that these were the ?? of my Salève ??, though we both

thought it very likely that they might be so.

Being obliged to return to England I had to bequeath my problem to M. Frey-Gessner for further investigation, and he continued to make excursions to the Salève with that object in the spring and summer of 1908, which, however, met with no success, till at last on June 28th, in company with Dr. H. A. Schulz, he found both sexes of an Osmia visiting the Lotus—the  $\mathcal{F}$  agreeing with those taken by myself, and the  $\mathcal{F}$  with those which we had expected would prove to be their partners! He has recorded these captures, making kind allusion to my paper of 1901 and expressing his agreement with its views, in the Transactions of the Swiss Entomological Society (July 1909), and has also most kindly presented me with several

of the  $\mathcal{L}$ , which now lie before me.

O. loti \( \text{much resembles caementaria} \) in sculpture and pilosity, and like that species has pale calcaria. But it is even more like morawitzi, Per., and might easily be mistaken for it without most careful examination. It seems, however, to be a smaller insect than either morawitzi or caementaria—at least I have seen no specimen of either sex more than 8 mm. long, a size which is generally a good deal exceeded in both the other species. The best character, however, by which it can be at once separated from either morawitzi or caementaria, and which originally led M. Frey-Gessner to set it apart in his collection, is to be found in the sculpture of the clypeus. This in the other species is evenly punctured all over, but in *loti* is bisected longitudinally by a smooth and shining carina which is uniformly developed, and quite unmistakable when once noticed, in every specimen that I have seen. Nothing of the sort seems to exist in any other  $\mathcal{L}$  of the group. And this fact, coupled with the characters of the 3 antennae and 6th ventral-plate, which my former paper describes in detail, to my mind fully justifies the retention of this as a distinct species.\* Unfortunately Morawitz says nothing as to the clypeus of his  $loti \circ ;$  but, notwithstanding this omission, I feel practically certain that his species

<sup>\*</sup> M. Frey-Gessner has lately written to me that he finds the usual habitats of morawitzi and loti differ, the former occurring chiefly on the higher Alps, the latter on mere hills and in the valleys. Yet I have also taken morawitzi in North Italy near the sea and at no great height above it, I think on Echium.

and the present were the same. He gives no character for either sex that I cannot recognise in the Salève insects; and his statement that the species is attached exclusively to *Lotus* is borne out by all the facts that have come before me.

#### 2. Osmia manicata, Morice.

In 1900 I could only record two examples of this species (both  $\beta \beta$ ), one from Algeria, the other taken by the late Sir S. S. Saunders probably in the Ionian Islands. I have now quite a long series of both sexes, and can record it from the following additional localities: Spain (Granada), South Italy (Taranto and Brindisi), Greece (neighbourhood of Athens and Olympia, both sexes common in May 1901), Asia Minor (Smyrna  $\beta$  and  $\beta$ ). Its range therefore extends

over the whole length of the Mediterranean.

O. manicata, in both sexes, is generally at once recognisable simply by its great size. Its length may extend to 13 or even 14 mm. (that of adunca only from 9 to 11). Its breadth is still more remarkable, quite twice (!) that of a normal adunca in all my specimens. This regular difference in size, and still more in proportions, makes it perfectly easy to separate examples of the two forms; and, as shown in my former paper, the 3 3 differ entirely in the structure of the concealed 6th ventral-plate. the \( \frac{1}{2} \), however, I have quite failed to recognise any points of detail on which a reliable "character" for their separation can be based. The calcaria, indeed, are usually (perhaps always) somewhat rufescent in manicata (black in adunca), and the antennae also tend in the former species to show rufescence beneath, but the extent of this rufescence varies. The normal number of wing-hooks seems to be greater in manicata than in adunca (13-14 against 11-12); but, as we commonly find large and small examples of a single species differing in this way, I have some hesitation in suggesting that such a difference may be here "specific." Still when, as in my collection, a long series of manicata and another of adunca from many localities are exhibited side by side, the general "habit" of the two forms is so obviously dissimilar that no amount of common characters can make them seem identical; and there can at least be no doubt that the 3 3 differ markedly and regularly (for I have dissected many specimens of both) in the paradoxically developed 6th ventral-plate of the

abdomen. I feel justified therefore in upholding manicata as a form differing sufficiently from adunca to deserve a

separate name.

Being certainly no rarity in several Mediterranean countries, it probably figures as a variety of adunca in many collections, as it did in my own, until I examined the concealed  $\mathcal{J}$  ventral segments.

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VII. A Preliminary Revision of the Labiduridae, a family of the Dermaptera. By MALCOLM BURR, D.Sc., F.L.S., F.E.S.

[Read February 2nd, 1910.]

#### PLATES XLVI, XLVII.

The family Labiduridae was erected by me in a recent paper (1909³) as one of the five families into which I divide the order Dermaptera. It is well characterised by the peculiar form of the pygidium; this organ is represented by a flap of the dorsal sclerite of the last abdominal segment, which is bent downwards between the branches of the forceps, so as to present a more or less vertical surface. The passage from the dorsal surface to the posterior is marked by an angular fold which is usually sharp and distinct; only in the curious Chilian genus Gonolabina, Verhoeff, is the passage gradual and the line of division not marked.

We may add that the antennae have generally numerous segments; the first few after the basal one being as a rule short.

In the paper referred to above, the group is sub-divided into six sub-families; this I now propose to raise to nine. The *Echinosomatinae* are separated from the *Pyragrinae*, the *Parisolabinae* from the *Brachylabinae*, and a new sub-family, the *Palicinae* has been since added, with a single species.

The arrangement of these sub-families is as follows:-

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- 4.4. Metasternum postice truncatum, vel valde productum et convexum.
  - 5. Mesosternum postice rotundatum . . . . . . 6. PSALINAE.
  - 5.5. Mesosternum postice truncatum.
    - 6. Antennae 25–35 segmentatae; elytra perfecte explicata. . . . . . .
    - 6.6. Antennae ad 15 segmentatae; corpus apterum.
      - 7. Segmentum ultimum dorsale truncatum . . 8. Parisolabinae.
      - 7.7. Segmentum ultimum dorsale emargina
        - tum ac bilobum . . 9. BRACHYLABINAE.

7 LABIDURINAE.

#### Sub-family 1.—PALICINAE.

I am inclined to think that it was this species that Dohrn described under the name *Platylabia major*. It is the creature which de Bormans took for *P. major*, as the specimens recorded by him from Burma under that name are *Palex sparattoides*, and nothing else.

It is odd, but not incredible, that he should have described it in 1900 as a new species, after he had already handled it under the other name. I have no doubt about the identity of de Bormans' Burmese specimens, since I possess some of the original ones.

If this is correct, Palex sparattoides, Borm., falls as a homonym of Platylabia major, Dohrn, and the sub-family must be named Platylabiinae, and a new generic name formed for the group represented by Pl. thoracica, as I know of no other species congeneric with P. sparattoides.

For the present, however, I am in a position neither to assert nor prove the identity, but I consider it exceedingly probable.

### Sub-family 2.—ALLOSTETHINAE.

The sub-family contains the single genus Allostethus, Verh., characterised by the triangular prosternum and strongly narrowed metasternum. I consider A. lombokianum, Verh., a good species, as it appears to be restricted to Lombok and has a perfectly distinctive appearance. A.

setiger, Verh., and A. maartensi, Verh., I regard as mere varieties of A. indicum, Hag.

It is necessary to remove to this genus Psalis guttata, Borm., which is the same as Forficula doriae, Dubr., so the

correct name is now Allostethus doriae, Dubr.

Anisolabis piligera, Borm., has been looked upon as an aberrant form of the genus Anisolabis, but the pro- and mesosternum are strongly narrowed, so it must be removed to the Allostethinae. It may be the nymph of A. indicum, but as the three syntypes in my possession appear to be adult, we may provisionally call it Allostethus piligerum, Borm.; if it really is mature a new genus must be formed for its reception, since it is completely apterous.

#### Sub-family 3.—ESPHALMENINAE.

This group was recently revised by me (19011), and I have nothing to add, except that Gonolabis inca, Burr, from Peru, should be included here; it is a true Esphalmenus.

#### Sub-family 4.—ECHINOSOMATINAE.

This group I have recently separated from the Pyragrinae, in which Verhoeff included them, on the strength of the form of the prosternum; in the former group this plate has the anterior margin rounded; in the latter it is more or less bluntly pointed. The Echinosomatinae is formed only for Echinosoma, Serv., which is essentially an Old World group; the forceps of the male are invariably remote, cylindrical and arcuate, and the whole body is covered with stiff hairs and numerous, blunt, dilated bristles. All the species have a strong family likeness, and doubtless several may be advantageously reduced to the rank of local races or varieties.

A number of the existing species can only be discriminated by coloration, as a glance at the synoptical table of de Bormans will show. Unfortunately, sufficient material is not yet available to establish a satisfactory arrange-

The following notes, however, may be of use for the identification of species, and may contribute to the establishment of a rational arrangement based on structural characters.

One species has the segments of the antennae clavate;

this is *E. parvulum*, Dohrn, the smallest known species, apparently confined to Ceylon. Brachypterous and macropterous forms occur. In all other species known to me

the antennal segments are quite cylindrical.

Two species have the sides of the 7th-9th abdominal segments in the male acute and carinulate; these are *E. forbesi*, Kirby, from Dinner Island, and *E. distanti*, Burr, from the Transvaal. In all other species known to me the sides of these segments are rounded or convex, but not acute nor carinulate.

Three species, all Ethiopian, have the penultimate ventral segment of the male entire, that is, neither sinuate nor emarginate. *E. wahlbergi*, Dohrn, occurs in the African Continent; the female has a transverse pygidium, and the

pronotum and wings are spotted.

The other two, with the pygidium of the female narrow, are *E. sekalavum*, Borm., a small variegated species, and *E. bolivari*, Rodz, a large black species with uniform tawny wings. Both are confined to Madagascar and the adjacent islands.

The remaining species known to me all have the penultimate ventral segment of the male sinuate or

emarginate.

The pygidium of the female is transverse and the abdomen of the male almost parallel in *E. afrum*, Beauv., and *E. horridum*, Dohrn. The former Ethiopian, the latter a Javanese species. In the former the penultimate ventral segment of the male is gently sinuate, in

the latter decidedly emarginate.

The abundant Oriental E. sumatranum, Haan, with which I sink E. westermanni, Dohrn, as a mere colourvariant, has a narrow pygidium in the female and the abdomen of the male is moderately dilated about the middle: but the pygidium is truncate at the apex. It is either acute or blunt at the apex in E. fuscum, Bor., and E. insulanum, Karsch, neither of which are known to me. I have not yet been able to examine in both sexes authentic specimens of E. occidentale, Borm., from West Africa; E. congolense, Bor., from the Congo; E. yorkense, Dohrn, from Cape York, and E. concolor, Bor., from West Africa, but I hope before long to be able to compare them with the other forms.

#### Sub-family 5.—PYRAGRINAE.

This sub-family requires a revision and I now offer the following observations. The group represents the passage from the *Pygidicraninae* to the *Labidurinae*; both de Bormans and Verhoeff have given too much weight to the superficial resemblance to the former family. But apart from the essentially Labidurine form of the pygidium, the smooth and rounded femora, the sternal plates, and the elytra, are quite distinctive.

The anal or axilliary angle of the elytra is weak, and consequently a small scutellum is sometimes exposed, but this apparently Pygidicranine feature is inconstant. De Bormans examined 150 specimens of *Pyragra fuscata*, and found this minute scutellum visible in about half of them.

The elytra are not keeled in any known species; the body is usually strongly pubescent, but never has the dilated bristles which characterise the *Echinosomatinae*; the lobe of the metasternum has a sinuous posterior margin as in that group, and as in the *Pygidicraninae*, but the anterior margin of the prosternum is always more or less pointed.

I include here four genera, all exclusively Neotropical,

of which one is new.

#### TABLE OF GENERA.

- 1. Pronotum sublongius quam latius, antice angustatum. (Segmentum penultimum ventrale & emarginatum; tarsi longi.) . . . . . . . . . 1. Pyragra, Serv.
- 1.1. Pronotum transversum, margine antico recto.
  - 2. Segmentum penultimum ventrale & emarginatum . . . . . . 2. Propyragra, n.
  - 2.2. Segmentum penultimum ventrale & integrum.
    - 3. Caput depressum; tarsi breves . 3. Pyragropsis, Borelli.
    - 3.3. Caput tumidum; tarsi longi . 4. Echinopsalis, Borm.

To supplement this table we may add that the head is depressed and the femora rather heavily thickened in all the genera, except *Echinopsalis*; while the tarsi are long in all, except *Pyragropsis*.

### Genus 1.—Pyragra, Serv.

The genus *Pyragra*, as thus restricted, contains three species, as follows:—

1. Elytra unicoloria, fusca.	
2. Statura minore (18 mm.); forceps	
dasymetricus	1. minor, Borelli.
2.2. Statura majore (23 mm.); forceps	
& symetricus	2. fuscata, Serv.
1.1. Elytra fulvo-vittata	3. dohrni, Scudd.

All authors are agreed in sinking *Thermastris*, Scudd., its type, *Th. brasiliensis*, Gray, being in my opinion, synonymous with *Pyragra fuscata*, Serv., the type of *Pyragra*; I also agree with Rehn that Serville's description and figure of *P. fuscata* is perfectly clear, so that it is unnecessary to employ any other name; *P. chontalia*, Scudd., and *P. saussurei*, Dohrn, are only based on wing-coloration, and so I sink them as mere trifling variations of a common and widely distributed species.

I think it probable that the creature described by Rehn (1903<sup>2</sup>, p. 300), under the name of *Echinopsalis brevibractea*, is an immature specimen of the same species.

It extends from Mexico to Paraguay and appears to be common. *Pyragra minor*, Borelli, is a small species allied to *P. fuscata*, occurring in Costa Rica.

# Genus 2.—Propyragra, n. g.

Differs from Pyragra in the almost rectangular transverse pronotum, which is not narrowed anteriorly. In the 3, the sides of the 6th and sometimes of the 7th, 8th, and 9th, abdominal segments are sharply pointed posteriorly, the line joining the points being carried along as a more or less distinct keel on the sides of the last dorsal segment, corresponding with the outside ridge of the forceps. In other respects it resembles Pyragra; the penultimate ventral segment of the male is ample, broad, the angles broadly rounded, and the posterior margin gently emarginate in the middle. The species are generally smaller than those of Pyragra.

The type of the genus is Pyragra paraguayensis, Borelli.

The apparently trivial feature of the coloration of the pronotum appears to be a constant feature. *P. paraguayensis* seems to be a southern form. *P. brunnea* is only known from Peru. *P. buscki* is known from Jamaica and

Cuba; the type is preserved in the collection of the United States National Museum.

#### TABLE OF SPECIES.

- 1. Valde pubescens; segmentum ultimum dorsale & supra utrinque carina acuta instructum.
- · 2. Pronotum antice fuscum, postico fulvo maculatum ac lineolatum .
  - 2.2. Pronotum fuscum, utrinque maculata singula fulva ornatum 2. brunnea, Burr.
- 1.1. Corpus fere glabrum; segmentum ultimum dorsale & carinula superiori nulla . . . . . . . . . . . . 3. buscki, Caudell,
- 1. paraguayensis, Bor.

### Genus 3.—Pyragropsis, Bor.

This is a monotypic genus founded by Borelli for P. tristani, from Costa Rica. It is a handsome species, of a strikingly contrasted black and yellow coloration.

### Genus 4.—Echinopsalis, Borm.

This genus still contains only E. guttata, Borm., as E. brevibractea, Rehn, I consider to be a larva of Pyrogra

fuscata (q. v., ante, p. 166).

I have in my collection a single female from Peru, which may be referable to this genus; the head is depressed and brick-red in colour, the pronotum, tawny, with black band, as also the elytra and wings; the tarsi are long.

Possibly Psalis thoracica, Serv., is referable here; it is certainly a Pyragrid. The specimen figured by de Borman (1893, p. 4, Pl. I, fig. 7) is a female; it is very small, being

only 6.5 mm. long.

### Sub-family 6.—FSALINAE.

This sub-family includes those genera in which the metasternum is truncate posteriorly, but the mesosternum rounded, except in the monotypic genus Titanolabis, in which the metasternum is produced into a lobe, rounded at the extremity. All the genera include rather stoutly built species; the forceps are strong and trigonal, never very long, nor slender, often subcontiguous in the male, and frequently asymmetrical, rarely toothed; many of the genera are apterous.

#### TABLE OF GENERA.

- 1. Metasternum postice in lobum angustum, apice rotundatum, productum; (corpus apterum; abdomen subparallelum).
- 1. Titanolabis, n. g.
- 1.1. Metasternum postice truncatum.
  - 2. Abdomen & a basi ad apicem ampliatum; (forcipis bracchia & basi remota; corpus apterum) . . . .
- 2. Gonolabis, Burr.
- 2.2. Abdomen pone medium plus minus dilatatum, apice subangustius.
  - 3. Elytra omnino desunt . . . . 3. Anisolabis, Fieb.
  - 3.3. Elytra rudimentaria, vel perfecta.
    - 4. Elytra rudimentaria; alae nullae . 4. Euborellia, Burr.\*
    - 4.4. Elytra libera, perfecta; alae saepius adsunt.
      - 5. Antennae segmentis 17-22 . . . 5. Psalis, Serv.
      - 5.5. Antennae segmentis 20-30 . . 6. Labidurodes, Borm.

# Genus 1.—Titanolabis, n. g.

Cum genere Anisolabide congruet; ab eo differt pedibus brevibus, crassis, metasterno margine postico in lobulo apice rotundatum producto.

Type of the genus.—Anisolabis colossea, Dohrn.

The powerful build and the great size attained of this giant among earwigs have always led me to consider it as forming a distinct group; an examination of the sternal plates shows that the posterior margin of the metasternum is produced with a long, parallel-sided, apically rounded lobe, which is quite distinctive.

I have never examined one of the Burmese specimens reported by de Bormans, but I doubt if they are referable

to the true A. colossea.

The range of size of this creature is very remarkable. I have in my own collection a female whose length, including the forceps, which are always short, is 22.5 mm., and another, which attains 51 mm., both from New South

\* Borellia being praeoccupied by Rehn (1906, Proc. U.S. N. M., xxx, p. 379), I have proposed the new name Euborellia, Burr. See Proc. U.S. Nat. Mus., xxxviii, p. 448 (1910.)

Wales. Perhaps we may later be able to discriminate two species.

Genus 2.—Gonolabis, Burr.

The genus Gonolabis has been subject to two distinct

sources of confusion.

First Verhoeff's characterisation of his sub-family Gonolabidae, with G. lativentris as type, excluding by this very characterisation G. javana, which had been originally chosen as type.

Secondly the doubt as to the identity of the true G. javana, under which name no less than three species

have been confused in collections.

The first confusion has been cleared up by the separation of Verhoeff's "Gonolabidae" into a separate sub-family, the

Esphalmeninae. (See Burr, 1909<sup>1</sup>.)

The second confusion is now cleared up, thanks to the courtesy of Dr. Gestro of Genova and Dr. Holdhaus of Vienna, who have kindly communicated the respective types of G. sumatrana, Borm., and G. javana, Borm.

Thus I have been able to examine authentic specimens of every known species of the genus, the catalogue of

which now stands as follows:-

1. G. kirbyi, Burr, Java. Type examined.

2. G. electa, sp. n., Java-Ceylon. Type examined.

- 3. G. sumatrana, Borm., Java and Sumatra. Type examined.
  - G. oblita, sp. n., Java. Type examined.
     G. javana, Borm., Java. Type examined.
  - 6. G. michaelseni, Burr, Australia. Type examined.
  - G. picea, Borelli, E. Africa. Syntype examined.
     G. woodwardi, Burr, Australia. Type examined.
  - 9. G. verhoeffi, Burr, Australia. Type examined.

From this list will be observed that I have been able to examine and compare the types of every known species, except *G. picea*, and of that authentic syntypes kindly given me by Dr. Borelli, which is almost the same thing.

It will also be noticed from the above list that the genus is chiefly characteristic of the Oriental and Australian regions, a single species occurring in the Ethiopian

region.\*

<sup>\*</sup> Since writing the above I have seen the type of Anisolabis azteca, Dohrn, from Mexico: it is a female, but evidently a Gonolabis. It will be discussed in a later paper.

It will be observed that the Neotropical G. inca, Burr, is omitted. This species is a true Esphalmenus, and should have been included in the revision of that group. (Burr, 19091.)

The genus Gonolabis is akin to Anisolabis, differing in the apically dilated abdomen of the male, and fewer

antennal segments.

TABLE OF SPECIE	ES.
1. Segmentum penultimum ventrale 3 late rotundatum (necnon apice ipso subrecto).	
2. Segmentum penultimum ventrale & medio depressum, utrinque carinatum; forceps asymetricus; (species	
javana)	1. kirbyi, Burr.
forceps symetricus.  3. Abdomen segmentis 7-9 & lateribus acutis; (statura minore; abdomen	
3.3. Abdomen segmentis 7–9 lateribus rotundato-convexis.	2. electa, Burr.
4. Segmentum ultimum dorsale of margine postico truncato, rectissimo; (colore rufo, pedibus uni-	n P
4.4. Segmentum ultimum dorsale & margine postico subsinuato;	3. sumatrana, Borm.
(colore atro, pedibus annulatis).  1.1. Segmentum penultimum ventrale 3 9 angustum, lateribus obliquis, apice subtruncato, fere triangulare.  2. Segmentum penultimum ventrale 3	4. oblita, sp. n.
medio carinato; (species javana) 2.2. Segmentum penultimum ventrale delaeve.	5. javana, Borm.
3. Segmentum ultimum dorsale & utrinque plica cristata instructum; (statura majore; species	
westralica) , , , ,	o. michaelseni, Burr.

8. woodwardi, Burr.

- 3.3. Segmentum ultimum dorsale & plica cristata nulla.
  - 4. Forcipis bracchia & nec dentata nec denticulata; (colore aterrimo; species africana). . . . 7. picea, Borelli.
  - 4.4. Forcipis bracchia & ornata; (species australicae).
    - 5. Forcipis bracchia & prope basin superne crenulata....
    - 5.5. Forcipis bracchia & prope basin
      - superne dente forti armata . . 9. verhoeffi, Burr.

# 1. Gonolabis kirbyi, Burr.

Anisolabis? kirbyi, Burr (18974), p. 311.

This Javan species is well characterised by the form of the penultimate ventral segment of the male, which is broad and rounded but depressed in the middle, with a well-marked ridge on each side.

The abdomen is also more strongly and more abruptly dilated towards the apex than in most other species, thus resembling G. electa, and the forceps are asymetrical, the right branch being bowed inside the left.

right branch being bowed inside the left.

It is so far only known from the unique male in my collection, taken by Frühstorfer at Pengalengan, in Western Java, at an elevation of 4000 feet.

# 2. Gonolabis electa, Burr.

Gonolabis electa, Burr (1910<sup>1</sup>), p. 79, fig. 21. Gonolabis javana, A., Burr (1908<sup>11</sup>), p. 78.

This species is probably represented in many collections under the name of G. javana, together with G. oblita. Several years ago Dr. Borelli called my attention to the fact that apparently two species were confused in collections under this name, and inquired my opinion. It was not, however, until the opportunity of examining de Bormans' type of G. javana presented itself, that it became obvious that neither of these two was the real G. javana, and consequently new names became necessary for them both.

G. electa, which occurs in Ceylon and in Java (c.m.) is one of the smallest of the genus, and has the most strongly dilated abdomen, in correlation with which we find the sides of the 7th-9th abdominal segments strongly acute in the male. The female may be recognised by her small size, deep colour, and broad abdomen.

### 3. Gonolabis sumatrana, Borm.

Gonolabis sumatrana, Borm. (19001), p. 452.

This species is discriminated by de Bormans from G. javana only by the coloration. From the true G. javana it differs in the form of the penultimate ventral segment of the male, but it is probable that in the synoptical table given by de Bormans (1900¹), p. 451, he includes in G. javana the common species which we discriminate under the name G. oblita.

A comparison of the type of *G. sumatrana* with a good series of *G. oblita* shows that though quite different in appearance, there are few structural characters to separate them.

G. sumatrana is somewhat larger and of stouter build, of a uniform reddish brown, with plain feet and antennae; the punctulation of the abdomen is finer, and the pubescence is very dense in the type, but is apparently worn off in a second specimen from Java, in the Leyden Museum.

# 4. Gonalabis oblita, sp. n.

Gonolabis javana, Burr (1902), p. 479. Gonolabis javana, B., Burr (1908<sup>11</sup>), p. 78.

Statura parva; colore nigro-castaneo; antennae pedesque annulati; abdomen vix dilatatum; segmentum penultimum ventrale & late rotundatum; segmentum ultimum dorsale laeve, margine postico subconcavo; forcipis bracchia & typica, arcuata.

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Long. corporis		9-10 mm.	1		9.5-12 1	nm.
Long. forcipis		1.5-2 ,,			1-2 ,	,

Of medium size and rather slender build; colour deep shining reddish black.

Antennae black, ringed with white before the apex; with 13-14 segments.

Head smooth, tumid; sutures obsolete.

Pronotum subquadrate, slightly longer than broad, and slightly

widened posteriorly, sides straight; prozona somewhat tumid, separated by a transverse depression from the metazona.

Meso- and metanota typical.

Sternal plates typical, pale yellow.

Legs yellow, femora broadly banded with black; tarsi very slender. Abdomen punctulate, gradually and gently widened towards the apex; sides of 7th, 8th, and 9th segments in \$\mathcal{Z}\$ convex but not acute. Last dorsal segment \$\mathcal{Z}\$ quite smooth, shining, transverse, with a sharp low keel on each side in correspondence with the outer edge of the forceps, and a slight protuberance on each side of the hinder margin, in correspondence with the upper edges of the forceps; between these two points, the hinder margin is subconical; in female similar, but decidedly narrowed apically and simple.

Penultimate ventral segment & broadly rounded, in Q rather

obtusely triangular.

Pygidium narrow, compressed.

Forceps with the branches of remote, stout, trigonal, unarmed, straight at first and tapering; apical third smooth and arcuate; in Q nearly straight, contiguous, stout, trigonal, and tapering.

JAVA (c.m.), Buitenzorg (c.m.), Malang (c.m.), Am-

barawa (c.m.).

This species has invariably been considered to be de Bormans' G. javana, but the penultimate ventral segment of that species is absolutely distinctive. Under the common name of G. javana it has been confused with G. electa, but the gradually and gently dilated abdomen and

longer body give it a totally distinct appearance.

It is structurally nearest to *G. sumatrana*; the deep red-black colour, black-banded femora, and pale ringed antennae give it a different appearance; it is smaller in size and slenderer in build; the sculpture of the abdomen is coarser; the abdomen also is less pubescent; the forceps in *G. oblita* are arcuate, that is, bent inward at a curve, whereas in *G. sumatrana*, they are more usually bowed, that is, bent at an angle.

This species has a strong superficial resemblance to G. woodwardi, but differs in the totally unarmed forceps, apart from the different penultimate ventral segment of

the male.

It appears to be common in Java.

De Bormans himself confused it with *G. javana*, as I possess a female which came from that collection under that name.

### 5. Gonolabis javana, Borm.

Anisolabis javana, Borm. (1883), p. 63, Pl. II, fig. 4,  $(1900^2)$ , p. 27.

Anisolabis javana, Borm. (19001), p. 451 partim.

Gonolabis javana, Burr (19003), p. 49 (nec 1902, p. 479).

Most collections have specimens under the name of G. javana, as we have seen under G. electa and G. oblita, but it is probable that no authentic specimen exists beyond the type in the Brunner collection, now in the Vienna Museum.

In size and general appearance it closely resembles G. sumatrana.

The head and pronotum are brick red, with black markings, the general colour is a dull blackish red.

Absolutely distinctive in the form of the penultimate ventral segment, which is figured by de Bormans; it is in the form of a blunt pointed obtuse triangle, with a prominent central compressed crest or ridge.

The type is from Java, and is numbered 14, 6996.

#### 6. Gonolabis michaelseni, Burr.

Gonolabis michaelseni, Burr (1908<sup>11</sup>), p. 73, Pl. I, fig. 4.
,, do. var. dentata, op. cit. p. 75,
Pl. I, fig. 5.

This striking species, the giant of the genus, is described, figured and discussed in detail in the work quoted.

# 7. Gonolabis picea, Borelli.

Gonolabis picea, Borelli (19073).

This, the only known Ethiopian species, was discovered by H.R.H. the Duke of the Abruzzi at Butiti, in Eastern Africa.

It is remarkable for its intense pitch black colour.

### 8. Gonolabis woodwardi, Burr.

Gonolabis woodwardi, Burr (1908<sup>11</sup>), p. 75, Pl, I, fig. 1.
, var. dentata, op. cit., Pl. I, fig. 2.

This species, which is abundant in Western Australia, is discussed, figured, and described in the work quoted.

### 9. Gonolabis verhoeffi,\* Burr.

Gonolabis verhoeffi, Burr (19053), p. 487.

This species is well marked by the prominent teeth on the upper surface of the forceps of the male, near the base.

In addition to the two males in the Hope Museum, Oxford, I have received a third from Kuranda, Queensland, sent me by Mr. Simmonds.

### Genus 3.—Anisolabis, Fieber.

This genus contains about forty species, even after the separation of those furnished with rudimentary elytra into the genus *Euborellia*. It requires a thorough revision, as a good many names will require to be sunk in synonymy, and perhaps one or more new genera may be necessary. For instance, the gigantic *Anisolabis colossea*, Dohrn, from New South Wales, may be conveniently separated owing to its produced and apically rounded metasternal lobe. I will not, however, offer a revision yet, as the material is not complete.

Immature specimens of *Psalis* are frequently mistaken for some of the less well-marked species of *Anisolabis*. Some of the smaller kinds seem to pass insensibly from one form to another, with subtle distinctions that are difficult to express. My personal inclination is to sink all species which are not clearly defined upon some well-marked structural character, though it is not always easy to say which forms should be fused. In this respect, as in the analogous case of *Labidura riparia*, I assume the

attitude of a frank "lumper." †

The genus Anisolabis has become less unwieldy now

\* Since writing the above, I have identified this species with Anisolabis brunneri, Dohrn, of which I have seen the type. A.

brunneri of Burr is a totally different creature.

† Since going to the press, further material has been examined, which will be dealt with in a later paper. But it may be mentioned here, with reference to the above table, that A. incerta, Borm., appears to be a melanic form of A. festae, Borelli; that A. eteronoma, Borelli, is in my opinion indistinguishable from A. annulipes, Luc., as also A. aporonoma, Borelli.

The species referred to by me as A. brunneri, Dohrn, and recorded and figured by me in (1908<sup>11</sup>), p. 71, Pl. I, fig. 6, is not the true A. brunneri of Dohrn, which is the same as Gonolabis verhoeffi, Burr; the A. brunneri figured by me is a well-known species which requires a new name, unless it can be identified with A. pacifica, Erichson.

that nine species with rudimentary elytra have been removed to form the genus *Euborellia*, and *A. colossea* 

separated in a new genus Titanolabis.

The number is further reduced by the removal of A. piligera to the Allostethinae, and by the sinking of a number of names, such as A. bormansi, Scudd., A. antoni, Dohrn, and other well-known synonyms, under A. annulipes.

There still remain a good many whose exact position is still doubtful; such are A. aporonoma, Bor., A. gaudens, Burr, A. spectabilis, Phil., A. pacifica, Erichs., A. angulifera, Dohrn, A. pectoralis, Etsch., A. annulicornis, Blanch.

I am not yet certain which of two kindred forms is the

true A. marginalis of Dohrn.

A. albovittata, Burr, is probably immature. A. advena, Mein., A. subarmata. Kirby, and A. antenna, Kirby, are unrecognisable; as also A. peregrina, Mjöberg, A. pluto, Rehn, which is the female of A. angulifera, Dohrn. A. major, Brullé, is probably the larva of A. maxima, Brullé.

The following table is not intended for a scientific discrimination of species, but purely as a provisional

arrangement, as help-notes for identification.

#### TABLE OF SPECIES.

- - 2. Abdomen & segmentis 6-9 lateribus rotundatis, vel convexis, neque acuminatis, neque carinulatis, nec striolatis.
    - 3. Statura gracili; forcipis bracchiis delongatis, attenuatis; antennarum segmentis 4 et 5 cylindricis.

      - 4.4. Statura majore; species africana
    - 3.3. Statura robustiori; forcipis bracchiis curvatis vel subrectis, haud elongatis; antennarum segmentis 4 et 5 fere globularibus.
      - 4. Forcipis bracchia & margine interno excavata . . . . .
      - 4.4. Forcipis bracchia & margine interno haud excavato.

- 2. perkinsi, sp. n.
- 3. vosseleri, Burr.

4. xenia, Kirby.

5. Forcipis bracchia & dentata.
6. Colore fusco-castaneo; capite
rufescenti; species austra-
lica 5. occidentalis, Kirby
6.6. Colore piceo ; species equa-
toria 6. incerta, Borm.
5.5. Forcipis bracchia & inermia.
6. Femora fusco-annulata; spe-
cies japonica 7. marginalis, Dohrn. 6.6. Femora fulva ; species ha-
waiensis 8. eteronoma, Bor.
2.2. Abdomen & segmentis 6-9 lateribus
acutis vel valde convexis.
3. Abdomen & segmentis 6-9 lateribus
striolatis et carinulatis.
4. Forcipis bracchia & basi remota,
valde arcuata.
5. Forcipis bracchia & intus den-
tata.
6. Corpus atrum; species aus-
tralica 9. brunneri, Dohrn.
6.6. Corpus pallescens; species
equatoria 10. festae, Bor.
5.5. Forceps of inermis.
6. Statura minore; femora maculata; species africae
orientalis 11. teilinii, Bor.
6.6. Statura majore; femora
fulva; species algerica. 12. mauritanica, Luc.
4.4. Forcipis bracchia & basi sub-
contigua, paullo arcuata.
5. Segmentum ultimum dorsale
d lateribus externis haud
carinatis; caput rufum; pedes
unicoloribus; species africae
orientalis 13. laeta, Gerst.
5.5. Segmentum ultimum dorsale
d margine externo carinu-
lato.
6. Caput pallidum; pedes uni- colores; species africae
orientalis 14. compressa, Bor.
6.6. Caput nigrum; pedes annu-
lati; species cosmopoli-
tana 15. annulipes, Luc.
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3.3. Abdomen & segmentis 6-9 lateri-	
bus punctatis vel striolatis, haud	
carinulatis.	
4. Segmentum ultimum dorsale 3	
utrinque tuberculatum.	
5. Forceps & valde arcuatus;	
species ceylonica	16. kudagae, Burr.
5.5. Forceps & elongatus, apice	
tantum arcuatus; species	
canariensis	17. maxima, Brullé.
4.4. Segmentum ultimum dorsale 3	
inerme.	
5. Forcipis bracchia & basi remota,	
fortius arcuata, symmetrica.	
6. Forcipis bracchio dextro 3	
dente rectangulari armato.	
7. Caput nigrum; species	
cosmopolitana	18. maritima, Bon.
7.7. Caput rufum; species	
africæ orientalis	19. felix, Burr.
6.6. Forceps inermis; species	
australica	20. littorea, White.
5.5. Forcipis bracchia of basi sub-	
contigua, vix arcuata.	
6. Forcipis bracchia & intus	
crenulata; caput rufum;	
species birmanica	21. dubronii, Kirby.
6.6. Forcipis bracchia & haud	
crenulata; caput nigrum;	
species africana	22. infelix, Burr.

# Anisolabis perkinsi, sp. n.

Statura mediocri, gracili; colore fusco-castaneo et nigro; antennae segmentis 4 et 5 haud globularibus; abdomen gracile, vix dilatatum, segmentis lateribus laevibus, haud acutis; pedes longi, graciles; forcipis bracchia 3 9 subcontigua, triquetra, subarcuata, attenuata, inermia.

			8			9
Long. corpor	is .		13 mm.			15 mm.
, forcipi	s .		3 ,,			3.5 ,,

Of medium size; build slender; general colour dark chestnut brown to black.

Antennae with 16 segments, dark brown; first long and slender, apically clubbed; third long and slender, cylindrical; 4th and 5th cylindrical, each about half as long as the 3rd, the rest gradually lengthening, all slender and cylindrical, the apical segments about as long as the third.

Head dark brown, smooth and shining; eyes small.

Pronotum slightly longer than broad; gently widened posteriorly, all margins straight, sides gently reflexed.

Meso- and metanota transverse, typical: all the thorax dull deep brown, with a few brown bristles; smooth.

Sternal plates lighter brown; prosternum almost parallel sided; mesosternum rounded; metasternum truncate posteriorly.

Legs long and slender, dull brown; tarsi very slender.

Abdomen slender, feebly dilated beyond the middle and apically attenuate in both sexes, exceedingly finely punctulate; sides of segments 6-9 in 3 rounded and smooth.

Last dorsal segment  $\mathcal{F}$   $\mathcal{F}$  slightly narrowed apically, with a median sulcus, posterior margin subsinuate, with a slight convexity corresponding to the upper ridge of the forceps.

In forceps with the branches  $\mathcal{J}$   $\mathcal{Q}$  subcontiguous at the base, trigonal, rapidly attenuate, feebly arcuate, more so in the  $\mathcal{J}$  than in the  $\mathcal{Q}$ , slender; black, with a fulvous spot on the outer face near the base.

SANDWICH ISLANDS: Kaui, Koholuamano, 4000 ft., and

Waimea, iv/95 and vii/96 (Perkins).

This is evidently the species quoted by Brunner (P.Z.S., 1895, p. 892) and by Perkins (Fauna Haw., 1899, p. 4) as A. pacifica, Erichs., but it is not "half the size of F. auricularia," nor do the forceps correspond to Erichson's description.

There are specimens in the British Museum, and a pair

in my collection, the male of which is my type.

The two sexes are very much alike; the slender body and limbs distinguish it, as much as the relatively long fourth and fifth segments of the antennae.

According to Perkins, it is found only in the mountains

of Kaui.

### Genus 4.—Euborellia, Burr.

This genus was erected recently, under the name *Borellia*, by me (1909<sup>3</sup>, p. 325) for those species, formerly included in *Anisolabis*, with distinct rudimentary elytra, named in honour of my good friend Dr. Alfredo Borelli, of

Turin, who has done valuable work upon the Dermapterous fauna of the Neotropical and Ethiopian Regions, but as the name is praeoccupied by Rehn (1906, Proc. U. S. N. M., XXX, p. 379), I have suggested a new name *Euborellia*. It contains at present nine \* species, which may be arranged as follows:—

- Elytra libera per marginem suturalem, usque ad apicem contigua, subquadrata; species americanæ.
  - 2. Pedes unicolores, testacei; antennarum segmenta 1 et 2 flava, ceteris flavo-brunneis....
  - 2.2. Femora fusco-annulata; antennarum segmenta 1 et 2 rufescentia, ceteris brunneis . . .
- 1.1. Elytra haud contigua, lateralia, vel saltem per minimam partem marginis suturalis contigua.

  - 2.2. Elytra angustata, lateralia, nequaquam contigua.
    - 3. Forceps of dentatus; species americanae
      - 4. Forceps & dente magno armato; segmentum ultimum dorsale & lateribus plicis 2 instructum; colore aterrimo . . .
      - 4.4. Forceps & dente parvo armatus; segmentum ultimum dorsale lateribus tuberculis

- 1. ambigua, Borelli.†
- 2. janeirensis, Dohrn.

3. greeni, Burr.

4. peruviana, Borm.

2 instructum . . . . 5. armata, Borelli.

<sup>\*</sup> Anisolabis andreinii, Bor., from Eritrea has rudimentary elytra, and so this species also must be included here, and also Anisolabis minuta, Caudell.

<sup>†</sup> Since writing the above, I have compared syntypes of *E. ambigua*, Borelli, with authentic specimens of *E. ianeirensis*, Dohrn, with which I now sink it as a homonym.

- 3.3. Forceps of inermis; species mundi antiqui.
  - 4. Forceps & valde asymetricus; species tasmanica . . . 6. tasmanica, Borm.
  - 4.4. Forceps & regulariter vel fere regulariter arcuatus curvatus.
    - 5. Femora haud annulata.
      - 6. Abdomen laeve; pronotum planum; caput thoraxque

fusca; species europaea. 8. moesta, Gènè.

6.6. Abdomen punctatum; pronotum prozona tumida; caput thoraxque pallescentia; species

indica . . . . . 9. annandalei, Burr.

2. percheron, Guer.

3. rosenbergi, Burr.

### Genus 5.—Psalis, Serv.

This genus only differs from Anisolabis and Euborellia in having fully developed organs of flight. Carcinophora, Scudder, must fall, the only real difference from typical Psalis being the abbreviation of the wings alone; as the character is insufficient to justify specific rank, it cannot support a genus.

I now include it in the following sixteen species:—

- 1. Pronotum parallelum; species americanae.
  - 2. Elytra abbreviata, scutello saepius patenti; elytra maculata . . . 1. festiva, sp. n.
  - 2.2. Elytra perfecte explicata.
    - 3. Elytra maculata.
      - 4. Statura mediocri; (14-18 mm.); elytra ad humeros maculata.
        - 5. Corpus glabrum; abdomen segmentis 6-9 lateribus acutis .
        - 5.5. Corpus pilosum; abdomen segmentis 6-9 haud acutis
      - 4.4. Statura majore; (18-25 mm.)
        - Elytra disco maculata . . . 4. americana, Beauv
    - 3.3. Elytra unicoloria.
      - 4. Caput longum . . . . . . 5. fusca, Borelli.
      - 4.4. Caput brevius.

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5. Antennae segmentis 4-5-6 longis; pronotum longius quam latius	6. gagatina, Klug.
globularibus; pronotum aeque longum ac latum.	7. nigra, Caud.
<ul><li>1.1. Pronotum postice ampliatum.</li><li>2. Elytra triangularia; species orientalis</li><li>2.2. Elytra rectangularia.</li></ul>	8. castetsi, Bol.
3. Antennae tenues, segmentis apice valde clavatis.	
4. Alae nullae; species americana 4.4. Alae perfecte explicatae;	9. waddyi, Burr.
species orientalis	10. femoralis, Dohrn.
vel subcylindricae.	
4. Antennae segmentis 4–5–6 globularibus, omnibus brevibus	11. plebeja, Dohrn.
4.4. Antennae segmentis, 4 brevi, 5 et 6 longioribus, ceteris	
subcylindricis.  5. Antennae segmento primo	19 hami Borelli
brevi; species americana 5.5. Antennae segmento primo longo.	12. ourri, Boreni.
6. Antennae segmento 3 brevi. 7. Colore fulvo-castaneo,	
haud metallico; species	12 anddoni Rom
americana	15 schaaeri, Borni.
nitenti; species orientalis	14. dohrni, Kirby.
6. Antennae segmento 3 longo; species africanae.	
7. Antennae segmento 4 glo- bulari; pronoto brevi,	15 debilio Dum
scutello parvo liberanti . 7.7. Antennae segmento 4	

# Psalis festiva, sp. n.

cylindrico; pronoto super elytra producto 16. cincticollis, Gerst.

Allied to P. americana; differs in the smaller size, more slender build, abortive wings, and strongly abbreviated

elytra. Length of body 18.5–23 mm.; of forceps 3.50 mm.  $\mathcal{P}$ ;  $\mathcal{T}$  unknown.

Brazil, Bahia (Mus. Vienna).

This species is represented by three females in the Brunner von Wattenwyl collection, now in the Hofmuseum, Vienna, and will be fully discussed in a forthcoming work on the material of that Museum.

### Psalis gagatina, Klug.

I have recently discussed the identity of this species (1909<sup>6</sup>, p. 126). I consider that *Carcinophora robusta*, Scudder, with its synonymous *Psalis columbiana*, Borm., is the real *P. gagatina* of Klug.

Psalis nigra, of Caudell, from Trinidad, is only known from the female; the almost square pronotum and short, thick antennal segments appear to be characteristic

features.

Psalis cincticollis, Gerst., is discussed elsewhere in a recent paper (1909<sup>6</sup>, p. 113). Psalis picina, Kirby, falls as a synonym.

Psalis thoracica, Serv., I believe to be referable to the

Pyragrinae (q.v., ante, p. 167).

# Sub-family 7.—LABIDURINAE.

The group includes *Labidura*, and its immediate allies; in structure it agrees in many respects with the *Psalinae*, but the mesonotum is less rounded posteriorly. The organs of flight are all well developed; the antennae are multisegmentate; the forceps rather slender and usually remote at the base.

#### TABLE OF GENERA.

- 1. Pedes breves; femora postica pronoto haud longiora; tarsorum posticorum segmentis 1 et 3 subaeque longis, pronoto unitis haud longioribus (pronotum postice ampliatum).....
- 1.1. Pedes longi; femora tarsique postici pronoto longiores; tarsorum posticorum segmentum primum tertio longius.
- 1. Paralabidura, n. g.

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- Pronotum postice ampliatum, longius quam latius; scutello nullo; femora postica pronoto circa 1½ longiora.
  - 3. Abdomen lateribus integris . .
- 2. Labidura, Leach.
- 3.3. Abdomen lateribus spinulis vel plicis constatis armatum . .
- 3. Forcipula, Bol.
- 2.2. Pronotum quadratum; scutello magno; femora postica pronoto triplo longiora . . . . . . .
  - 4. Tomopygia, Burr.

# Genus 1.—PARALABIDURA, n. g.

Cum genere *Labidura* congruet; differt statura minore et graciliori, tarsis brevioribus, posticis pronotum longitudine haud vel vix superantibus, segmentis primo et tertio subaequantibus.

Differs only from Labidura in the smaller size and slender build, and shorter tarsi, the posterior pair scarcely, or not at all, exceeding the pronotum in length, the first and third segments approximately equally long, and the third segment slightly exceeding the first.

This genus is raised for the reception of the small, dark slender species, hitherto included in *Labidura*.

In all known species the colour is dark chestnut.

The posterior tarsi are of different lengths in the different species, but in no case does the posterior pair exceed the length of the pronotum, and first, second and third segments are either equal, or the third a little longer than the first; in *Labidura* and *Forcipula* the first segment is the longest.

The type of the genus is Paralabidura lividipes, Duf.

#### TABLE OF SPECIES.

- 1. Forcipis bracchia & margine interno haud laminato . . . . . . . .
- 1. lividipes, Dufour.
- 2. Tarsi postici pronoto breviores; forceps 3 arcuatus, haud depressus.
- 2.2. Tarsi postici quam pronotum aeque longi; forceps & elonga
  - tus, depressus . . . . . 2. tenuicornis, Borm.
- 1.1. Forcipis bracchia & margine interno laminato.

2. Forcipis bracchia & parte laminata parallela, apice rectangula, species 

3. nepalensis, Burr.

2.2. Forcipis bracchia & parte laminata in dentem valde acutum producta, species africana . . . 4. figinii, Burr.

Paralabidura lividipes, Duf., is a widely distributed and familiar species; the development and armature of the forceps vary considerably, as would be expected, and consequently there are several synonymous names.

P. tenuicornis, Borm., is a larger, but allied, species from

Sumatra.

P. nepalensis, Burr, has laminate forceps; it is only known from Nepal, and is figured in a recent work (Burr,

1910<sup>1</sup>, fig. 30).

P. figinii, Burr (1908<sup>12</sup>, p. 176), also has laminate forceps: it is based on a pair from Eritrea, in the Genoa Museum. It is interesting to note that it has a strong resemblance to some undescribed species preserved in Baltic amber of Oligocene age.

### Genus 2.—Labidura, Leach.

This genus now includes only L. bengalensis, Dohrn, and the polymorphic L. riparia, with its numerous forms, mutations, varieties, races, sub-species, or even species, according to the individual opinion of every author. The synonymy is consequently very involved, and it is difficult to assign the correct name to the various forms. Kirby (1903) has given a useful preliminary arrangement; he separates the apterous Neotropical race into a distinct genus, Demogorgon, and is followed by Borelli, but I can hardly agree with either. Personally I cannot allow more than specific rank to these large, pale, apterous forms, and not even that with a feeling of real conviction. I can only say that certain well-marked geographical races stand out, as pluvialis, Kirby, from New Guinea; truncata, Kirby, from Australia; a small apterous form from India, that I have provisionally identified with "var., inermis" of Brunner, and xanthopus, Stål, from South America; bengalensis, Dohrn, from Bengal, is of no higher rank.

#### Genus 3.—FORCIPULA, Bol.

This is a well-marked genus, containing several large earwigs, occurring in tropical parts of Asia, Africa and America, having the sides of the abdomen furnished with spines, tubercles or crests in the male, and elongate slender forceps. I offered a revision of the genus in 1904<sup>2</sup>, p. 288, and now suggest the following modified arrangement:—

#### FORCIPULA.

1.1. Abdomen segmentis nonnullis lateri- bus cristis obliquis serratis in- structis.	
2. Colore nigro, elytris rufis; species	
americana	
2.2. Colore fulvo; species indica	2. lurida, Bol.
1.1. Abdomen lateribus segmentis non-	
nullis spinis armatum.	
2. Abdomen lateribus segmentis 3-6	
spinis binis armatum; elytra	
brevia; alae abbreviatae; species	
indica	3 decolui Borm
2.2. Abdomen segmentis nonnullis	o. decouge, Dorm.
spinis singulis armatum.	
3. Elytra costa carinula nulla;	
species indicae.	
4. Statura majore 35–43 mm. (alae	
longae; abdomen spinis 4	
armatum)	4. pugnax, Kirby.
4.4. Statura minore (16-20 mm.,	
alae breves ; abdomen spinis	
2 vel 3)	4a. var. minor, Burr.
3.3. Elytra costa carinula instructa.	
4. Elytrorum carinula debili, fere	
laevia.	
5. Segmentum ultimum dor-	
sale inerme; forceps con-	
strictus; abdomen spinis	
3; colore fusco; species in-	
dica	5. trispinosa, Dohrn.

<ul> <li>5.5. Segmentum ultimum dorsale utrinque tuberculo erecto magno armatum; forceps sinuatus; colore fulvo; species africana.</li> <li>4.4. Elytra granulosa, carinula fortiori.</li> <li>5. Forceps constrictus; species orientales.</li> </ul>	6. congo, Burr.
6. Forceps ad angulum den-	7 tangata Wootw
tatus 6.6. Forceps ad angulum in-	7. tarsata, Westw.
	8. quadrispinosa, Dohrn.
5.5. Forceps sinuatus.	
6. Abdomen spinulis 3; pygi-	
dium trispinulosum;	
forceps unidentatus;	
species americana	9. quelchi, Burr.
6 6. Abdomen spinulis 4;	
abdomen inerme.	
7. Statura majore (34–38	
mm.); forceps uni-	
dentatus ; species afri-	10 : Don
cana	10. gariazzi, bor.
mm.); forceps basi	
denticulatus; species	
orientales.	
8. Forceps rectus; abdo-	
men granulosum,	
spinulis recurvis .	11. jacobsoni, Burr.
8.8. Forceps undulatus;	
abdomen punctul-	
atum; spinulis	
rectis	12. walkeri, Kirby.

# Genus 4.—Tomopygia, Burr.

This genus was erected by me in 1904, p. 287, for the curious creature from Java described by de Bormans under the name Cylindrogaster abnormis. It is undoubtedly allied to Labidura and Paralabidura, but the abbreviated elytra, broad short scutellum, small, square pronotum and exceedingly long and slender legs, are all strong characters.

#### Sub-family 8.—PARISOLABINAE.

This group was formed by Verhoeff for a district New Zealand species which he described under the name Parisolabis novae zeelandiae (1904, p. 120). I have recently added the genus Pseudisolabis (1908, p. 254) for P. walkeri, also from New Zealand. Later still, I have raised the group to the rank of sub-family (1910, p. 102). The genus Pseudisolabis now contains also P. burri, Borelli, and P. tenera, Burr, both Indian species.

#### Sub-family 9.—BRACHYLABINAE.

This interesting group was separated by de Bormans from *Anisolabis*, with which it had been unnaturally arranged previously, but it has been little known until

recently.

The group is interesting on account of several apparently primitive features. In a number of genera we find that the eyes are not spherical, as in most earwigs, but ovate or elliptical, and very large, extending from the insertion of the antennae backwards almost to the hinder margin of the head; at the same time, the head itself is not pentagonal, but almost triangular, so that in these particular genera the eyes may be said to be truly lateral.

That this large size and lateral position of the eyes is a primitive feature is indicated by the discovery of a number of fossil earwigs in the famous Tertiary Lake Basin of Florissant, in Colorado, from which Scudder described and figured no less than eleven species.

These all show an approach to a primitive type in the uniformity of character, simplicity of structure, and general similarity, but the most remarkable feature is the great size and lateral position of the eyes. This is best seen in his figs. 2 and 3 (*L. avia*), fig. 12 (*L. exsulatum*). (Scudder 1890, Tert. Ins., Pl. XVI.)

So much was Scudder impressed by this feature that he erected a species genus, *Labiduromma*, for their reception.

There are other features, too, in the *Brachylabinae* that appear to be primitive; for instance, the forceps are invariably simple; they are, in fact, the simplest imaginable type of forceps, the branches being cylindrical, that is circular in cross section, absolutely unarmed, tapering and

very gently arcuate. The only sexual difference in the forceps is that in the female the branches are somewhat

closer together at the base than in the male.

The pauci-segmentate antennae may perhaps be looked upon as another primitive feature, as also the spindle-shaped body. In many or all of the species there is a pair of curved impressions on the frons between the eyes; can these be vestiges of ocelli? These organs are unknown in

earwigs.

The total absence of organs of flight is probably to be explained rather by degeneration than by non-development, since one African form, Arlex sjoestedti, Borg., possesses signs of rudimentary elytra on the mesonotum analogous to the same rudiments in Karschiella, which is, moreover, also a primitive type, its larva probably having segmented caudal setae instead of forceps, as in its near ally Bormansia, and the not distantly related Diplatys.

The legs in the *Brachylabinae* are very simple, and show neither keels on the femora nor specialisation in the segments of the tarsi. The second segment is decidedly longer than in most other earwigs. I can detect no trace of pulvillus between the claws, nor are the claws different from those of other earwigs. The *Brachylabinae* all have a strong family likeness and cannot be confused with any other group.

Apart from the various features enumerated above, the last dorsal segment has the posterior margin emarginate or concave, and the two lobes are pointed and slightly produced over the forceps. All known species are deep dull black in colour, and probably are clothed in life with a long velvety pubescence, which is generally worn off in

cabinet specimens.

They appear to be rare insects, but are widely distributed throughout the tropical regions, occurring in Java, Burmah, India, Ceylon, Madagascar, Africa, Guatemala, Brazil, Peru, etc. This wide distribution of so well-marked a type of

earwig is probably also an archaic feature.

Verhoeff was the first to draw attention to the great size of the eyes in certain *Brachylabinae*; in his paper on "Neue ungefluegelte Eudermapteren-Gattungen" (SB. Ges. Naturfr. Fr. 1901, p. 10) he makes a special point of this feature in distinguishing his family *Isolabidae*. The words he uses are: "Augen sehr gross, hoechstens um  $\frac{3}{5}$  ihres Durchmessers von Hinterhaupte entfernt."

In a recent paper I revised the *Brachylabinae* (Ann. Mag. N. H. (8) vol. ii, pp. 246–355, 1908), showing that Verhoeff's *Isolabidae* coincide with the already known

Brachylabinae.

In that paper I sunk Ctenisolabis, Verhoeff, in Brachylabis, Dohrn, not because I considered C. togoensis (type of Ctenisolabis) congeneric with B. chilensis (type of Brachylabis), but because Verhoeff's diagnosis of Ctenisolabis gives

no character not common to Brachylabis.

But the consideration of the eyes, suggested by the study of fossil forms, suggests a modification of this arrangement, because *B. chilensis*, the type of *Brachylabis*, has eyes which are large, it is true, but do not reach back near to the posterior margin of the head, being more normally situated.

Most of other species of *Brachylabinae* known to me have lateral eyes, and this appears to be the case in *Ctenisolabis togoensis*, Verh., judging from a sketch of the type made for me by Herr Flandetsky in the Berlin Museum.

It would accordingly appear necessary to confine Brachylabis to its type, B. chilensis, and to revive Ctenisolabis with its type, C. togoensis, Verh., and also for some of the other species formerly included by me in Brachylabis, separating others into a new genus which stands in exactly the same relation to Isolabis that Ctenisolabis stands to Leptisolabis.

This modification of my former views, suggested by an examination of further material, was first put forward in a recent work on the Earwigs of India, the faunistic scope of which, however, prevented the treatment of the whole group.

I accordingly now offer a revised system, with sundry observations, upon all forms known to-day.

#### TABLE OF GENERA.

1. Oculi parvi, anteriores.

2. Elytra rudimentaria adsunt . . . 1. Arlex, n. n.

2.2. Elytra omnino desunt.

Mesonotum carinatum . . . 2. Brachylabis, Dohrn.
 Mesonotum haud carinatum . 3. Nannisolabis, Burr.

1.1. Oculi magni, laterales.

2. Antennarum segmentum 3 elongatum, duplo longius quam latius; 4 sat longum haud globulare.

- 3. Mesonotum haud carinatum . 4. Isolabis, Verh.
- 3.3. Mesonotum carinatum . . . 5. Metisolabis, Burr.
- 2.2. Antennarum segmenta brevia,
  - 3 haud vel vix longiori quam latiori, 4 globulari.
    - 3. Mesonotum carinatum . . . 6. Ctenisolabis, Verh.
    - 3.3. Mesonotum haud carinatum. 7. Leptisolabis, Verh.

#### SCHEME OF GENERA OF THE BRACHYLABINAE.

A.

Rudimentary Elytra present . . Arlex, n. n.

B.

No rudiments of Elytra.

#### Mesonotum.

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		Keeled	Smooth		
	Eyes small.	Brachylabis	Nannisolabis		
Eyes big.	3rd and 4th antennal segments long.	Metisolabis	Isolabis		
	3rd and 4th antennal segments short.	Ctenisolabis	Leptisolabis		

# Genus 1.—ARLEX, n. n.

Verhoeffia, Burr, 19089, p. 248.

This is the only member of the family showing any trace of rudiments of elytra. This feature is well shown in Borg's figure (1904, p. 568, Taf. XXVI, fig. 2), as also the normal situation of the eyes.

The genus is monotypic for Brachylabis sjöstedti, Borg.

(l. c.), from the Cameroons.

The name Verhoeffia is praeoccupied by Broleman in Myriapoda in 1895, so I proposed the new name Arlex.

# Genus 2.—Brachylabis, Dohrn.

Brachylabis, Dohrn (partim) (1884), p. 297.

, Borm. (1883), p. 64.

" Burr (1908<sup>9</sup>), p. 248.

The type of this genus is *Brachylabis chilensis*, Blanchard, from Chile.

It is very unfortunate that the true Chilian B. chilensis is not better known; it is not represented in any collection that I have examined, and I have not been able to find the types in the Paris Museum, where, however, Dohrn found them and redescribed them.

Now Dohrn's description is important, for it gives several features which preclude that species which is generally labelled *B. chilensis* in collections, but comes

from Brazil, and not from Chile.

It is a pity that Dohrn does not refer to the size, nor form of the eyes, nor to the presence or absence of a keel on the mesonotum.\* These are, of course, essential features, and as *B. chilensis* is the type-species of the group, it is most desirable that the doubt be removed as soon as possible.

The Brazilian species commonly known as *B. chilensis*, being distinct therefrom, requires a new name, for which I propose *coriacea*, as some specimens are thus named in

MS. in the Brunner collection.

The points in which B. coriacea, sp. n., differs from B. chilensis, according to Dohrn's description, are as follows:—

B. chilensis, Blanch.
(From Chile; based on Dohrn's description.)

Pronotum so breit als lang.

Pronotum in der Mitte quer geteilt durch eine Sattelfoermige Vertiefung.

Das 2te und 3te Segment des Abdomens mit deutlicher Falte.

... die folgenden Segmente beim 3 an der Seite winklig, nach hinten in eine stumpfe Spitze ausgezogen. B. coriacea, sp. n. (From Brazil.)

Pronotum about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  times longer than broad.

Pronotum not so divided; no transverse sulcus.

Tubercles feeble.

Sides of these segments in the rounded.

<sup>\*</sup> Blanchard's description and figure are equally silent on these essential points; his figure is very sketchy, and probably untrustworthy; it gives small eyes and smooth mesonotum, but we must not attach too much importance to it.

The above discrepancies are to my mind quite decisive, and I have no doubt that the Brazilian B. coriacea is quite distinct from B. chilensis. But as it is generally known under that name in collections, it is convenient to define the typical genus Brachylabis by the main generic features of B. coriacea, as I have done in the preceding table, i. e. eyes small and normal, and mesonotum keeled; the antennae segments are cylindrical, not globular, the fourth being a little shorter than the third.

It is quite possible, or even probable, that when the true *B. chilensis* is re-examined, it will be found to be generically different from *B. coriacea*. It will then be necessary to re-characterize the genus, and to erect a new

one for B. coriacea.

B. coriacea has all the characteristics of the group in colour, appearance, texture and general structure; the antennae have  $15{\text -}16$  segments, and are paler at the apex; the pronotum is about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  times as long as broad, gently widened posteriorly; the mesonotum has a distinct keel running its entire length; the legs are yellowish brown; the forceps of the male are arcuate towards the tips, and sometimes have a blunt tooth near the base.

I possess specimens from Espirito Santo, and in the Brunner collection there are specimens from Santa

Catherina and Novo Friburgo.

I may add that these are not common insects, and it is not probable that any one species should be common to Brazil and to Chile.

### Brachylabis scotti, sp. n.

Statura minore, robustiori; oculi parvi, anteriores; antennae segmentis 10 elongatis, conicis; mesonotum haud carinatum; abdomen dilatatum; forceps paullo arcuatus.

Long. corporis . . . . . 6 mm. , forcipis . . . . . . 1.5 ,,

Hab. Seychelles.

I describe this species here briefly; it will be more fully discussed in a work upon the *Dermaptera* of the Seychelles, on material obtained by the Gardiner-Scott expedition.

We must provisionally place it in this otherwise Neotropical genus; when more material is discovered, its true relationship will doubtless be better defined.

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Perhaps the creature described by Montrousier, 1864, p. 272, under the name of *Chelidura geniculata*, from New Caledonia, is to be referred here. De Bormans' collection contained a specimen, now in the British Museum, from New Caledonia, which is decidedly a Brachylabid. The antennae are missing, and the specimen is a female; but the eyes are normal, and the keels of the mesonotum are very sharp and distinct. The pronotum is a little longer than broad. It is described by de Bormans, 1900<sup>2</sup>, p. 54.

### Genus 3.—Nannisolabis, Burr.

Nannisolabis, Burr, 19101, p. 106.

I erected this genus for two Cingalese species which have normal, small, anterior eyes and globular antennal segments. The mesonotum has in its anterior portion a transverse depression which is bounded by a raised tumid ridge. Though somewhat compressed at the shoulders, this ridge is not sharp.\*

In the globular antennal segments and non-keeled mesonotum it approaches *Leptisolabis*, but differs in the

normal eyes.

The type of the genus is *Nannisolabis willeyi*, Burr, the other species being *N. philetas*, Burr, 1901, p. 322, Pl. VIII, fig. 7. The figure shows the peculiarities referred to.

Unfortunately, of the original pair of this latter species, owing to an accident, all that is left is the head and thorax of the male, but this, with the original description and figure, is enough to allow its position being satisfactorily determined.

I place here also, provisionally, a very distinct new species from Australia.

#### TABLE OF SPECIES.

- 1. Pronotum longius quam latius; species orientales.
  - 2. Pronotum parallelum, punctatum . . . 1. philetas, Burr.
- 2.2. Pronotum postice ampliatum, laeve . . 2. willeyi, Burr.
  1.1. Pronotum transversum; species australica 3. holdansi, sp. n.

<sup>\*</sup> Perhaps some of these peculiarities are due to immaturity of the specimens.

### Nannisolabis holdausi, sp. n.

Statura sat robusta; caput subquadratum; pronotum transversum; mesonotum integrum.

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Of rather stout build, for this genus large; colour deep reddishbrown or blackish, scarcely punctate.

Head broad, sutures distinct; occiput rectangular; eyes anterior and relatively small.

Antennae with 16 segments, two or three praeapical segments yellowish; 3rd segment long and cylindrical; 4th ovate, about half as long as the 3rd; the rest gradually lengthening, the apical segments about equalling the 3rd.

Pronotum distinctly broader than long, rectangular.

Mesonotum a little shorter and a little broader than the pronotum, with no keel.

Legs long and slender, typical of the sub-family, yellow, the femora and tibiae banded with black.

Abdomen somewhat dilated about the middle, tapering apically, typical.

Penultimate ventral segment narrowly rounded.

Forceps subcontiguous, rounded, rapidly tapering.

Australia: Queensland, Cooktown (coll. Brunner, No. 20, 162, 1 ♀).

Although this specimen is a female, and no male is known, the characters are so well marked that the species can be easily recognized, apart from the fact that it is the only known Australian member of the sub-family, except the doubtful *B. geniculata*.

I place it in *Nannisolabis* on account of its small eyes and smooth pronotum, but in its broad head and transverse pronotum it differs from the other two known species, as also in the long antennal segments; a new genus must be erected for it when the male is discovered. This new genus will stand in the same relation to *Nannisolabis* that *Leptisolabis* stands to *Isolabis* and *Ctenisolabis* to *Metisolabis*.

The type is in the Brunner collection, now in the Hofmuseum in Vienna.

### Genus 4.—Isolabis, Verhoeff.

Isolabis, Verh., op. cit., p. 14.

Isolabis, Burr (op. cit.).

This genus is monotypic for *I. braueri*, Verh., from Africa. It is somewhat larger than its allies.

### Genus 5.—Metisolabis, Burr.

Metisolabis, Burr, 1910<sup>1</sup>, p. 108.

Antennae segmentis longis, omnibus longioribus quam latioribus; mesonotum lateribus carina, interdam obtusa, instructum; ceteris eum *Ctenisolabide* congruet.

I formed this genus for those species which have the antennal segments elongate, cylindrical, always longer than broad, even the fourth. Thus it approaches *Isolabis*, Verh., to which it stands in the same relation as *Ctenisolabis* to *Leptisolabis*.

The type of the genus is *Brachylabis voeltzkowi*, Burr, from Nossi-bé, though that species has the keels of the mesonotum decidedly blunt and rounded, thus approaching

Isolabis.

I place Br. bifoveolata here because Bolivar figures it with clearly elongate antennal segments and well-marked keels.

#### TABLE OF SPECIES.

1. Pronotum longius quam latius; species madecassae. 2. Mesonotum carinis obtusis, usque ad marginem posticum productis 1. malgacha, Burr. 2.2. Mesonotum carinis acutis, ante marginem posticum evanescen-2. voeltzkowi, Burr. 1. Pronotum vix longius quam latius; species orientales. 2. Pedes unicolores; abdomen segmento 4 plicifero . . . . . . 3. bifoveolata, Bol. 2.2. Pedes fulvo-annulati; abdomen segmentis 3 et 4 pliciferis . . 4. caudelli, Burr.

### Genus 6.—Ctenisolabis, Verh.

This genus is now restricted to those species with short and almost globular antennal segments and keeled mesonotum, with large, lateral eyes.

The type of the genus is Ctenisolabis togoensis, Verh.

#### TABLE OF SPECIES.

1. Carinae mesonoti acutae, usque ad marginem posticum percurrentes. 2. From punctis impressis postice confluentibus; species africana . . 1. togoensis, Verh. 2.2. Frons punctis impressis haud confluentibus; species americae meridionalis . . . . . . . 2. nigra, Scudd. 1.1. Carinae mesonoti obtusae, antice marginem posticum evanescentes. 2. Corpus valde pilosum; species 3. fletcheri, Burr. 2.2. Corpus fere glabrum; species americanae. 3. Pronotum vix longius quam latius; statura minore (8 mm.), robustiori . . . . . . . . 4. montana, Bor. 3.3. Pronotum distincte longius quam latius; stature paullo majore (11.5 mm.), graciliori . . . . . . . 5. fernandezi, Bor.

Ct. togoensis, Verh., is only known to me from Verhoeff's description and a sketch of the type by Herrn Flandezky of Berlin. It appears to resemble its allies very closely, but is at present the only known African member of the genus.

Ct. nigra, Scudd., appears to be relatively common in Brazil, and extends into Paraguay. It was originally described by Scudder as a Cylindrogaster, with which genus, of course, it has no affinities. But in those days this group was exceedingly imperfectly known, and Scudder only had a single female.

Ct. fletcheri, Burr, is the only known Oriental species. Ct. montana, Bor. (1909<sup>3</sup>, p. 5), from Costa Rica, closely resembles Ct. nigra and Ct. fletcheri in appearance. It is well described, but not figured, by Borelli. It must be carefully distinguished from *Ct. nigra*. The antennal segments are rather longer than the other species, thus

affording the transition to Metisolabis.

Ct. fernandezi, Bor. (1909<sup>3</sup>, p. 4, fig. 2), is well described and figured by Borelli. It occurs in Costa Rica. The unique type has white eyes, which are very prominent, but this colour is probably not a permanent feature. The body is longer and build slenderer than in the other species, and the pronotum is much more finely punctulate than in Ct. montana.

All the species of *Ctenisolabis* have a strong family likeness, and though when placed side by side they appear to be quite distinct, it is difficult to express the difference in words. As they are apterous, and rare forms, probably each with a restricted distribution, the locality becomes an important specific character.

The occurrence of such similar species in such widely separated localities is probably an archaic feature, pointing to the great age of a group, now dying out, and which must formerly have been a dominant and widely

distributed type of earwig.

Perhaps more than one species is confused under the name *Ct. nigra*, but I cannot distinguish between Paraguayan and Brazilian specimens.

# Genus 7.—LEPTISOLABIS, Verh.

Leptisolabis, Verh., op. cit., p. 12. Brachylabis (partim), Borm.

This genus is characterised by the lateral eyes, non-keeled mesonotum and globular 4th and 5th antennal

segments.

The type is *L. usambarana*, Verh., from Usambara (Africa). It includes also the true *Br. punctata* of Dubrony from Java, which is distinct from the species quoted by him under that name from Burmah, which is *Metisolabis caudelli*, Burr.

One of the chief features of the two African species described by Verhoeff, L. usambarana and L. theoriae, is that the anterior border of the pronotum is produced into

a narrow neck. This is not the case in *L. punctata*, but is in *L. howardi*, Burr, from Guatemala.

As the two African forms are unknown to me in the flesh, I cannot erect a satisfactory table of species, but it is unlikely that a Central American insect can be confused with African forms.

By good fortune I have been able to examine the original insect quoted by Caudell from Guatemala as Brachylabis nigra. Owing to the distance between Guatemala and Para, I was not surprised to find on examination that Caudell's specimen is distinct. It is a true Leptisolabis, as will appear from the following description.

### Leptisolabis howardi, Burr.

Brachylabis nigra, Caudell, 1907<sup>2</sup>, p. 172. Leptisolabis howardi, Burr, 1910, Proc. U.S. Nat. Mus., vol. 38, p. 449.

Statura minore, gracili; colore atro, antennis pedibusque pallescentibus; corpus totum confertim punctulatum; oculi magni, marginem posticum capitis fere attingentes; pronotum elongatum et postice ampliatum, margine antico in collem producto; forcipis bracchia & cylindrica, basi haud contigua, sensim arcuata.

Long. corporis . . . . . 8 mm , forcipis . . . . . . 1.75 ,,

Size small and slender.

Colour jet black, dull. The whole body clothed with long golden pubescence. The whole surface finely and densely punctulate.

Antennae with 13 segments, brownish grey, all the segments very thick, 3rd scarcely longer than broad, 4th really broader than long; 5th globular, the rest gradually lengthening and also thickening.

Head tumid, hinder margin straight, sides convex, and in front triangular. The small marks on the frons indistinct. The punctulations are exceedingly fine.

The eyes are very large and prominent, ovate in shape, and extend from the insertion of the elytra almost in the posterior margin of the head, gently converging posteriorly.

Pronotum about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  times as long as the average breadth, all margins straight, sides gently diverging as the pronotum widens somewhat posteriorly. The anterior margin has the middle portion produced slightly, and carried a short but distinct cylindrical neck, so that the head is distinctly separated from the pronotum.



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