice, Latr. Locustina, MacL. Gryllus Tettigonice, Linn.)

## Genus. Condylodera.

(Obs. Insecti, typum hujus generis constituentis, individuum unicum solùm vidi, cum alis et tegminibus brevissimis, abdominis basin tantùm tegentibus. An in statu pupæ sit, aut, ut potiùs mihi videtur, imaginis speciei alis incompletis gaudentis, ut in Ephippigeris ?)
Corpus elongatum, thorace anticè attenuato, nodoso, oculis valdè prominentibus.
Caput thorace paullò latius, lateribus pone oculos, rotundatis; vertice convexo, tuberculo parvo conico inter antennarum basin; facie verticali. Oculi magni, rotundati, valdè prominuli. Antennce graciles, inter partem inferiorem oculorum insertæ, articulis duobus basalibus crassioribus (articulis terminalibus in specimine viso mutilatis.). Labrum in medio articulatum, parte anticâ transversâ margine antico in medio paullò producto, ciliato. Mandibulce validæ, breves, apice denticulatæ. Maxillce elongatæ, lobo interno gracili curvato, apice tridentato, lobo externo galeato, biarticulato, articulo basali brevi; palpi maxillares maxillâ paullò longiores, filiformes, 5-articulati, articulis 4 basalibus subæqualibus, extimo paullò longiori et crassiori, apice truncato. Mentum oblongum, planum. Labium quadrilobatum, lobis duobus internis brevibus acuminatis, binis externis majoribus ad apicem conniventibus. Palpi labiales filiformes, breves, 3-articulati, articulo 1 mo brevissimo, 2ndo paullò longiori extimo oblongoovato, apice truncato.
Prothorax elongatus, subcylindricus, bistrangulatus, nodum medium rotundatum efformans, nodoque postico majori lateribus rectè deflexis et obliquè truncatis. Meso- et metathorax brevissimi. Segmenta thoracica subtùs inermia (sternis muticis.).
Tegmina et alce coriacea, abbreviata, rudimentalia, ovato-triangularia nervis longitudinalibus. Pedes elongati, gracillimi, tibiis anticis basin versus
ocello subfenestrato instructis, femoribus omnibus subtùs paullò denticulatis, posticis duobus basi incrassatis ; tibiis posticis serie duplici denticulorum parvorum ; tarsis 4 -articulatis, articulo 3 tio bilobato.
Abdomen maris prothorace brevius, subcylindricum, apicem versus attenuatum,
articulo penultimo appendiculis duobus abbreviatis obtusis et setosis instructo.
Fœmina haud detecta.
Ols. Hoc genus affinitatem intimam exhibet cum Ephippigerd thoracis structurâ, tegminibus alisque abbreviatis.

Spec. 1. Condylodera Tricondyloides.
Cærulea; prothorace subpurpureo capiteque punctatis, abdomine nitido lævi, antennis albidis fusco-annulatis, articulis duobus basalibus nigris, palpis fulvis, articulo extimo fusco, femoribus fulvo-rufis, posticorum basi maculâ cyaneâ, tibiis fuscis albido-lineatis, spinulis albidis, tarsis fuscis, articulis duobus basalibus suprà albidis, stylis analibus fulvis.
Long. corp. lin. 9.
Habitat in Javâ.
In Mus. nostr.
I have applied the specific name of Tricondyloides to designate this insect, which not only in its general form and nodose thorax, but also in its peculiar colours (by which alone it is distinguished from nearly every other Orthopterous insect), so singularly represents the Cicindelideous genus Tricondyla. Another curious circumstance attendant upon this analogy is, that the locality of both these groups is the same, namely, Java.

## EXPLANATION OF TAB. XXVIII.

Fig. 1. Pseudomorpha excrucians, K., and details.
$1 a$. Underside of the head. ${ }^{*}$ An elevated line indicating the ordinary place of articulation of the mentum.
1b. Maxilla.
l c. Extremity of anterior tibia.


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[^0]:    * I am indebted to Mr. Edward Newman, F.L.S., for an opportunity of describing and figuring a new species of the genus Adelotopus, of which the following are the characters.

[^1]:    * P.S. The recent discovery by Dr. Ratzeburg of the larva of Bostrichus capucinus fully confirms my supposition, it being hexapod, whilst that of the Scolytide is apod. Thus whilst the antennæ, trophi, tarsi and larvæ of Rhyzopertha and Tomicus are totally distinct, their general form and habits are similar, thus establishing their relation as one merely of analogy.

