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## LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY,  
DIVISION OF FOSSIL INSECTS,  
*Cambridge, Mass., December 31, 1891.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the manuscript of and drawings for a report upon the Tertiary Rhynchophorous Coleoptera of the United States, the first of a series upon the fossil insects of this country, in continuation of my report upon the Tertiary insects of North America, which forms Volume XIII of the Reports of the U. S. Geological Survey of the Territories, under Dr. F. V. Hayden.

Very respectfully, yours,

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## PREFACE.

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When, in January, 1886, the Division of Fossil Insects of the U. S. Geological Survey was established, and I entered upon my duties therein, I had still on hand in an incomplete condition a report upon our Tertiary insects for the U. S. Geological Survey of the Territories, under Dr. F. V. Hayden, the plates for which were already finished. This work, which was completed early in 1890, contained a full account of all the Tertiary insects of our country known up to within a few years, as far as regarded the lower orders; but the higher orders, and especially the Coleoptera, Diptera, and Hymenoptera, which comprised those richest in material, were left nearly untouched, only the earlier found specimens in the Green river beds, and which had already been engraved on the plates, being included, leaving the far richer fauna of Florissant, Colorado, entirely untouched.

The elaboration of this immense amount of material, enlarged by additions from other localities, including some new and rich, was begun immediately upon the completion of the Hayden report, and the present work is a first instalment toward a history of our fossil Coleoptera. In the division treated are included 193 species, all but one of which come from the older Tertiaries, while there have been described (or merely indicated) from the European Tertiary rocks only 150 species, of which 9 come from the Pleistocene. Our older Tertiary rocks, therefore, are found to have already yielded nearly 28 per cent more forms than the corresponding European beds. It is altogether probable, such is the extent and richness of the fresh-water Tertiary deposits of the West, that this proportion will be largely increased in the future, particularly as the exploitation of our Tertiary insect deposits has been merely begun: the number of persons who have been engaged in any field-work upon them may be counted upon one's fingers, and no naturalist besides myself has yet undertaken their study.

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# TERTIARY RHYNCHOPHOUS COLEOPTERA OF THE UNITED STATES.

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## INTRODUCTION.

Although it is evident to any student of fossil insects that even in Tertiary deposits we possess but a mere fragment of the vast host which must have been entombed in the rocks, it is nevertheless true that we have already discovered such a variety and abundance of forms as to make it clear that there has been but little important change in the insect fauna of the world since the beginning of the Tertiary epoch. In the earlier Tertiaries we not only possess in profusion representatives of every one of the orders of insects, but every dominating family type which exists to-day has been recognized in the rocks; even many of the families which have now but a meager representation have also been discovered, and though many extinct genera have been recognized, no higher groups, with a single exception or two, have been founded upon extinct forms. This is one of the most striking and prominent facts which confront the student of fossil insects. It is the more striking from the delicacy, the tenuity, and the minuteness of many of the forms which have been entombed; and the statement may be enforced by the further fact that the parasitic groups—those which are entomophagous—are represented, as well as many of those which in the present time show peculiar modes of life. Thus we have representatives of such microscopic parasitic insects as Myrmar, strepsipterous insects have been discovered, the viviparity of the ancient Aphidæ has been shown probable, the special sexual forms of ants and white ants were as clearly

marked as to-day, and the trilingulin larva of *Meloe* has been found inclosed in amber, showing that the phenomenon of hypermetamorphism had already been developed.

The insects of the Tertiary period, therefore, afford no such interesting series as may be found in the study of Tertiary mammalia, nor as can be found in the study of the insects themselves in Paleozoic rocks. Nevertheless, a few interesting features have been pointed out which seem to stand, in some measure, as exceptions to what has been stated. Thus, in my recent work on our Tertiary insects,<sup>1</sup> I called attention to some remarkable features in the fossil plant-lice of our Tertiaries, especially the great length and slenderness of the stigmatic cell—a feature which affects the whole topography of the wing, and is found also in the only Mesozoic plant-lice known, but which, nevertheless, can not be regarded as of significant taxonomic importance, since it occurs equally in both the Aphidinae and Schizoneminae, the two principal subfamilies of that group, both to-day and formerly. So, too, in treating in the same place of the Pentatomidae, I pointed out that the scutellum was universally shorter in all our Tertiary forms, whether belonging to the subfamily of Cydninae or Pentatominae. I may further add the unpublished fact that it is a peculiarity of the Tertiary Staphylinidae of this country that the antennae and legs are measurably shorter than in modern types; this is most marked in cases where the living and extinct species of the same genera are compared. But in neither of these cases, any more than in the Aphidae, can we regard these peculiarities as any ground for separating the fossil from the recent forms as distinct groups. No doubt we shall some day be able to correlate these differences and point out their precise significance, which at present is not clear, but it is certain that they do not afford ground for maintaining that we are here dealing with extinct groups any higher than genera, or, at most, than tribes.

Yet in one or two instances extinct groups of a higher grade may be found. Thus, in the work already alluded to, and previously, I have drawn attention to a strange type of fossil Thysanura—*Planocephalus*—for which it seemed necessary to frame a new suborder, and, though its

<sup>1</sup> Tertiary Insects of North America, Reports U. S. Geological Survey of the Territories, Vol. XIII. 4<sup>o</sup>, 1890.

possible reference elsewhere has been suggested, this suggestion will hardly stand the test of investigation, and the matter remains where I left it; and in the present work attention is directed to another group—the Coleopterous family Rhynchitidæ—in which it has been found necessary to establish a new subfamily group for an abundant and varied series of insects from our Tertiaries.

In studying the Rhynchophorous Coleoptera, I have, for the first time, made use of all the material which has been collected in the most recent as well as in former years; and have been able, therefore, to do justice to the other localities of fossil insects, as well as the now famous locality of Florissant, Colorado, and I find that there is no family of American Rhynchophora paleontologically more interesting than the Rhynchitidæ. In point of numbers alone the species of this group form more than 10 per cent of the fossil Rhynchophora of North America, while in the existing fauna the Rhynchitidæ comprise less than 2½ per cent of all the Rhynchophora. Our recent Rhynchitidæ are separated by Le Conte and Horn into two subfamilies, one of which comprises the bulk of the family, while a single species is separated to form the other, the Pterocolinæ. This differs from the Rhynchitinae, among other things, by the antennæ being inserted much nearer the eyes, by the wide separation of the fore and middle coxæ, and by the broad side pieces of the metasternum. The Pterocolinæ are not represented among the fossils, but all the genera of Rhynchitinae now existing in our fauna are recognized, as well as a new generic type. These, however, are but a mere fraction of the fossil Rhynchitidæ, the bulk of them being separated as a new subfamily—the Isotheinae, a subfamily characterized by the moderate separation of the fore and middle coxæ, and by the insertion of the antennæ, which is before the middle of the basal half of the straight and porrect beak. These characters show an approach to the Pterocolinæ rather than to the Rhynchitinae, but they have narrow metasternal side pieces. This subfamily, thus clearly distinguished, is, for Rhynchitidæ, exceptionally rich in forms, since it contains no less than seven genera and thirteen species, about equally divided between two distinct tribes, all extinct. This brings the total number of fossil American Rhynchitidæ up to four-fifths that of

the existing forms, a proportion which altogether surpasses that yet found in any other family of insects. The abundance and variety of the Rhynchitidæ may, therefore, be looked upon as the most striking feature in the Tertiary Rhynchophorous fauna of North America.

The relative representation of the different families of Rhynchophora in the American and European Tertiaries, as well as their representation in America to-day (according to Henshaw's catalogue of 1885), is set forth succinctly in the following table:

*Comparative view of recent and fossil Rhynchophora.*

Families.	In Numbers.			In Percentages.		
	Recent North American.	Tertiary North American.	Tertiary European.	Recent North American.	Tertiary North American.	Tertiary European.
Rhinomaceridæ .....	5			0·5		
Rhynchitidæ .....	25	20	5	2·3	10·3	3·3
Attelabidæ .....	5		1	0·5		0·7
Byrsopidæ .....	1		7	0·1		4·7
Otiorhynchidæ .....	115	47	17	10·7	24·3	11·3
Curenionidæ .....	640	100	100	59·4	51·8	66·7
Brenthidæ .....	5			0·5		
Calandridæ .....	82	10	7	7·6	5·2	4·7
Scolytidæ .....	163	5	7	15·1	2·6	4·7
Anthribidæ .....	37	11	6	3·4	5·7	4·0
Total .....	1,078	193	150	100·1	99·9	100·1

This table shows better than any words some striking features in the American Tertiary fauna, when compared with that now existing in North America, and, indeed, to a certain extent and in much the same direction when compared with the European Tertiary fauna. These peculiarities consist in the extraordinary development of the Rhynchitidæ, already alluded to; the great preponderance of the Otiorhynchidæ, due to its remarkable development in localities other than Florissant, and the meager showing of the Scolytidæ, this last also seen in the European Tertiaries, and undoubtedly resulting from the habits of life of these insects as subcortical feeders on trees, which would prevent their deposition in places where their fossil remains could be preserved. The reduction in this direction is, indeed, so great as to effect a very slight lessening of the

relative numbers of the Curculionidæ, which here, as in the living fauna, easily hold the first place. The other relative differences between the Tertiary and existing faunas in America are but slight, the Calandridæ of the Tertiaries losing about as much as the Anthribidæ gain in relative numbers when compared with the existing fauna. As compared with the European Tertiary fauna the American shows the same excess in the relative numbers of Rhynchitidæ and Otiiorhynchidæ as it does when compared with the recent American fauna; but both the Curculionidæ and the Scolytidæ gain in relative importance in the European Tertiaries, whose chief peculiarity, however, consists in the considerable development of the small family Byrsopidæ. The Rhinomacceridæ and Brenthidæ alone, small groups, do not occur in either Tertiary fauna, and the Attelabidæ and Byrsopidæ are also absent from the American.

To bring the differences to view in another way and consider only the families represented in the American Tertiary fauna, we may mark their relative position in the scale of numbers as in the following table:

*Relative importance of the families of Rhynchophora.*

Families.	Place as to numbers.		
	Recent American.	Fossil American.	Fossil European.
Rhynchitidæ .....	6	3	6
Otiiorhynchidæ .....	3	2	2
Curculionidæ .....	1	1	1
Calandridæ .....	4	5	} 3-4
Scolytidæ .....	2	6	
Anthribidæ .....	5	4	5

This shows by a different method the same fact: That the recent American Rhynchophorous fauna agrees better in its broad features with the Tertiary fauna of Europe than with the Tertiary fauna of America.

Of the 66 old genera to which the fossil species of Rhynchophora are here referred, including 136 of the 193 species, 6 may be regarded as cosmopolitan or nearly so; 15 as gerontogeic and especially European, though often having a few American species among them; 16 as characteristic of the northern hemisphere in general, while the remainder are about equally

divided between those which are predominantly North American and those which are tropical American, but often extend to our southern borders. Of the 31 new genera (with 57 species) little can be said in this particular, but nearly half of them may be regarded as most closely allied to American and especially tropical American types; so that on the whole the American, and especially the tropical American, type predominates. It should be remarked, however, that the resemblance of the fauna to that of temperate North America is undoubtedly greater in appearance than in reality and will very probably be changed to some extent when the various species here recorded are better known; for, in default of characters which if preserved might materially change the alleged affinities of the various forms, it has seemed advisable to refer most of them to existing genera, and my opportunities for examining tropical and subtropical types have been very limited. Where characters of real importance exist, the insects generally show the prevalence of structural differences, often considerable, from modern forms.

The number of new genera here proposed is certainly greater than has been usual in the study of Tertiary insects, but this I believe to be a necessity if we are to apply the same methods to their study that we do to the study of modern insects; nor is the number surprising, since not a single species is found in our Tertiary deposits which can possibly be referred to an existing form or even to any of those which have been described from the European Tertiary rocks; and I am convinced that the actual difference between the older Tertiary and existing types is far better expressed by the separation of the former from the latter in generic nomenclature whenever, the characteristics being sufficiently preserved, they show any such differences as among modern types are regarded as warranting generic separation. It must be confessed, however, that among the fossils the Coleoptera are far less apt to have those characteristics of their structure which are seized upon for generic disassociation sufficiently preserved to warrant great certainty or insure exactitude and that those orders which display wing venation afford far better means of judgment, on account of the commonly better preserved remains of just those parts which are largely relied upon for generic discrimination.

The localities at which the species described below have been ob-



tained are but four, if we except a couple of beetles, *Otiorynchites fossilis*, found at Fossil, Wyoming, and *Hylastes squalidens*, from the Pleistocene beds of Scarboro, Ontario. These four localities are Florissant in central Colorado, the crest of the Roan mountains near the head of East Salt creek in western Colorado, the buttes bordering the White river near the Colorado-Utah boundary, and Green river city, Wyoming. All of these localities, except the Roan mountains, were described in more or less detail in my Tertiary Insects of North America. The Roan mountain beds are apparently merely an extension of those found on the White river, 50 miles distant, but here confined to the very crest of the range. Fossil insects are found at several points, but only in one spot have they been obtained in any remarkable number; here, however, in extreme abundance. As this spot was 5 miles distant from our camp and our time and supplies were limited, no great number of specimens were brought away, but enough was seen to warrant the belief that a prodigious number of specimens might be obtained there.

The detailed study of the fossil Rhynchophora has made very clear and specific one point which impressed me in general while working in the field, and that is the wide difference between the character of the fossils obtained at Florissant and those obtained at any of the other localities (perhaps excepting Elko, Nevada, of which little is known) in the Rocky mountain region. The Hymenoptera which abound at Florissant almost disappear in the other localities, while the Coleoptera, which hold a third place at Florissant, form the larger proportion of the mass in the other deposits. To test the opinion formed by the cursory examination of specimens in the field, I have counted the specimens obtained in each of the different localities visited during a single summer, and find the opinion amply confirmed.

The first set of columns in the accompanying table shows the total number of specimens (regardless of species) obtained during this season's work, separated by orders, (1) in all localities; (2) at Florissant alone; and (3) in the other localities, excluding Florissant; and the second set of columns the same figures reduced to percentages. Nothing could well be more striking than the contrasts in the Hymenoptera and Coleoptera.

*Relative abundance of the orders of insects in different western deposits.*

Orders.	Number of specimens.			Percentages.		
	All localities.	Florissant.	Other localities.	All localities.	Florissant.	Other localities.
Hymenoptera .....	277	243	34	15.2	34.5	3.0
Diptera .....	432	181	248	23.7	26.1	22.2
Coleoptera .....	806	101	702	44.3	14.8	63.0
Hemiptera .....	185	86	99	10.0	12.2	8.9
Orthoptera .....	19	2	17	1.0	0.3	1.5
Neuroptera .....	90	75	15	5.0	10.6	1.3
Arachnida .....	11	11	.....	0.6	1.5	.....
Total .....	1,820	705	1,115	99.8	100.0	99.9

Now, when we come to examine the species of Rhynchophora, we shall find that while the three localities in western Colorado and Wyoming share a number of forms in common, not a single species found at Florissant occurs in either of the others. To give the precise figures: From Florissant 116 species have been obtained; from the Roan mountains 40, of which it shares 6 with Green river and 7 with White river, besides 6 others common to all three localities, together nearly half its fauna (19 sp.); from the White river 23 species, of which it shares 2 with Green river and 7 with the Roan mountains, besides the 6 common to all, or nearly two-thirds its fauna (15 sp.); and from Green river 39 species, of which it shares 2 with White river and 6 with the Roan mountains, besides the 6 common to all, or more than one-third its fauna (14 sp.). These facts, with the field evidence, appear to show that the three principal localities in western Colorado and Wyoming are deposits in a single body of water, the ancient Gosiute lake, as it was called by King. The absolute separation, in specific forms, between the fauna of these deposits and that of Florissant must be indicative of a distinction greater than that of mere geographical position, for the Roan mountains are about equally distant from Green river and Florissant. It is clearly an indication of a difference in age, though they have usually been regarded as occupying similar horizons. In the following pages I have referred to the species regarded as belonging to the Gosiute lake as the GOSIUTE FAUNA whenever it has been desirable to speak of them in common; and in contrast I have called the fauna of Flo-

rissant, the Florissant or LACUSTRINE FAUNA. Which of them is the older can not be determined until their faunas have been more completely studied; and even then, for lack of sufficient comparisons elsewhere on the continent, it may be impossible from the insect remains alone to reach any positive conclusions. When the structure of the Green river beds has been more completely studied, their age can doubtless be determined with much accuracy; and a similar result may be reached when the age of the orographic movement shall have been determined which brought about the emptying and desiccation of the ancient Florissant lake. With these time elements given, the extent of the insect remains in the Gosiute and Lacustrine faunas is such that the relations of deposits hereafter discovered may quickly be made clear.

The difference between the Gosiute and Lacustrine faunas is shown to be much more remarkable when we examine the larger groups. Thus, of the 66 genera found at Florissant, only 18 occur also in the Gosiute fauna, which contains, besides, 31 genera not found at Florissant, and there are even a number of tribes which, as far as we yet know, are entirely confined to one or the other fauna.

Besides the beetles described or enumerated in this work, no fossil Rhynchophora have been described from any formation, Tertiary or pre-Tertiary, on the American Continent, with the single exception of a species of Curculionidæ which I have called *Hyllobiites cretaceus*<sup>1</sup> and which was discovered in the Pierre shales of the Assiniboine river, northwestern Manitoba, by Mr. J. B. Tyrrell, of the Canadian Geological Survey, in 1888.

In conclusion, the following statements may be made regarding the Rhynchophorous fauna of the American Tertiaries in general:

- (1) The general facies of the fauna is American, and somewhat more southern than its geographical position would indicate.
- (2) All the species are extinct, and though the Gosiute lake and the ancient lacustrine basin of Florissant were but little removed from each other, and the deposits of both are presumably of Oligocene age, not a single instance is known of the occurrence of the same species in the two basins.
- (3) No species are identical with any European Tertiary forms.

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<sup>1</sup>Cont. Can. Paleont., II, 30-31, pl. II, fig. 5.

(4) A very considerable number of genera are extinct, often including a number of species.

(5) Existing genera which are represented in the American Tertiaries are mostly American, not infrequently subtropical or tropical American, and where found also in the Old World are mostly those which are common to the North Temperate zone. A warmer climate than at present is indicated.

(6) There are no extinct families, but in one instance an extinct subfamily with numerous representatives.

(7) The Tertiary European fauna is nearer than our own Tertiary fauna to the existing American fauna in the relative preponderance of its families, subfamilies, and tribes.

These conclusions are almost identical, word for word,<sup>1</sup> with those reached from a study of the Tertiary Hemiptera of the United States, although in that study a far more meager representation of the Gosiute fauna was at hand.

Besides a number of specimens which could not be definitely placed, there have been examined in the preparation of this monograph 753 specimens of Rhyneophora; of which 431 come from Florissant and 320 from the Gosiute fauna.

Three of the plates which accompany this monograph were put upon stone many years ago and before a careful study of the material. Consequently several species appear on them which are not Rhyneophora at all. These have all been described, and the descriptions will in due time and place be published, but in this volume only the names are given, in the Explanation of Plates I and II.

In the enumeration of the specimens at the end of the specific descriptions, the numbers of the obverse and reverse of the same specimen are always connected by "and" without any intervening comma, and this typographical method is employed only in expressing this relation.

My warm thanks are due to Mr. Samuel Henshaw, of Cambridge, for liberal aid with his collection and by his personal knowledge of living forms, both of which have been of the greatest service to me.

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<sup>1</sup>Proc. Bost. Soc. Nat. Hist. Vol. XXIV, pp. 564-565.

## DESCRIPTIONS OF SPECIES.

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### Family RHYNCHITIDÆ.

There is no family of American Rhynchophora paleontologically more interesting than the Rhynchitidæ. In point of numbers the species of this group form  $10\frac{1}{3}$  per cent of the fossil Rhynchophora of North America, while the recent species comprise less than  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent of the existing fauna. They were also vastly more numerous, both absolutely and relatively, than in Europe, where they compose only about 3.3 per cent of the Tertiary Rhynchophora.

In keeping with this fact of their numerical importance is that of their variety of type. Our existing native species have been grouped in two sub-families, one composed of three genera, the other of one. All these genera, excepting *Pterocolus*, the type of the *Pterocolinæ*, are recognized among our fossils, but they include a mere fraction of the fossils, which embrace, besides a new generic form of *Rhynchitinae*, an entirely new subfamily of *Rhynchitidæ* with two tribes, seven genera, and thirteen species, about equally divided between the two tribes. The total number of fossil species in America is therefore fully two-thirds that of the existing forms, a proportion which altogether surpasses that found in any other family of insects. Nor is there any other family of fossil insects where it has been found necessary to establish a distinct subfamily group for an entire series of new forms. The abundance and variety of *Rhynchitidæ* may therefore be looked upon as the most striking feature in the Tertiary-Rhynchophorous fauna of North America. Of the twenty species found in our Tertiaries, three quarters are found exclusively at Florissant.

### Subfamily RHYNCHITINÆ.

Each of the three genera of *Rhynchitinae* now found in North America appears to be represented in our Tertiaries, two of them by a single species each at Florissant, *Eugnaptus* by two species at Green river; and besides

these, an extinct genus, *Mastentes*, has two representatives at Florissant. The actual number of species is therefore a little greater than in the European Tertiaries where four species have been referred to *Rhynchites* (some of which, as will be pointed out later, will probably be found to belong rather to the *Isotheinæ*) and one to an extinct type, *Antliarhinites*.

MASTEUTES (*μαστευτής*), gen. nov.

This genus is founded principally upon the first of the two species here described, the other being insufficiently preserved to be sure of its position. The head is here of small size, conical, with circular or transverse eyes, the antennæ attached to the middle of the rostrum, about as long as the prothorax, and consisting of similar, equal, slender joints perhaps twice as long as broad, excepting the last three, which form an elongate oval club fully twice as broad as the preceding and itself more than twice as long as broad. The prothorax is large, tumid, well rounded, and scarcely narrower than the base of the elytra. These have longitudinal markings and apparently cover the pygidium.

Two species occur, both at Florissant.

*Table of the species of Masteutes.*

Rostrum much shorter than the prothorax.....	<i>rupis.</i>
Rostrum as long as the prothorax.....	<i>saxifer.</i>

MASTEUTES RUPIS.

Pl. III, Fig. 29.

The dorsal view is seen in the only specimen we have. The head and rostrum, the latter hardly longer than the head, are very delicately granulate. The prothorax is coarsely and densely granulate, as are also the fore femora; the prothorax is tumid, largest in the middle and with convex sides, the base a little narrower than the elytra. The position of the fore coxæ can be seen through the body, showing them to be separated by about one-third or one-fourth of the diameter of one of the coxal cavities. Elytra with nine visible series of sharp granulate carinæ, the granulations indistinct, but of the same size as those on the prothorax, though elongate; there are also marks of the interspaces having been clothed sparsely with short hairs.

Length of body, excluding rostrum, 4.75<sup>mm</sup>; of rostrum as seen from above, 0.75<sup>mm</sup>; breadth of thorax, 1.9<sup>mm</sup>; next base of elytra, 2.5<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado One specimen, No. 4433.

MASTEUTES SAXIFER.

Pl. VIII, Fig. 4.

This species is placed here with hesitancy on account of the great length of the snout, but its general resemblance to the other species seems otherwise considerable. The head is very delicately and faintly granulate, as is also the rostrum, which is very gently arcuate, and slightly longer than the prothorax. The head, however, shows somewhat of a transverse arrangement of the granulations, giving a subcorrugate appearance. The prothorax has a similarly delicate, circular, but more distinct and densely crowded granulation. The sculpture of the elytra is vaguely preserved, but appears to be much as in the preceding species.

Length of body, excluding rostrum, 6<sup>mm</sup>; height, 2<sup>mm</sup>; length of rostrum, 2.5<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, No. 13641.

AULETES Schönherr.

This genus, of which five species are recognized in the United States, is otherwise known principally from southern Europe and the Mediterranean district, but a couple are found in Tasmania. They are insects of small size, closely allied to Rhynchites. They have not before been recognized in a fossil state, and but a single specimen has been found at Florissant, Colorado.

AULETES WYMANI.

Pl. IV, Fig. 4.

A species agreeing very nearly with our *A. ater* Le C., except in the apparently stouter thorax, striate elytra, and slenderer antennal joints. Head transversely striate and faintly punctured, with moderately small circular eyes; beak considerably shorter than the head and prothorax,

almost straight, stout, striate throughout; antennæ inserted at the middle of the beak, which they nearly equal in length, the club composed of three joints, fusiform-ovate, three times as long as broad and more than twice as broad as the joints of the stalk, which are elongate and hardly enlarged apically. Prothorax a little longer than the height of the head, scarcely rounded above longitudinally, coarsely and sparsely punctured. Elytra evidently broader than the thorax, but not greatly, very convex, deeply and coarsely striate.

Length, excluding beak, 3.35<sup>mm</sup>; beak, 1.1<sup>mm</sup>; antennæ, 0.9<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, No. 12051.

Named in memory of my former instructor and respected friend, the distinguished anatomist and paleontologist, Jeffries Wyman.

#### EUGNAMPTUS Schönherr.

Excepting a single Indian species of peculiar appearance, all the members of this slender type of Rhynchitidæ come from North America, where we have 5 species, mostly occurring in the southern and western states. They have been found fossil only in this country, at Green River, Wyoming, where we have two species (neither of them referred here with any great confidence).

##### *Table of the species of Eugnamptus.*

Elytra without punctures in the striae .....	<i>grandævus</i> .
Elytra with punctures in the striae .....	<i>decensatus</i> .

#### EUGNAMPTUS GRANDÆVUS.

##### Pl. IV, Fig. 9.

*Sitones grandævus* Scudd., Bull. U. S. Geol. Geog. Surv. Terr., II, 83-84 (1876).

*Eugnamptus grandævus* Scudd., Tert. Ins. N. A., 481-482, Pl. viii, Fig. 20 (1890).

Although no additional specimens of this species have been found since those described in my Tertiary Insects, the original description and figure were of so inferior a specimen that I have here added a figure of one of the two additional specimens described subsequently.

Green River, Wyoming, F. C. A. Richardson, L. A. Lee, A. S. Packard.



## EUGNAMPTUS DECEMSATUS.

*Eugnamptus decemsatus* Scudd., Bull. U. S. Geol. Geogr. Surv. Terr., iv, 764-765 (1878); Tert. Ins. N. A., 482, Pl. viii, Fig. 12 (1890).

The single specimen from which the species was described is still the only one known.

Green river, Wyoming. S. H. Scudder.

## RHYNCHITES Herbst.

A numerous group of nearly cosmopolitan distribution, though much richer in the northern than in the southern hemisphere. We have more than a dozen species in the United States, occurring mostly in the West, but it is far more abundant in the Old World. Four fossil species have been described from the European Tertiaries, two each from Rott and Oeningen, and a single species is described below from Florissant. The last does not agree well with any of the European fossils, but is perhaps nearest to *R. silenus* Heer, from Oeningen, which is a much slenderer insect, and the only one which approaches ours in the length of the snout. As will be seen further on, it is quite probable that some of the European forms referred to Rhynchites will have to be placed in the subfamily Isotheinae. According to Lacordaire, the beetles of this genus frequent by preference flowers and the leaves of trees.

## RHYNCHITES SUBTERRANEUS.

Pl. iv, Fig. 12.

The head is smooth, except for a slight transverse wrinkling, and, with the beak, which is very long, straight, and moderately stout, as long as the elytra. The eyes are rather small, circular, situated just next the base of the beak. The antennae are inserted just before the middle of the beak and are about three-fourths its length. Their structure is exceedingly similar to that of our living *R. bicolor* Fabr., the club appearing as if made up of four joints, of which the last three are two or three times broader than those of the stalk and perhaps half as broad again as long, with rounded sides, while the basal joint of the club is cuneiform, truncate at

each end, as broad as long, and preceded by long and slender joints, that just preceding the cuneiform joint a little enlarged at the apex. Thorax poorly preserved, but apparently a little granulated. Elytra too poorly preserved for definite description, not very strongly arched. Hind tibiæ scarcely stouter than the antennal club. Abdominal joints very sparsely granulate.

Length, exclusive of rostrum, 5.2<sup>mm</sup>; of rostrum, 2.85<sup>mm</sup>; of antennæ, 2.1<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado, one specimen, No. 13682.

The species does not appear to agree well with any of the described fossil species of *Rhynchites* most of which, indeed, as already stated, must be removed from the genus; and from our modern species it appears to differ in its relatively much broader thorax.

#### Subfamily ISOTHEINÆ.

The genera belonging here, and especially those of the first tribe, have all the aspect of Calandridæ, with their elongate form, porrect rostrum, and subconical head; but the relatively great head, ungeniculated antennæ, the loose club of the same, the four-jointed tarsi, and the subequal, completely delimited segments of the abdomen prevent the possibility of any such reference.

They are peculiar among Rhynchitidæ for the moderate separation of the fore and middle coxæ and the insertion of the antennæ, which is before the middle of the basal half of the straight and porrect beak. These characters show an approach to the Pterocolinæ rather than to the Rhynchitidæ, but they have narrow metasternal side pieces. It seems fitting, therefore, that they should be separated as a distinct subfamily.

To judge only from the descriptions and figures of the species of fossil Rhynchitidæ already described it is highly probable that several of them also may fall in this same subfamily, for the two species of *Rhynchites* described from Rott by Heyden, *R. hageni* and *R. orcinus*, have the antennæ attached at the very base of the rostrum, showing, at least, that they can not properly be placed in *Rhynchites*, and the same is the case with the

remarkable form found at Oeningen, for which Heer has proposed the name *Antliarhinus*, on account of the rostrum "of a hair-like fineness."

The occurrence of other Rhynchophora, which must plainly belong to the Rhynchitidæ, but which share with *Pterocolus* some characteristics otherwise peculiar to it, is distinct evidence that Le Conte was correct in separating *Pterocolus* from the genera with which it had been formerly associated and placing it in the Rhynchitidæ.

There appear to be two groups of genera belonging to this subfamily, which provisionally may be regarded as tribes. They may be separated as follows:

*Table of the tribes of Isotheina.*

Large species normally of an elongated form with straight dorsum, the head generally of considerable length and the rostrum always rigidly straight . . . . . *Isotheini*.  
 Small species normally of a plump and compact form, with well-rounded dorsum, the head shorter, the rostrum either straight or gently curved . . . . . *Toxorhynchini*.

Tribe ISOTHEINI.

The members of this tribe are peculiar for their considerable size, the elongate, more or less parallel-sided form, there being scarcely any if any diminution in breadth forward before the middle of the prothorax; sometimes, however, they are stout, but then do not have so arched a body as in the succeeding tribe; the head is usually of exceptional length, and the rostrum always rigidly straight and porrect, and usually long and slender.

*Table of the genera of Isotheini.*

Body elongate, fully two and a half times longer than broad or high; rostrum directed nearly straight forward; joints of club of antennæ larger at apex than at base.

Ninth and tenth antennal joints only a little larger at apex than at base. Third ventral segment of abdomen as long as the second . . . . . *Paltorhynchus*.

Ninth and tenth antennal joints twice as broad at apex as at base. Third ventral segment of abdomen shorter than the second . . . . . *Isothea*.

Body stouter, but little more than twice as long as broad or high; rostrum more or less declivent; joints of antennal club not enlarged apically . . . . *Trypanorhynchus*.

PALTORHYNCHUS (*παλτόρον, ρύγχος*) gen. nov.

Closely allied to *Isothea*, described below, differing from it in the general form of the body and the structure of the antennæ. The form is distinctly parallel-sided throughout nearly the whole of its extent, being broadest at the middle of the prothorax. The rostrum is slender and twice as long as the rest of the head, straight and porrect, and yet together with the head not much, if any, over half as long as the rest of the body. Antennæ of the same length as in *Isothea*, the first and second joints subequal, scarcely if at all stouter, and certainly shorter than joints 3-8, which are subequal, two or three times longer than broad, 9-11 forming an elongate ovate club not very deeply annulate, its basal joints at least only a little broader at apex than at base. Eyes moderately large, lateral, not prominent. Legs rather short and not stout. Third ventral segment of abdomen as long as the second.

Dr. J. L. Le Conte, who, many years ago, cursorily examined one of the specimens of this genus, remarked to me that it was a "very strange" insect.

Three species occur in Colorado, one of them not uncommonly.

*Table of the species of Paltorhynchus.*

A large species, with coarse sculpture; elytra with a deep, median, longitudinal sulcation .....	<i>narwhal.</i>
A species of medium size with delicate sculpture; elytra with no conspicuous sulcation .....	<i>rectirostris.</i>
A small species, with subdued sculpture; elytra with a pair of longitudinal sulcations, one median, the other subsutural .....	<i>bisulcatus.</i>

## PALTORHYNCHUS NARWHAL.

Pl. 1, Figs. 9, 10, 18.

A very striking species, with its anger-like beak, coarse sculpture, and deeply grooved elytra. The head besides being granulate is transversely corrugate. The prothorax, which is fullest in the middle, is coarsely granular, the granules circular, and distant from one another by rather less than their own diameter, the middle of the sides with a rather coarse arcuate

prominent ruga, followed beneath by a corresponding sulcation, adding to its distinctness, fading out before attaining the posterior margin. Elytra with similar, but even larger and sometimes more distant circular granules, showing a tendency, especially on the sutural half, to a longitudinal arrangement; a little within the middle of each elytron and parallel to the suture is a deep, straight sulcation, scarcely fading before reaching either extremity of the elytra, and another, perhaps weaker, originating not very far from the same point and becoming submarginal.

Length of body, including rostrum, 10–11<sup>mm</sup>; of rostrum, 2.5–2.75<sup>mm</sup>; breadth of body, 2.6–2.9<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Four specimens, Nos. 463, 12247 and 12248, and from the Princeton collection, Nos. 1.580, 1.847.

*PALTORHYNCHUS RECTIROSTRIS.*

Pl. IV, Fig. 8.

A smaller species than the last, with more subdued sculpture, heavier and coarser antennæ, and relatively longer beak. Head transversely and regularly corrugate, with a few independent granulations above. Prothorax not very coarsely, and not prominently granulate, the surface uniform without a lateral ruga. Elytra feebly striate, with scattered dull granulations larger and more distant from each other than those on the prothorax.

Length of body, including rostrum, 7.25<sup>mm</sup>; of rostrum, 2<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 3<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, No. 7714.

*PALTORHYNCHUS ? BISULCATUS.*

Pl. VIII, Fig. 3.

The imperfection of the specimens does not permit certainty in generic location of this species, and it is placed here only because of the general resemblance of the surface sculpture of the elytra, which is somewhat remarkable. One of the specimens shows only the fragment of an elytron, the other the dorsal view of the prothorax and elytra. The prothorax, not perfect, is faintly, distantly, and coarsely punctate, and shows a pair of longitudinal striæ close beside the middle line. The elytra are together about

half as long again as their greatest width, punctate like the prothorax, but the puncta here with a longitudinal arrangement, and besides each elytron has two rows of conspicuous punctate striae, one near the middle of the elytron fading apically, the other nearer the sutural margin than the median stria, and meeting next the tip of the elytron the apex of a slight submarginal ridge.

Length of elytra, 2.75<sup>mm</sup>.

Roan mountains, western Colorado, from the most prolific insect bed, just beneath the topmost layers. Two specimens, Nos. 295, 303, U. S. Geological Survey.

ISOTHEA (*εἰσωθεΐω*), gen. nov.

The head in this genus is of exceptional length, being slightly longer than the rostrum, and with it two-thirds as long as the rest of the body; it tapers regularly, but with full sides, to the rostrum which is stout, fully one-fourth the breadth of the head. Antennae almost as long as the greatest width of the body, fully a third longer than the beak, joints 1-2 subequal, slightly shorter and a little stouter than those succeeding, 3-5 longest, 6-8 about half as long as 1-2, 9-11 large and broad, forming an open club, of which 9-10 are twice as broad at apex as at base, subtriangular and truncate, the terminal joint obovate. Eyes large, lateral, not very prominent. Legs somewhat shorter than in *Rhynchites*, but with identical form, including the tarsal joints, unless the penultimate joint is more deeply bilobate. Structure of elytra indeterminable. Third ventral segment of abdomen distinctly shorter than the second.

The form of the body in this genus is somewhat elongate but not parallel-sided, showing a somewhat oval outline and being broadest in the middle of the abdomen.

A single species occurs at Florissant.

ISOTHEA ALLENI.

Pl. IV, Fig. 2; Pl. VIII, Fig. 1.

The specimen, admirably preserved in most of its details, lies upon its back, so that the sculpturing of the elytra can not be determined. The head is transversely and rather delicately striate, the striae turning some-

what forward at the base of the rostrum. The prothorax is delicately granulose, as are also the hind femora.

Length of body, including rostrum, 7·5<sup>mm</sup>; of head and rostrum, 3<sup>mm</sup>; of antennæ, 2·1<sup>mm</sup>; breadth of abdomen, 2·3<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado; one specimen, No. 1058.

I name this species for my friend and fellow-student, Mr. J. A. Allen, of the American Museum of Natural History, New York.

TRYPANORHYNCHUS (*τρύπανον*, *ρύγχος*), gen. nov.

The form of the body is here more plump than in the preceding genera, and the rostrum, instead of being thrust straight forward, is directed more or less obliquely downward. The head is large at base, rapidly tapers, with a full outline, and, with the rostrum, is fully two-thirds as long as the elytra; the rostrum is stout, rigidly straight, longer than the head; the eyes are moderately large, more or less oval, almost or quite longitudinal, situated next the base of the rostrum; the antennæ are inserted a little beyond the base of the rostrum, and in the only specimen in which they can be made out the basal joints are destroyed; the antennæ are about as long as the rostrum, the fourth and fifth joints cylindrical, a little enlarged apically, more than twice as long as broad; the sixth to the eighth about two-thirds as long as the preceding and more distinctly enlarged, and also more or less truncate apically; the succeeding joints form a long and slender, oval, loose club twice as broad as the stalk and four or five times as long as broad, the joints subequal. The prothorax is simple, tumid, and, with the elytra, shows a well-arched back. The legs are of moderate length, the fore femora only a little enlarged apically.

Three species occur in the western Tertiaries, all at Florissant.

*Table of the species of Trypanorhynchus.*

- Larger. Rostrum much shorter than head and thorax together, enlarged in its apical half; longer axis of eye set at an acute angle with the rostrum . . . . . *corrupticus*.  
 Smaller. Rostrum nearly or quite as long as head and thorax together, tapering throughout; longer axis of eye almost identical with that of rostrum . . . *depratus*.  
 Smallest. Rostrum of the length of the prothorax only, equal throughout or possibly tapering at base; longer axis of eye inclined slightly from that of rostrum . . . *sedatus*.

## TRYPANORHYNCHUS CORRUPTIVUS.

Pl. IV, Fig. 7.

The head tapers rapidly from the base and is rather heavily and transversely corrugate, broken into granulations to a slight extent around the eyes, which are very regularly broad-ovate, the longer axis at a slight angle with that of the rostrum; the latter moderately stout, enlarged in the middle of the apical half, a third longer than the head. Thorax heavily granulose, the granules taking on transverse sinuous courses on the sides, so as to appear almost more corrugate than granulate, but completely irregular above. Elytra with series of punctate striae.

Length over the back from tip of rostrum to tip of elytra, 12<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 3.5<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Five specimens, Nos. 8342 and 8617, 11250, 11275, 13636, 13658.

## TRYPANORHYNCHUS DEPRATUS.

Pl. IV, Figs. 5, 10.

Head tapering rather less rapidly than in the other species, but with the same transverse corrugations and with the same beads around the eyes; these are more elongate than in *T. corruptivus*, and their longer axis is almost or quite identical with that of the rostrum; rostrum slender and tapering uniformly throughout, about two-thirds longer than the head. Thorax densely granulate throughout, on the sides as above. Elytra obscure, but apparently as in the other species.

Length over the back from tip of rostrum to tip of elytra, 9<sup>mm</sup>; height, 2.5<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Three specimens, Nos. 9705, 13596, and, from the Princeton collection, 1.867.

## TRYPANORHYNCHUS SEDATUS.

Pl. II, Fig. 23.

The head is strongly arched and very distantly and finely punctate; eye rather long-oval, the longer axis pointing a little above the rostrum;



this is rather slender, apparently equal or a little stouter at base than in the middle, of the length of the prothorax, and with the slightest possible arcuation. Prothorax densely but not very coarsely punctate (granulate by reverse), with the slightest possible indication of a somewhat irregular transverse disposition. Elytra rather coarsely punctate-striate, the interspaces also punctate, but more finely and less conspicuously.

On account of its small size, the punctate head free from transverse corrugations, and the obscurity attaching to the rostrum by its inflexed position and not perfectly clear preservation, I have had some doubt about placing this insect here, but the position of the rostrum seems to be due to the excessive bending of the head, as shown by the longitudinal wrinkles behind the summit, which appear to belong to the softer membrane naturally concealed, and if this be conceded, there seems to be no valid reason for refusing it a place here.

Length over the body from tip of rostrum to tip of elytra (restoring the head to an assumed natural position), 5·2<sup>mm</sup>; length of rostrum, 1<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 1·5<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, No. 8515.

#### Tribe TOXORHYNCHINI.

The members of this tribe have commonly a plump, arched body, rarely elongate, and are usually of small size, though the largest are nearly as large as the smallest of the Isotheini, excepting *Trypanorhynchus sedatus*; the head is usually shorter, the rostrum straight or gently curved, usually of considerable length, and always porrect.

##### *Table of the genera of Toxorhynchini.*

Rostrum straight, rod-like.....	<i>Docirhynchus.</i>
Rostrum gently curved.	
Head excluding rostrum almost as long as the prothorax.	
Body elongate, relatively slender, much more than twice as long as high	<i>Teretrum.</i>
Body compact, rounded, stout, scarcely twice as long as high..	<i>Toxorhynchus.</i>
Head excluding rostrum very much shorter than prothorax.....	<i>Steganus.</i>

DOCIRHYNCHUS (*δοκίς, ρυ'γχος*), gen. nov.

A genus of Rhynchitidæ comprising beetles of smaller size and plumper form than the others in the subfamily of Isotheinæ, in which, on account of its general resemblance to them and the character and insertion of the antennæ, it appears to fall. Of the separation of the coxæ nothing can be said. The head is not more than half as long as the prothorax, well rounded from base to beak, the latter long, rigidly straight, equal, and slender, with the head at least as long as the elytra. The eyes are obscurely preserved, but apparently small, circular, and situated next the base of the beak. The antennæ are slightly longer than the prothorax, seated slightly within the middle of the basal half, the first two joints a little stouter than the following, equal, subovate, hardly twice as long as broad, the succeeding up to the club slender, cylindrical, equal or subequal, more than twice as long as broad, and scarcely longer than the basal, the last three twice as broad, scarcely longer than broad, subquadrate, forming a loose subcylindrical club. The prothorax is higher than long, even; the elytra well arched, the sculpture longitudinally disposed; the legs slender and not very long. The metasternum is long, the pygidium apparently exposed.

Two species are known, both coming from Florissant.

*Table of the species of Docirhynchus.*

Rostrum alone shorter than the elytra.....	<i>terebrans.</i>
Rostrum alone as long as the elytra .....	<i>culcx.</i>

## DOCIRHYNCHUS TEREBRANS.

Pl. IV, Fig. 6.

The head is transversely, regularly, and finely corrugate at base, delicately, feebly, and finely granulate in front, the beak with two or three longitudinal somewhat beaded carinæ; the latter is shorter than the elytra, but with the head equals them in length. The prothorax is uniformly, densely, and somewhat finely granulate, as are also the sides of the metasternum, though here they are longitudinally disposed by merging in longi-

itudinal lines. The elytra are feebly carinate, the carinæ granulate, the granulations dull and rather smaller than on the prothorax; a few scattered short hairs can be seen. The abdominal segments are feebly, coarsely, and transversely corrugate, the corrugations irregular and broken.

The specimen figured does not show the antennæ.

Length of body, excluding rostrum, 3.5<sup>mm</sup>; height, 2<sup>mm</sup>; length of rostrum, 1.6<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Three specimens, Nos. 498, 6982, 7558.

#### DOCIRHYNCHUS CULEX.

Pl. VIII, Fig. 2.

The sculpturing of the surface is somewhat obscurely preserved, but the head can be seen to be transversely corrugate, and the beak, which is excessively long and straight, as long by itself as the elytra, is longitudinally carinate. The prothorax appears to be finely granulate, and the elytra striate, but little can be seen.

Length of body, excluding rostrum, 4.2<sup>mm</sup>; height, 2.2<sup>mm</sup>; length of rostrum, 3<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, No. 8823.

#### TERETRUM (τέρετρον), gen. nov.

Head conical, nearly as long as broad, the eyes rather large, inferior, the facets large and few in number; rostrum gently curved, moderately slender; antennæ imperfectly preserved and in only one species, where the club is twice as broad as the funicle, its joints subquadrate and equal. Thorax higher than long, more or less arched. Elytra with longitudinal sculpture; pygidium apparently exposed. Legs unusually slender, except the apically swollen fore femora.

Two species occur, one each from Wyoming and Colorado.

#### Table of the species of *Teretrum*.

Rostrum considerably longer than the prothorax.....*primitum*.  
Rostrum scarcely, if at all, longer than the prothorax.....*quiescitum*.

## TERETRUM PRIMULUM.

Pl. IV, Fig. 3.

Head very delicately, finely, regularly, and transversely corrugated or carded with a few granulations anteriorly; rostrum smooth, imperfectly preserved, but evidently very gently curved and nearly as long as the head and prothorax combined. Thorax well arched, with feeble, sparse, but rather coarse granulations. Elytra with feeble distant carinæ not well preserved.

Length, excluding rostrum, 3.75<sup>mm</sup>; height, 1.8<sup>mm</sup>; length of rostrum, 1.5<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, No. 6377.

## TERETRUM QUIESCITUM.

Pl. VIII, Fig. 6.

Head obscure but apparently rather coarsely granulose, the rostrum of the same character, very gently arcuate, of about the length of the prothorax. Prothorax finely and irregularly rugulose, scarcely arched above. Elytra finely striate and serially granulose, the granulations pretty large.

Length, excluding rostrum, 2.7<sup>mm</sup>; height, 1.2<sup>mm</sup>; length of rostrum, 0.6<sup>mm</sup>.

The head is twisted upside down in the specimen drawn.

Green river, Wyoming, from the upper part of the bluffs behind the town. One specimen, No. 740, U. S. Geological Survey.

This insect bears a close general resemblance to the European *Cossonus marionii* Oust. from the Aix Tertiaries.

TOXORHYNCHUS (*τόξον, ῥύγχος*), gen. nov.

The form is very compact, the dorsum strongly arched. The head is conical, nearly as long as broad, the eye large, circular or nearly circular, situated at the very base of the snout, the latter delicate, scarcely arcuate, at least as long as the head. Antennæ, obscurely preserved in only a single specimen of one of the species, inserted very near but not at the base of the beak, as long as it, slender, the club composed of subquadrate joints not

greatly enlarged. Thorax nearly twice as high as long. Elytra heavily carinate. Legs moderately slender with normally thickened femora.

Two small species occur in the western Tertiaries, both at Florissant. The smaller should be regarded as the type.

*Table of the species of Toxorhynchus.*

Eye not much, if any, wider than the beak; the latter of ordinary stoutness. . . . . *minusculus*.  
 Eye three times as wide as the beak; the latter exceedingly delicate. . . . . *oculatus*.

TOXORHYNCHUS MINUSCULUS.

Pl. IV, Fig. 1.

Head smooth but for the transverse striation or carding, which is very regular and delicate; eye circular or transversely oval, surrounded with granulations, which are also seen upon the rostrum. This is very gently arcuate, having a general direction nearly in continuation of the general direction of the upper outline of the head, and is of about the length of the prothorax. Prothorax rather coarsely and rather densely granulose, as is also the whole under surface of the body, though more sparsely, and with perhaps larger granulations. Elytra with about ten very prominent granulate carinae, the interspaces also irregularly granulose, all the granulations of the same size as those on the prothorax. Femora, and even tibiae, minutely and faintly transversely corrugate, on the tibiae showing a tendency to break up into granulations.

Length, excluding rostrum, 2<sup>mm</sup>; height, 1.1<sup>mm</sup>; length of rostrum, 0.6<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Seven specimens, Nos. 7344, 8952, 9224, 10024, 10902, 14490, 15256.

TOXORHYNCHUS OCULATUS.

Pl. IV, Fig. 11.

A single specimen, unfortunately with the very delicate rostrum broken. Head very small for this group, apparently smooth, the exposed side almost entirely occupied by the large subcircular eye, the hinder margin of which reaches the prothorax and the facets of which are unusu-

ally large, scarcely less than 0.02<sup>mm</sup> in diameter; rostrum excessively slender. Prothorax very delicately and uniformly granulate, and also, as far as can be seen, but less delicately, the abdominal segments. Elytra with heavy and coarsely granulate carinae, the interspaces delicately granulate like the thorax.

Length, excluding rostrum, 3.15<sup>mm</sup>; height, 2<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, No. 13600.

STEGANUS (*στεγανός*<sup>1</sup>), gen. nov.

A very different type from any others in the subfamily, but linked to them by several characteristic features, and especially recalling the larger *Isotheini* in its elongate form. The head is excessively short in proportion to its height, and appears as if enveloped in the large hood-like prothorax. The eyes are small, transversely oval. The beak is separated from the head by a distinct though fine constriction, is slender, scarcely arcuate, porrect, fully as long as the prothorax. The antennae are not preserved. The prothorax is tumid, considerably higher than long, roughly sculptured. The elytra are also rather coarsely sculptured, but are scarcely at all arched. The legs, excepting the stout fore femora, are slight and of moderate length. Apparently the pygidium is covered.

A single species occurs, in the Roan mountains of western Colorado.

STEGANUS BARRANDEL.

Pl. VIII, Fig. 5.

The head and rostrum are perfectly smooth, the former at least four times as high as long; the transverse eyes are scarcely longer than the width of the slender rostrum, which is somewhat longer than the prothorax, narrows at the base, and beyond is equal and very slender. Prothorax well arched above, truncate at each extremity, coarsely punctato-rugose. Elytra punctato-rugose, but more densely than the prothorax, and with distinct longitudinal arrangement, the puncta following faintly impressed striae much narrower than they.

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<sup>1</sup> In allusion to the enveloped head.

Length, excluding rostrum, 4.3<sup>mm</sup>; height, 1.5<sup>mm</sup>; length of rostrum, 1.7<sup>mm</sup>.

Roan mountains, western Colorado, in the most prolific beds close to the summit. One specimen, Nos. 1015 and 1016, U. S. Geological Survey.

Named in honor of the distinguished Bohemian paleontologist, the late Joachim Barrande.

### Family OTIORHYNCHIDÆ.

The Otorhynchidæ are well represented in the American Tertiaries, the numerical preponderance of the species having then been much more than double what it is now. But the most striking fact is its importance for the Gosuite fauna, where 15 genera and 32 species occur, against 10 genera and 14 species at Florissant. Excepting in the Scolytidæ, which have but 4 species in the western Tertiaries, and are thus relatively insignificant, no other family shows a preponderance of forms in the Gosuite fauna; and as the preponderance is here very marked we may fairly regard the Otorhynchidæ as thoroughly characteristic of this fauna. It is a further curious fact that the Florissant Otorhynchidæ are mostly made up of members of different tribes from the others, the Evotini and Promecopini belonging exclusively, or almost exclusively, to the Lacustrine fauna, while the Taamecini, Cyphini, and Phyllobiini are exclusively, the more numerous Ophryastini and Otorhynchini almost exclusively, Gosuite; the Brachyderini alone are divided equally between both. No other family of Rhynchophora shows in so striking a manner a division of tribes between the two principal horizons of the western Tertiary insect beds, and it is therefore probable that the fossils of this family may in the future furnish the best indications (as far as Rhynchophora are concerned) of the horizon of future insect localities in the West.

In Europe the number of genera and species is far less than in America, and the tribes Ophryastini, Evotini and Promecopini, having in America fully two-fifths the genera and nearly half the species, do not appear to occur at all, nor do any tribes occur in Europe which are not found in America, excepting the extinct tribe Pistorhynchini, which is represented by a single species. Even in the tribes that are the same the

genera are mostly different; thus the Brachyderini are represented by *Liparus*, *Anisorhynchus*, and *Brachyderes*, five species in all; the Otorhynchidae by *Otorhynchus* and *Laparocerus*, a half dozen species, all Pleistocene; the Tanymecini by *Thylacites*, a single species; the Cyphini by *Naupaetus* and *Strophosomus*, a couple of species; and the Phyllobiini by *Phyllobius* and *Polydrosus*, in amber. We find, therefore, only 11 genera and 17 species in Europe, against 23 genera and 47 species in America. The importance of the Otorhynchidae in the American Tertiaries, and particularly in the Gosiute fauna, is therefore apparent.

The following table will give in detail the peculiarities of this distribution, by which it appears that the relative development of the different tribes in the recent American fauna is in this instance more nearly approached by the American than by the European Tertiary fauna.

*Table of tribal distribution of recent and fossil Otorhynchidae.*

Tribes.	Recent North American. (Henshaw's Catalogue.)		Tertiary North American.		Tertiary European.	
	Number of species.	Per centage.	Number of species.	Per centage.	Number of species.	Per centage.
Brachyderini .....	13	11.3	6	12.8	5	29.4
Ophryastini .....	40	34.8	13	27.7	0	0.0
Otorhynchini .....	27	23.5	9	19.1	6	35.3
Dirotoognathini .....	1	0.9	0	0.0	0	0.0
Tanymecini .....	7	6.1	1	2.1	1	5.9
Cyphini .....	13	11.3	3	6.4	2	11.8
Evotini .....	3	2.6	5	10.6	0	0.0
Phyllobiini .....	5	4.3	6	12.8	2	11.8
Promecopini .....	6	5.2	4	8.5	0	0.0
Pristorhynchini .....	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	5.9
Total .....	115	100.0	47	100.0	17	100.1

#### Tribe BRACHYDERINI.

A half dozen fossil species of this tribe have been found in America, three species of *Epicaerus*, typical of the Gosiute fauna, and one species each of *Hormorus*, *Trigonoseuta*, and *Tenillus*, the last an extinct type, all from the Florissant basin, and so far as known peculiar to the Laeustrine fauna. In the European Tertiaries it was one of the most abundant tribes



of Otiorhynchidæ, for Heyden describes a Liparus from Sieblos, and Giebel one from Aix, mentioned and figured first by Curtis. Besides, two species of Anisorhynchus have been described and figured from Kutschlin and Corent by Deichmüller and Oustalet, and two of Brachyderes from Aix by the latter. Weyenbergh also claims that Anisorhynchus occurs at Solenhofen in the Brown Jura.

• EPICÆRUS Laporte.

This is an exclusively American type of weevil, far more abundant in tropical and subtropical than in temperate America, but three or four species occur in our southern states, including one as far north as Pennsylvania. Three species, possibly to be referred to two, are found in the western Tertiaries, though none of them are found at Florissant. It seems to be the prevailing type at Green river, White river, and the Roan mountains, and may be regarded as one of the characteristic features of the Gosiute fauna.

*Table of the species of Epicærus.*

Larger species, exceeding 5.5 <sup>mm</sup> in length exclusive of rostrum.....	<i>exanimis</i> .
Smaller species, not exceeding 5 <sup>mm</sup> in length.	
Striæ of elytra more narrowly separated; eyes transversely ovate .....	<i>saxatilis</i> .
Striæ of elytra more widely separated; eyes circular .....	<i>effossus</i> .

EPICÆRUS EXANIMIS.

*Eudiagogus exanimis* Seudd., Bull. U. S. Geol. Geogr. Surv. Terr., II, 58 (1876).

*Epicærus exanimis* Seudd., Bull. U. S. Geol. Geogr. Surv. Terr., IV, 765 (1878); Tert. Ins. N. A., 479-480, Pl. VII, Fig. 31, Pl. VIII, Figs. 30, 31, 38, 42 (1890).

This is the commonest species in the Green river beds. Twenty-three additional specimens have been found, consisting mostly of elytra only, though half a dozen of them preserve the rest of the body as well, or parts of it. From these it may be stated in addition to the original description that the fourth and fifth abdominal segments together are about equal to either the second or fifth; that the first and second segments are separated by a suture strongly and rather widely arcuate in the middle, and that the intercoxal piece of the metasternum is arcuate in front; the abdomen is broadest at the first segment and narrows rather rapidly behind. The

measurements of the interspaces between the elytral striæ in the original description are twice too large.

Green river, Wyoming, from the bluffs behind the town. Fourteen specimens, Nos. 715, 716, 720, 722, 734, 738, 747, 749 and 986, 987, 988, 990, 994, 995, 997, U. S. Geological Survey. Roan mountains, western Colorado, in the richest shales at the top of the bluffs at the head of East Salt creek. Three specimens, Nos. 262, 1004, 1042, U. S. Geological Survey; and at the same locality, a few feet lower down, four specimens, Nos. 3, 4, 35, 961, U. S. Geological Survey. White river, Colorado, in the lowest shales on the southern side opposite Canyon Butte. One specimen, No. 496, U. S. Geological Survey. White river, Utah, from the very highest shales on the northern side next the Colorado line. One specimen, Nos. 919 and 964, U. S. Geological Survey.

#### EPICÆRUS SAXATILIS.

*Eudiagogus saxatilis* Scudd., Bull. U. S. Geol. Geogr. Surv. Terr., II, 84-85 (1876).

*Epicærus saxatilis* Scudd., Bull. U. S. Geol. Geogr. Surv. Terr., IV, 765 (1878); Tert.

Ins. N. A., 478-479, Pl. VIII, Figs. 33, 34, 36 (1890).

Four additional specimens of this species have been found, one at the same locality (Green river, Wyoming) as the original, No. 30, L. A. Lee; another in the same place but at a different station, namely, the bluffs behind the town, No. 717, U. S. Geological Survey; the others from the summit of the Roan mountains, western Colorado, near but not in the richest insect beds in the bluffs overlooking the head of East Salt creek; two specimens, Nos. 953, 978, U. S. Geological Survey.

The measurements of the interspaces of the elytra in the original description are twice too great, and there are nine and not six striæ.

#### EPICÆRUS EFFOSSUS.

*Eudiagogus effossus* Scudd., Bull. U. S. Geol. Geogr. Surv. Terr., II, 85-86 (1876).

*Epicærus effossus* Scudd., Bull. U. S. Geol. Geogr. Surv. Terr., IV, 765 (1878); Tert.

Ins. N. A., 480-481, Pl. VIII, Figs. 7, 35 (1890).

Additional elytra referred to this species have been found in new localities: Roan mountains, western Colorado, from the richest insect beds

at top of bluffs opposite head of East Salt creek. Three specimens, Nos. 1007 and 1008, 1017 and 1018, 1027 and 1028, U. S. Geological Survey. White river, Utah, from the highest summits of the buttes next the Colorado line on the northern bank. One specimen, No. 962, U. S. Geological Survey.

The measurements of the interspaces between the elytral striæ given in the original description are twice too large.

#### HORMORUS Horn.

A genus founded on a single species from eastern North America, still the only one known. To it I have referred a single fossil from Florissant.

#### HORMORUS SAXORUM.

Pl. II, Fig. 4.

Provisionally, until further material is obtained, I place in this genus a species which seems to belong here or in its near neighborhood from the structure and relations of the posterior coxæ, the straight suture between the first and second abdominal segment, the length of the antennal scape, the form of the rostrum, and the general facies; but the length and slenderness of the funicle of the antennæ, and indeed of the scape as well, indicate that it should be placed outside of it but in the near vicinity; the third and fourth abdominal segments also are together somewhat longer than the second. The single specimen is, unfortunately, not very well preserved, but shows the following characteristics: Head smooth, with delicate, transverse, curving rugæ; rostrum (incorrectly rendered on the plate) straight, declivent, nearly as long as the thorax, stout, being fully half as high as long, equal or subequal, finely granulated, the apex rounded; eyes rather small, rounded, not over a third as broad as the rostrum. Antennæ very slender throughout, the scape enlarged apically but not coarsely, attaining the middle of the eye; funicle exceedingly slender and equal, nearly as long as the head and rostrum together, the club lacking. Prothorax sub-cylindrical, equal, without tuberosities, minutely rugulose. Elytra poorly preserved, but with series of indistinct circular lenticles, probably casts of rather weakly impressed puncta.

Length, 10<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum beyond eyes, 2<sup>mm</sup>; elytra, 7<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 3.75<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, No. 8787.

### TRIGONOSCUTA Motschulsky.

A genus known by a single species only, from California. The fossil species which I place here can hardly have found its proper home, though it would seem to be not far removed from it. The stoutness of the rostrum and want of obliquity of the antennal scrobes, with its more compact form and the greater transverseness of the thorax, would seem to separate it, while the form of the femora, the relation of the coxæ, the breadth and convexity of the intercoxal process of the hind legs, the form and size of the second abdominal segment, and the course of the suture separating this from the first segment are points of particular resemblance.

### TRIGONOSCUTA INVENTA.

Pl. II, Fig. 3.

Body stout, compact, a little more than half as long again as broad. Head small, finely punctate; eyes large, transversely broad-oval; antennal scrobes scarcely oblique; rostrum shorter than the head, rather stout as seen laterally, sparsely and not very finely punctate. Prothorax apparently fully twice as broad as long, densely and rather finely punctate; in front, finely and transversely striate. Elytra coarsely punctato-striate, the interspaces with a single row of finer circular puncta, separated from each other in the same row by half their diameter. Anterior coxæ attingent; middle pair separated by a very narrow space, less than one-fourth the diameter of the coxal cavity; hind pair very widely distant, nearly twice the diameter of the coxal cavity. Femora large, long, clavate, punctate. Tibiæ moderately slender, not flexed. First and second abdominal segments long, separated by a sinuous suture; whole under surface densely, uniformly, and rather coarsely punctate.

The specimen shows at the same time dorsal and ventral aspects, but

the thorax is partially and the head completely turned to show a side view.

Length, exclusive of rostrum, 5.25<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 0.5<sup>mm</sup>; breadth, 3.2<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, No. 2271.

TENILLUS (*τένω, ἴλλος*), gen. nov.

The length of the beak of this insect suggests at first that it belongs to the Curculionidæ, but the completely concealed metasternal epimera, with the stoutness of the rostrum, indicate pretty clearly that it belongs to the Otiorhynchidæ. As the thorax shows no signs of postocular lobes or fimbriæ, and the antennal scrobes are lateral and curve down so as to terminate beneath the eye, it clearly belongs in the Brachyderini, but it can not possibly be referred to any of our living genera. The head is moderately long, but the rostrum, a little arcuate, is nearly twice as long as the head and apparently with a pair of superior longitudinal sulci; the eyes are broadly oval and longitudinal. The thorax is tapering without ocular lobes or fimbriæ. The first and second abdominal segments are subequal and slightly longer than the equal third and fourth, all with distinct and simple sutures, as far as can be seen. Tibiæ a little arcuate, the third tarsal joint apparently not wider than the second. It would seem to be not far removed from *Trigonoscuta* and *Calyptillas*.

A single species is known, from Florissant.

TENILLUS FIRMUS.

Pl. VIII, Fig. 8.

Head subconical, punctate, as coarsely but not quite so densely nor nearly so deeply as the prothorax; eyes fully half as long again as high, infringing on the beak, which is stout, considerably arcuate, especially toward the apex, longer than the thorax and nearly twice as long as the head, apparently smooth. Prothorax much higher than long, tapering, very densely, rather coarsely, and deeply punctate. Under surface of thorax similarly but even more densely punctate; of abdomen, indistinctly punctate.

Elytra punctato-striate, the interspaces apparently flat and smooth. Femora moderately stout, apparently delicately punctate.

Length, excluding rostrum, 4<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 0.85<sup>mm</sup>; height, 2<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, No. 3023, collection of R. D. Lacoe.

#### Tribe OPHRYASTINI.

With the exception of a couple of species, referred to Ophryastites as indicative of an alliance to Ophryastes, and which come from Florissant, all the fossil species of this tribe, relatively the most important of the family, are characteristic of the Gosiute fauna. They consist of four species of Ophryastes, two others of Ophryastites, one of Exomias, and four of Phyxelis. None of these genera have been elsewhere recognized in a fossil state.

#### OPHRYASTES Schönherr.

Excepting a single Siberian species, this is an exclusively American type, much more abundant in north temperate America than further south. The seven species found in the United States are all found in the western half of the continent. Four species occur in the western Tertiaries, none of them at Florissant, so that it would appear to be peculiar to the Gosiute fauna.

##### *Table of the species of Ophryastes.*

Elytra not exceeding 7.5<sup>mm</sup> in length.

Eye rounded beneath.....*compactus*.

Eye pointed beneath.....*petrarum*.

Elytra exceeding 8<sup>mm</sup>.

Elytral punctures large.....*grandis*.

Elytral punctures small.....*sp.*

#### OPHRYASTES COMPACTUS.

*Ophryastes compactus* Scudd., Bull. U. S. Geol. Geogr. Surv. Terr., IV, 765-766 (1878); Tert. Ins. N. A., 477-478, Pl. VIII, Fig. 39 (1890).

No additional specimens have been found.

Green River, Wyoming. S. H. Scudder.

## OPHRYASTES PETRARUM.

Pl. VIII, Fig. 10.

I have placed this insect in the same genus as *O. compactus* of the Green river beds, from their close general resemblance, although the totally different form of the eye would seem to forbid it. It is a little larger than that species, and does not so nearly resemble recent species of *Ophryastes*. The head is short and smooth, the snout much enlarged, almost bullate, with a short basal neck; the antennal scrobes oblique, passing beneath the eye, but straighter than usual in *Ophryastes*, the eye transverse, oval, with a slight obliquity, rather larger above than below. The prothorax is considerably higher than long, well arched above, the surface uniformly vermiculato-rugose, with no lateral ruga: the rugosities somewhat subdued. Elytra well arched, with no very abrupt apical descent, with close series of large, attingent, circular punctures (or on the reverses elevated lenticles), the series of opposite sides of the elytron showing a tendency to unite toward the apex.

Length, excluding snout, 9.5<sup>mm</sup>; of snout, beyond eye, 0.1<sup>mm</sup>; of elytron, 7.3<sup>mm</sup>; height in middle, 4<sup>mm</sup>.

Roan mountains, western Colorado, from the most prolific beds at the crest of the bluffs at head of East Salt creek. One specimen, Nos. 338 and 342, U. S. Geological Survey.

Here also belongs an elytron, from the very lowest shales on the White river, western Colorado, opposite Canyon butte. No. 507, U. S. Geological Survey.

## OPHRYASTES GRANDIS.

Pl. VIII, Fig. 7.

Only a single elytron has been found, but this agrees so well in form and sculpture with the other fossil species placed here that I include it in the same category, although much larger than any of them. The interspaces between the punctured striæ are either naturally very flat or have been abraded; the striæ suddenly depressed, but not very deeply, except by the equally abrupt and somewhat deeper, large, circular puncta, which

are separated from each other in the same series by slightly more than their own diameter, and this is a little greater than that of the stria in which they are placed.

Length of elytron, 10<sup>mm</sup>; greatest width, 4.5<sup>mm</sup>.

Roan mountains, at summit of bluffs at head of East Salt creek, western Colorado. One specimen, No. 102, U. S. Geological Survey.

#### OPHRYASTES? sp.

A large, stout, short-snouted, but very imperfect specimen seems to be nearly related to this genus. It is too fragmentary and imperfect to be worth figuring, and need only be mentioned as perhaps the largest beetle discovered on the White river. It is fully as large as our largest species of *Ophryastes*. The rostrum is hardly longer than broad; the thorax tumid and longitudinally coarsely and heavily ridged; the elytra striate, with small, not very deeply impressed punctures; the interspaces elevated, but more or less flattened. The hinder part is broken off, but its full length is estimated to have been about 15.5<sup>mm</sup>; the fragment is 13.5<sup>mm</sup> long and 6.5<sup>mm</sup> high.

The very highest beds on the summit of the buttes on the right bank of the White river, Utah, next the Colorado boundary. No. 920, U. S. Geological Survey.

#### OPHRYASTITES, gen. nov.

Under this generic name I propose to group such species as are insufficiently represented, by elytra which can not be referred to other known fossil species, but which agree closely, so far as can be told by these elytra, with the same parts in other *Ophryastini*. They all show a more or less vaulted form, though often obscured by pressure, and nine series of punctured striae, those of opposite sides of the elytron meeting near the apex, to a greater or less degree, and sometimes accompanied by an impressed line bordering either margin. Four species are found in the western Tertiaries, at Florissant, the Roan mountains, and White river, Colorado.



*Table of the species of Ophryastites.*

Elytra more than twice as long as broad.

Elytra hardly more than twice as long as broad.

Punctures of striæ large and shallow.....*abscosus*.

Punctures of striæ small and deep.....*cinereus*.

Elytra nearly or quite two and a half times as long as broad.....*digressus*.

Elytra less than twice as long as broad.....*dispertitus*.

## OPHRYASTITES ABSCOSUS.

Pl. IX, Fig. 1.

This species is a little larger than either of the others and of a coarser structure, and apparently was densely scaled; the interspaces between the striæ are heavily and coarsely ridged, and the punctures moderately large and moderately deep, the striæ themselves not deeply or at least not sharply impressed.

Length, 7<sup>mm</sup>; breadth, 3.25<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Three specimens, Nos. 506, 1099, 11309.

## OPHRYASTITES CINEREUS.

Pl. VIII, Fig. 12.

The single imperfect specimen of this species (the base of the elytra is broken) appears to have been densely scaled like the last, but the interspaces are scarcely ridged, being only gently arched, while the striæ are deep, narrow, and sharp, and the punctures still deeper and finely impressed; the proportions are apparently the same as in the preceding species.

Length of fragment, 5<sup>mm</sup>; probable length of elytron, 6<sup>mm</sup>; greatest breadth, 2.75<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, No. 972, U. S. Geological Survey.

## OPHRYASTITES DIGRESSUS.

Pl. IX, Fig. 2.

This species differs from the other two in the much more elongated form of the elytron, and in the more distinct impression, apically, of the

marginal striae of either side. The interspaces appear to be nearly flat, the striae fine and slightly impressed, and the punctures distinct, but slight and exceptionally distant.

Length, 6.5<sup>mm</sup>; breadth, 2.5<sup>mm</sup>.

Lowest shales, White river, western Colorado. One specimen, No. 487, U. S. Geological Survey.

#### OPHYRSTITES DISPERTITUS.

Pl. IX, Fig. 3.

A poorly preserved elytron, of very broad form and overlying in part its mate, represents a stouter but otherwise rather smaller species than the others. The elytron is scarcely less than twice as long as broad, tapering from the middle, but only gradually, until near the tip, where it evidently had an abrupt descent, the apex being broadly rounded. There are nine shallow and rather broad striae, which are filled with rather sharply and somewhat deeply impressed, not very large, circular puncta, separated from one another by about their own diameter.

Length of elytron, 4.5<sup>mm</sup>; breadth, 2.5<sup>mm</sup>.

Roan mountains, western Colorado, from the richest beds at the summit of the bluffs at head of East Salt creek. One specimen, No. 135, U. S. Geological Survey.

#### EXOMIAS Bedel.

This is a European genus, fairly supplied with species, of which a single one is also found in the United States, in New York. To it I refer a single fossil from the Roan mountains of Colorado.

#### EXOMIAS OBDUREFACTUS.

Pl. IX, Fig. 4.

Body subcylindrical; head short; beak half as long as prothorax, or as long as the head, stout, broadly rounded at tip, front margin rather strongly convex; eyes circular, their diameter half the width of the beak, the facets about 0.02<sup>mm</sup> in diameter. Prothorax higher than long, truncate

at each extremity, hardly arched, the surface bluntly rugose. Elytra from two and one-third to two and one-half times as long as broad, very gently arched, descending not at all rapidly behind, the striae shallow, marked by not very deep but moderately large circular punctures, their own diameter apart, inducing very slight transverse creases beside them, which are generally inconspicuous.

Length, excluding rostrum, 4<sup>mm</sup>; head and rostrum, 1.1<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 1.4<sup>mm</sup>.

Roan mountains, western Colorado, from the richest shales at summit next head of East Salt creek. Five specimens, Nos. 309, 1002 and 1003, 1005 and 1006, 1035, and 1056, U. S. Geological Survey; from near the same, one specimen, No. 11, U. S. Geological Survey.

#### PHYXELIS Schönherr.

Phyxelis is now a monotypic genus, having but a single species, found on the Atlantic slope of the United States. One or more of the four species here referred are found in all the principal Tertiary localities of the West excepting Florissant. The species placed here in all probability belong to two or more different genera, and it is doubtful whether any one of them properly belongs in Phyxelis. They are placed here provisionally until better specimens may show further details of their structure. The last two, at least, seem to belong together.

##### *Table of the species of Phyxelis.*

Larger forms, exceeding 3.5<sup>mm</sup> in length:

Eye small, transverse ..... *dilapsus*.

Eye large, subcircular ..... *cœcissus*.

Smaller forms, less than 3.5<sup>mm</sup> in length ..... *erigoratus*.

The fourth species, being insufficiently known, is omitted from the table.

#### PHYXELIS DILAPSUS.

Pl. VIII, Fig. 11.

The single specimen is preserved so as to show a nearly dorsal view. It is a stout, pretty well rounded form. The head is extremely short, hardly

allowing more than the rather small obovate transverse eyes to be seen. The beak is more than two-thirds as long as the prothorax, broad and equal, broadly rounded at the tip, with scarcely any sign of an apical expansion. Thorax twice as broad as long, somewhat tapering, the surface roughened and perhaps punctate. Elytra a little broader than the thorax, each fully twice as long as broad, broadly rounded apically, subequal, the surface very faintly scored with fine striae and profusely, finely, and faintly punctate.

Length, including rostrum, 4<sup>mm</sup>; elytra, 2.5<sup>mm</sup>; breadth, 2<sup>mm</sup>.

Green river, Wyoming, from the bluffs behind the town. One specimen, No. 984, U. S. Geological Survey.

*PHYXELIS EXCISSUS.*

Pl. VIII, Fig. 16.

The single specimen is here shown upon a side view. Its form is entirely similar to that of the last species, but the head is not so extremely short. The eye is large and circular; unfortunately the beak, partially seen at first, was broken and lost in attempting to work it out from the matrix; what was seen did not show it to differ from that of the preceding. The thorax is fully half as high again as long, tapering, hardly arched above, the surface rather coarsely and obscurely punctate. Elytra similarly punctate without reference apparently to the similarly coarse and somewhat obscure striae; they are together evidently broader than the thorax, and each is considerably less than twice as long as broad, rapidly descending, but well rounded posteriorly, moderately arched above. Femora scarcely enlarged, very faintly and finely striate.

Length, excluding rostrum, 3.75<sup>mm</sup>; elytra, 2.6<sup>mm</sup>; height, 1.75<sup>mm</sup>.

Roan mountains, western Colorado, from the richest shales at the summit, opposite the head of East Salt creek. One specimen, No. 1033, U. S. Geological Survey.

*PHYXELIS EVIGORATUS.*

Pl. VIII, Figs. 13, 14, 15.

Head very short, nearly concealed from above by the prothorax; eyes rather small, circular; rostrum moderately stout, nearly equal, about three-

fourths as long as the prothorax. The latter viewed from above much broader than long, truncate, and of about equal width at each extremity, the sides full, the surface rather coarsely and very shallowly punctate. Elytra about two and a half times longer than broad, finely, sharply, and delicately, but not deeply, punctato-striate, the interspaces feebly rounded and apparently sparsely pilose. Legs short, the femora rather broad, the tibiae rather stout and straight. Abdomen rapidly tapering posteriorly, feebly and minutely punctate, the suture between the first and second segments (either of which is as long as the third and fourth together) slightly angulate or curved, the convexity forward.

Length, excluding rostrum, 3.25<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 0.5<sup>mm</sup>; elytra, 2.25<sup>mm</sup>; breadth of thorax, 1.2<sup>mm</sup>.

White river, Utah, next the Colorado line, from the very highest parts of the buttes. Two specimens, Nos. 898, 901, U. S. Geological Survey. Roan mountains, western Colorado, near the richest beds at summit of bluffs at head of East Salt creek. One specimen, No. 960, U. S. Geological Survey.

PHYXELIS ERADICATUS.

Pl. VIII, Figs. 17, 18.

This species, which, if the specimens here collected really belong together, varies considerably in size, differs from the preceding, *P. erigoratus*, mainly in the greater slenderness of the elytra and their coarser and sharper markings. In the largest the elytron is about two and a third times longer than broad, with nearly straight sutural margin, very strongly arcuate outer margin, and subacuminate apex. There are ten punctured striae, the striae rather shallow and not sharp, and the interspaces smooth and broadly arched, but the puncta are rather coarse, tolerably deep, circular or more or less longitudinal, and heavier on the basal than the apical half of the elytron.

The specimens are fragmentary and will hardly bear further description. In one the abdomen is clearly shown and it resembles that of the preceding species in every particular except that it is more bluntly rounded behind.

Length of elytra, 2.1-4.1<sup>mm</sup>; width of same, 0.75-1.8<sup>mm</sup>.

Roan mountains, western Colorado, from the richest beds at summit of bluffs at head of East Salt creek. Two specimens, Nos. 1009 and 1010, 1060 and 1061, U. S. Geological Survey. White river, Utah, next the Colorado line, from the highest point on the butte. One specimen, No. 906, U. S. Geological Survey.

#### Tribe OTIORHYNCHINI.

Four species of *Otiorynchus*, four of *Otiorynchites*, and one of *Neoptocus* have been found in our American Tertiaries, all but one (a species of *Otiorynchites* from Florissant) belonging to the Gosiute fauna. None of these genera have ever before been recognized in the earlier Tertiaries. The only members of this tribe recorded from the European Tertiaries are five species from the Pleistocene, all regarded as identical with existing forms, and a single species of *Laparocerus* from diluvial beds in Madeira, mentioned by Heer.

#### OTIORHYNCHUS Germar.

This genus, now the most prolific in forms among all the Rhynchophora, numbers its species by the hundreds, almost all of which are geontogeic, North America having but a scant half dozen, some of which are identical with those of the Old World.

In Europe, the genus has been recognized in a fossil state only in the Pleistocene, Heer and Flach having described three or four species or varieties which are regarded as identical with living species. In America we have referred here four species, mostly known (like the European) from their elytra; two of the species occur at Green river and two at the Roan mountains.

##### *Table of the species of Otiorynchus.*

Elytra exceeding 5<sup>mm</sup> in length.

Prothorax only a little higher than long; puncta of the elytra longitudinal. *perditus*.

Prothorax nearly twice as high as long; puncta of the elytra circular. *subtractus*.

Elytra not exceeding 4<sup>mm</sup> in length.

Striae between the punctures distinct and sharp..... *tumba*.

Striae between the punctures indistinct..... *flaccus*.

## OTIORHYNCHUS PERDITUS.

*Otiorhynchus perditus* Scudd., Bull. U. S. Geol. Geogr. Surv. Terr., II, 84 (1876); IV, 766 (1878); Tert. Ins. N. A., 476-477, Pl. VIII, Fig. 25 (1890).

No additional specimens have been found.

Green river, Wyoming. F. C. A. Richardson, S. H. Scudder.

## OTIORHYNCHUS SUBTERACTUS.

Pl. IX, Fig. 8.

Closely allied to *O. perditus*, from which it differs in its slightly larger size, slightly more curved and stouter rostrum, and somewhat differing sculpture of the elytra. The rostrum is nearly twice as long as high, considerably arcuate, equal, well-rounded at the tip, as much longer than the head as it is shorter than the prothorax, nearly smooth; the eyes are transverse, slightly broader above than below, about half as long as the breadth of the rostrum. The prothorax is nearly twice as high as long, tapering, and a little tumid, the surface minutely subrugulose. The elytra are well arched, twice as long as broad, with series of rather feebly punctate, rather heavy striae, the puncta shallowly impressed and circular instead of being longitudinal as in *O. perditus*; the interspaces are feebly arched and delicately subrugulose.

Length, 9<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum beyond eyes, 1.7<sup>mm</sup>; height of same, 0.8<sup>mm</sup>; length of elytra, 6<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 4<sup>mm</sup>.

Roan mountains, at summit of bluffs at head of East Salt creek, western Colorado. One specimen, Nos. 54 and 133, U. S. Geological Survey.

## OTIORHYNCHUS TUMBE.

*Otiorhynchus dubius* Scudd., Bull. U. S. Geol. Geogr. Surv. Terr., IV, 766 (1878).

*Otiorhynchus tumba* Scudd., Tert. Ins. N. A., 477, Pl. VIII, Fig. 13 (1890).

The single original specimen is the only one yet known.

Green river, Wyoming, from beneath the Fish cut. S. H. Scudder.

## OTIORHYNCHUS FLACCUS.

Pl. IX, Fig. 5.

A pair of elytra in natural juxtaposition of a blackish brown color. They are fully three times as long as broad, and equal throughout nearly

their entire length, the surface microscopically punctate with closely crowded, very shallow punctures running into each other laterally, so as to effect a faint and exceedingly delicate transverse wrinkling; besides which there are longitudinal rows of rather large, deep, circular punctures (bead-like elevations in this cast) removed from each other by considerably more than their own diameter.

Length of elytron, 4<sup>mm</sup>; breadth, 1.2<sup>mm</sup>.

Roan mountains, western Colorado, from close to the richest beds at the summit of the cliff at head of East Salt creek. One specimen, No. 1, U. S. Geological Survey

#### OTIORHYNCHITES.

Fritsch has employed this term for the elytron of a Coleopterous insect from Secondary rocks plainly belonging to the Rhynchophora. It is here used for certain Tertiary elytra, most of them bearing a close resemblance to those of *Otiorhynchus*, merely to indicate their general affinities. They are much larger than our native species of *Otiorhynchus*. Four species are described, two from the Roan mountains, Colorado, one of these also from Green river, and one each from Fossil, Wyoming, and Florissant, Colorado.

##### *Table of the species of Otiorhynchites.*

Markings of elytra relatively delicate.

Outer margin of elytra nearly parallel to inner.....*absentivus*.

Outer margin strongly convex.

Interspaces between the striae flat.....*tysoni*.

Interspaces between the striae strongly convex.....*fossilis*.

Markings of elytra exceedingly heavy.....*commutatus*.

#### OTIORHYNCHITES ABSENTIVUS.

Pl. IX, Fig. 13.

Elytra somewhat elongated, subparallel with well rounded apex, with ten rows of moderately deep punctate striae, subconfluent and evanescent at the tip, the tenth stria entire, the puncta circular, with a slight tendency to become longitudinal, moderately deep, each separated from its



follows by considerably more than its own diameter; the interspaces flat and densely clothed with rather coarse pile.

Length, 7<sup>mm</sup>; breadth, 3<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, No. 969 and 970, U. S. Geological Survey.

#### OTIORHYNCHITES TYSONI.

Pl. IX, Fig. 12.

Elytron of moderate length, the inner margin straight, the outer strongly convex, the apex pointed, scarcely outside the line of the inner margin; ten not very deeply impressed striae, all but the first, second, ninth, and tenth subconfluent at some distance before the tip, these, and especially the first and second, evanescent beyond the others, leaving a considerable portion of the tip smooth; puncta small, rather deeply impressed, slightly elongated, distant from each other by scarcely more than their own length; interspaces flat, smooth.

Length, 6<sup>mm</sup>; breadth in advance of middle, 2.75<sup>mm</sup>.

Roan mountains, western Colorado, from the richest beds at top of bluff at head of East Salt creek. One specimen, No. 199, U. S. Geological Survey. Green River city, Wyoming, bluffs behind town. One specimen, No. 791, U. S. Geological Survey. (This last is placed here with much doubt.)

I have given this species the name of the late Philip T. Tyson, the geologist of Maryland.

#### OTIORHYNCHITES FOSSILIS.

Pl. VIII, Fig. 9.

Elytron of moderate length, the inner margin nearly straight, the outer very strongly convex, the elytron narrowing strongly at base, the apex bluntly pointed; ten deeply impressed, sharp striae, the second and third strongly arcuate at apex, almost meeting the tenth and inclosing a small open space, where the intermediate striae converge but do not become even subconfluent, fading apically; puncta strong, those of the first stria linear,

the others subcircular, a little elongate, deeply impressed; interspaces strongly convex, almost ridged, especially on the inner third.

Length, 5.5<sup>mm</sup>; breadth in middle, 2.5<sup>mm</sup>.

Fossil, Wyoming. One specimen, No. 564, U. S. Geological Survey.

OTIORHYNCHITES COMMUTATUS.

Pl. ix, Fig. 9.

A single fragment of an elytron is provisionally placed here, simply as typical of the family. It differs very much from anything else seen in the extreme heaviness of the markings. The base is broken off. It represents a pretty large beetle of a stout form. The elytron is slightly arcuate, narrows only on the apical third, and is broadly rounded posteriorly with a rectangular apex. There are nine series of very large, rather strongly but not sharply depressed rectangular or slightly longitudinal punctures, giving the appearance of broad, rather deep sulci, bridged by rather narrow, distant, transverse carinae.

Length of fragment, 4.75<sup>mm</sup>; probable length of elytron, 5.5<sup>mm</sup>; breadth, 2.5<sup>mm</sup>.

Roan mountains, western Colorado, from the richest beds at summit of bluffs overlooking head of East Salt creek. One specimen, No. 189, U. S. Geological Survey.

NEOPTOCUS Horn.

A single Floridian species represents this genus, to which with some doubt I have referred a fossil from the Roan mountains and White river of western Colorado.

NEOPTOCUS? sp.

Pl. ix, Fig. 6.

A couple of specimens showing very short and broad elytra, rapidly descending behind, are referred here provisionally. It is quite possible they do not belong together. One specimen shows also the thorax, which is very short and broad, nearly or quite as broad at base as the elytra, tapering

rapidly and arched, its surface a little rough. The elytra are scarcely longer than the height of the body, acutely striate, with rather distant distinct punctures.

Length of body, 4.6<sup>mm</sup>; elytra, 3.2<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 3<sup>mm</sup>.

White river, western Colorado, from the very lowest shales. One specimen, No. 544, U. S. Geological Survey. Roan mountains, western Colorado, from near the richest shales at summit of bluff at head of East Salt creek. One specimen, No. 951, U. S. Geological Survey.

#### Tribe TANYMECINI.

A single species of *Tanymeceus* occurs at Green River, and a species of *Thylacites* has been described by Deichmüller from Kutschlin, Bohemia.

#### TANYMECUS Germar.

The Old World possesses the largest number of species of this genus in which Gemminger and Harold in 1871 catalogued fifty-seven species, but besides the two which are found in the eastern half of the United States, only two others are known from the New World, Mexico and Brazil possessing each one species. The only fossil species recognized is one found at Green River, Wyoming.

#### TANYMECUS SECLORUM.

*Tanymeceus seclorum* Seudd., Tert. Ins. N. A., 475-476, Pl. VIII, Fig. 22 (1890).

No more specimens have been found.

Green River, Wyoming. Dr. A. S. Packard.

#### Tribe CYPHINI.

Three existing genera of this tribe, each with a single species (*Entimus*, *Syntomostylus*, and *Artipus*), are found in the White river and Roan mountains, but have not been found apart from the Gosiute fauna. In Europe a species of *Naupactus* is described from Oeningen by Heer, and Smith mentions a species doubtfully referred to *Strophosomus* as found in the Eocene of Peckham, England.

## ENTIMUS Germar.

This is a South American genus, comprising four or five magnificent species, of which the Brazilian diamond beetle is an example. The fossil from White river which I referred here many years ago is too fragmentary to be so placed with any confidence, but, in default of further specimens to revise the reference, I have thought best to leave it here.

## ENTIMUS PRIMORDIALIS.

*Entimus primordialis* Scudd., Bull. U. S. Geol. Geogr. Surv. Terr., 11, 84 (1876); in Zittel, Handb. d. Paleont., I, ii, 789, Fig. 1011 (1885); Tert. Ins. N. A., 474-475, Pl. v, Figs. 109, 109a (1890).

This species was based on a single specimen found by Mr. W. Denton on the White river, Colorado, near the Utah boundary. No additional remains have been found.

## SYNTOMOSTYLUS (σύντομος, στυλος) nom. nov.

This name is proposed to replace *Brachystylus* of Schönherr (1845), since the latter name had been previously employed for a genus of Carabidæ by Chaudoir (1838).

The genus is composed of but a single living species, the *Chlorophanus acutus* of Say, found in the middle Atlantic states and Kentucky. One fossil species is found on the White river and the Roan mountains, western Colorado.

## SYNTOMOSTYLUS RUDIS.

Pl. IX, Fig. 2.

Represented only by elytra, which show a slender, strongly convex, laterally arcuate form, agreeing fairly well with our *Syntomostylus acutus* (Say) with a similar subacuminate tip, but not subsinuous striae. They are about three times as long as broad, the striae moderately deep and broad, the interspaces convex, the punctures not very deep, large, and circular, involving more than the striae, but not crowded.

Length of elytron, 5<sup>mm</sup>; breadth, 1.7<sup>mm</sup>.

Roan mountains, western Colorado, from near the richest shales on summit of bluff at head of East Salt creek. One specimen, No. 104, U. S.

Geological Survey. White river, western Colorado, from the lowest shales on the southern side. Two specimens. Nos. 457, 463, U. S. Geological Survey.

ARTIPUS Schönherr.

This is a West Indian genus with three existing species of small size, of which one is found at Key West. A single fossil from the White river is referred here with some hesitation.

ARTIPUS? RECEPTUS.

Pl. IX, Fig. 7.

The species here referred does not seem to belong in this genus, but I can find no other with which it so well agrees. The form is compact, stout, well rounded, and even. The head is short, broad at base, and tapers very rapidly to the very stout snout, which more nearly resembles that of *Strophosomus*, though the antennal scrobes pass toward the middle of the eye and not beneath it; the head is granular, like the thorax, but the beak smooth; the beak tapers with an arcuate upper surface, and shows no sign of apical enlargement; the eyes are not large, and are circular. The thorax is profusely but rather delicately granulate, and its upper surface forms a uniform arch with the not very convex elytra; it is short, and the sides of the front are roundly and deeply emarginate. Elytra about twice as long as broad, with fine, sharp, deep, delicately punctate striæ; interspaces flat, clothed with short pile.

Length, excluding beak, 3.5<sup>mm</sup>; of rostrum, 0.75<sup>mm</sup>; of elytra, 2.5<sup>mm</sup>; height, 1.75<sup>mm</sup>.

White river, eastern Utah, from the top of the very highest buttes. One specimen, No. 708, U. S. Geological Survey.

Tribe EVOTINI.

This is the only tribe of Otiiorhynchidæ which has been found fossil only at Florissant, and so may be regarded as typical of the Lacustrine fauna. Three genera have been recognized, one with two species being an extinct type called *Evopes*; the others, with three species between them, being *Lachnopus* and *Omileus*, American types.

## LACHNOPUS Schönherr.

A characteristic West Indian genus with about forty species. A single one is found in Florida. That two species should occur in the Tertiary beds of Florissant is an indication of the warmer climate of Oligocene times in that region.

The species here referred to *Lachnopus* are among the largest of our fossil Rhyngophora and much larger than the single species living in the United States, but smaller than many exotic forms. They (or at least the best known species) appear to differ from *Lachnopus* in some important features, such as the direction of the antennal scrobes and the length of the scape, perhaps also in the form of the thorax; and though the two species here described have somewhat differently formed legs, the larger and least known species agreeing best with living *Lachnopus*, they yet agree so well in general features that it has seemed best not to separate them.

*Table of the species of Lachnopus.*

Elytral punctures sharply circular, separated by fully their own diameter; adjoining interspaces of equal elevation. Femora stoutest in apical half. . . . . *recuperatus*.  
 Elytral punctures more or less, though slightly, transverse, separated by much less than their own length; adjoining interspaces of unequal elevation. Femora stoutest in middle. . . . . *humatus*.

## LACHNOPUS RECUPERATUS.

Pl. II, Figs. 8, 12.

Form moderately stout, oval. Head and rostrum considerably longer than the thorax, very finely and densely punctured, the rostrum considerably longer than the head, which is scarcely longer than the diameter of the large round eye. Antennal scrobes running against and not beneath the eye, the scape passing but little the anterior margin of the same; funicle and club together about twice as long as the scape, the club oval. Thorax almost twice as high as long, truncate at base, slightly fuller in the lower part of the sides, the base bisinuate, the surface very compactly and somewhat finely punctate. Elytra oblong-oval, less than two and a half times longer than broad, with rows of moderately large, sharply impressed, circu-

lar punctures, usually separated by more than their own diameter, and situated in barely impressed shallow striae, the tenth stria complete; interspaces flat or gently convex and similar. Legs with subclavate femora internally emarginate apically, apically expanded and mucronate tibiae, and short and broad apically expanded tarsal joints. Under surface of the body and coxæ densely punctate. Second segment of the abdomen, incorrectly given on the plate, as long as the two following segments together and separated from the first by an arcuate suture.

Length of whole body, 11.5<sup>mm</sup>; elytra, 7.5<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Three specimens, Nos. 2450, 9215 and 11252, 12438.

LACHNOPUS HUMATUS.

Pl. II, Fig. 11.

This species is represented only by a couple of elytra, one of them accompanied by a leg. It differs from the preceding in the coarser punctures of the striae, which are so heavily impressed as to involve slightly the sides of the interspaces and give the punctures somewhat of a transverse appearance; they are also separated by a less distance from each other, and the alternate interspaces are somewhat more elevated than the intermediate ones. The femora show scarcely any sign of any internal apical emargination, are largest in the middle, and not in the apical half; the tibiae are scarcely expanded apically and of much slenderer form.

Length of elytra, 8.5<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Two specimens, Nos. 420, 3975.

EVOPES (εὐώπησις), gen. nov.

Rostrum longer and slenderer than the head, which is not prolonged behind the eyes; eye moderately large, circular; antennal scrobes oblique and arcuate, passing beneath the eye; antennæ very long and slender for this tribe, the scape gradually enlarging to the apex so as to be clavate, reaching the posterior margin of the eye; funicle distinctly more than half as long again as the scape, very slender, with obconic joints, of which the first two are longer than the others and subequal, the others subequal among themselves; club subfusiform or elongate oval, apically pointed, fully half

as long as the scape, the three joints subequal and indicated only by the suture. Thorax truncate at both extremities, without ocular lobes or fimbriae. Elytra apparently wider than the thorax (none of the specimens are preserved with a dorsal view), with rounded humeri. Second segment of the abdomen equal in length to the two following together, separated from the first by a straight suture. Apparently none of the tibiae are mucronate at tip; tarsi rather slender.

This genus seems to belong to the Evotini. The mesosternal side pieces are diagonally divided and subequal, and the metathoracic episternum is moderately broad; there are clearly no ocular lobes nor fimbriae on the prothoracic margin behind the eyes; the tenth stria of the elytra is free, and the head is not prolonged behind the eyes. It differs, however, from any of the genera known to me, autopically or by description, in the length and slenderness of the antennae. It seems to belong nearest to *Lachnopus*, which is represented in our living fauna by a single species in Florida, but by many others in the West India islands.

Two fossil species are known, both from Florissant.

*Table of the species of Evopes.*

Rostrum stouter than the fore femora; granulation (or punctuation) of the prothorax subdued .....	<i>veneratus.</i>
Rostrum no broader than the fore femora; granulation of the prothorax distinct and sharp .....	<i>ocubatus.</i>

EVOPES VENERATUS.

Pl. 1, Figs. 15, 21.

Form oblong, rather compact. Head, apparently including rostrum, and prothorax very finely beaded (or punctured), the former more finely than the latter, both very uniformly and not very sharply. Head and rostrum slightly longer than the thorax, the latter much stouter than the fore femora; prothorax higher than long, gently arched above, scarcely broader at base than at apex, truncate at each extremity. Elytra rather elongate, the lateral margin very gently sinuate at the base, with rows of rather sharp, rather deeply punctured striae (showing on reverses as sharp beaded ridges), the punctures slightly longitudinal and in each row removed from



their neighbors by rather more than their own length. The whole is of a uniform blackish or blackish brown color.

Length, excluding rostrum, 7.7<sup>mm</sup>; of head and rostrum, 2.3<sup>mm</sup>; of antennae, 4.2<sup>mm</sup>; of elytra, 5.5<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 3<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Seven specimens, Nos. 1653, 5939 and 7635, 6543, 8157?, 11270 and 13033, 11798 and 12048, 13015.

EVOPES OCCUBATUS.

Pl. II, Figs. 7, 15.

Form as in the other species. Head, including rostrum, and prothorax finely, similarly, and uniformly beaded (or punctured), the sculpture distinct and sharp. Head and rostrum considerably longer than the thorax, the latter scarcely or not at all stouter than the fore femora. Prothorax higher than long, scarcely arched above, tapering distinctly forward, truncate at each extremity. Elytra shaped as in *E. veneratus*, the striae slender and slightly impressed, the punctures delicate, much smaller than in the other species, but deeply impressed and in virtue only of their lesser size separated by wider intervals; elytra clothed with linear series of hairs, apparently arising from the punctures, nearly as long as the interspaces. Color as in the other species.

Length, excluding rostrum, 7<sup>mm</sup>; of head and rostrum, 2<sup>mm</sup>; of elytra, 5.5<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Four specimens, Nos. 486, 8970, 11772, and in the Princeton College collection, No. 1591?

OMILEUS Horn.

This monotypic genus is known at present only in Texas, and it is interesting therefore to find a fossil form at Florissant.

OMILEUS EVANIDUS.

Pl. II, Fig. 14.

Head and rostrum longer than the prothorax, the surface smooth or nearly so, but the rostrum longitudinally sulcate and stout, much stouter than the fore femora; scape of antennae barely reaching the middle of the

eye, the funiculus and club together slightly shorter than the thorax; eye circular (represented too large on the plate). Prothorax much higher than long, truncate at each extremity, with no fimbriae, the surface punctaturogose. Elytra not very elongated, well arched posteriorly, with linear series of rather large circular punctures widely separated from each other and represented in the cast by rather pronounced lenticles, separated from each other by considerably more than their own diameter over most of the elytra, but subconfluent, forming ridges (or striae) toward the apex. The hind femora nearly reach the tip of the abdomen.

Length, including rostrum, 7<sup>mm</sup>; of head and rostrum, 1.75<sup>mm</sup>; of elytra, 4.1<sup>mm</sup>; height of body posteriorly, 2.8<sup>mm</sup>.

This species, though not very closely resembling our living *O. epicauroides* Horn, seems to agree with it in all generic features, excepting in the somewhat shorter antennal scape and the completely circular eye; the second abdominal segment appears, also, to be relatively longer, and when more fully known, it may have to be generically distinguished.

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, No. 6544. It is possible that another but a poorly preserved specimen, No. 5075, may belong here.

#### Tribe PHYLLOBIINI.

The six fossil species from America referred to this tribe are equally divided between *Phyllobius* and *Scythropus*, and being altogether absent at Florissant, may be regarded as typical of the Gosiute fauna. Curiously both genera may be regarded as gerontogic. The tribe is represented in European Tertiaries\* by *Phyllobius* and *Polydrosus*, said by Burmeister to occur in amber.

#### PHYLLOBIUS Schönherr.

This is an Old World type, with numerous species largely confined to the northern hemisphere. A single European species has been found, perhaps occurring by accident, in Canada, and another is credited to Mexico. Very close to this genus, if not belonging to it, are three fossil species in the Roan mountains, White river, and Green river Tertiaries, but none are found at Florissant. Burmeister says he has seen a species of *Phyllobius* in amber, but otherwise it has not before been recognized among the fossils.

The species from the Rocky mountain Tertiaries included here are known only by their elytra, and are consequently not placed here with any certainty. They are, however, very similar to, though coarser in their sculpture than, other remains referred to the allied genus *Scythropus*, the latter of which are regarded as more definitely placed from the testimony of other parts of their structure.

*Table of the species of Phyllobius.*

Interspaces between elytral striae flat or broadly rounded.	
Strial punctures of elytra very large and coarse, as wide as or wider than the interspaces .....	<i>antecessor.</i>
Strial punctures of elytra only moderately large, narrower than the interspaces .....	<i>carcerarius.</i>
Interspaces between elytral striae with a median carina .....	<i>arus.</i>

PHYLLOBIUS ANTECESSOR.

Pl. ix, Fig. 16.

A single elytron with its reverse is all that is preserved. It is a little less than two and a quarter times as long as broad, gently vaulted, nearly straight, but with a scarcely perceptible arcuation, the humeral angle scarcely rounded, the apex rounded subacuminate. There are ten series of large, circular puncta, as large as or larger than the intervening interspaces, abruptly and rather heavily impressed, those in each row separated from their neighbors by about the same distance as those of neighboring rows, but irregular, and with the intervening space barely channeled. Interspaces flat or broadly arched, smooth.

Length of elytron, 4<sup>mm</sup>; breadth, 1·8<sup>mm</sup>.

Roan mountains, western Colorado, from the richest beds at crest of bluff overlooking head of East Salt creek. One specimen, Nos. 264 and 301, U. S. Geological Survey.

PHYLLOBIUS CARCERARIUS.

Pl. ix, Fig. 11.

Only elytra are known. They differ from the preceding species, principally in having the markings less coarse. The breadth is contained a little

more than two and a third times in the length; the form does not differ from that of the preceding species. Nine or more series of circular puncta can be seen, the puncta of moderate size and somewhat impressed, separated from their neighbors in the same row by rather less than their diameter, but from those in the neighboring row by very much more than that. Interspaces smooth and flat, or gently arched.

Length of elytra, 3.1<sup>mm</sup>; breadth, 1.3<sup>mm</sup>. None are quite perfect, and the measurements may not represent the dimensions with exactitude.

White river, Colorado, from the lowest shales. One specimen, Nos. 452 and 454, U. S. Geological Survey. White river, Utah, from the very highest shales on the northern buttes next the Colorado line. One specimen, No. 897, U. S. Geological Survey.

#### PHYLLOBIUS AVUS.

##### Pl. IX, Fig. 17.

Single elytra are all that are known of this species, though one specimen shows part of the abdomen, but too vaguely to be of any aid. The elytron is about two and two-fifths longer than broad, very gently vaulted, the apex somewhat acuminate. Eight series of puncta can be traced, slightly less distant from one another the farther they are from the straight sutural margin, the puncta very small, sharply but not deeply impressed, circular or with a slight longitudinal tendency. Interspaces flat and smooth, the middle line distinctly elevated as a slight and slender carina.

Length, 3<sup>mm</sup>; breadth, 1.25<sup>mm</sup>.

It is possible that the specimens from Green river do not belong here; they are certainly of a broader form than the typical specimen and more obscure.

White river, Utah, from the highest beds on the northern buttes next the Colorado line. One specimen, No. 701, U. S. Geological Survey. Green River, Wyoming, from the buttes behind the town. Two specimens, Nos. 736, 980, U. S. Geological Survey.

#### SCYTHROPUS Schönherr.

A genus with relatively few species found in the northern hemisphere, and in about equal numbers in the Old and New World, though our species

are almost exclusively confined to California. Three species have been found in the Tertiaries of Green River, White river, and Roan mountains, one referred here with much doubt, but none from Florissant, so that it may be regarded as one of the characteristic features of the Gosiute fauna.

The species placed here are known principally by their elytra only, which agree closely with those of our living forms. The abdomen is preserved in an instance or two, and shows the third and fourth segments not more than together equal to the second, which is separated from the first by an arcuate suture; the hind coxæ are widely separated, and the intercoxal process is broadly arcuate in front; the abdomen is rather narrow, narrowing posteriorly, well rounded apically, and the middle coxæ are narrowly separated.

*Table of the species of Scythropus.*

Puncta of elytra feebly impressed.....	<i>subterraneus.</i>
Puncta of elytra deeply impressed, at least in the basal half.	
Larger species. Striæ of elytra equally distant throughout.....	<i>somniculosus.</i>
Smaller species. Striæ of elytra much more widely separated in the middle of the elytra than at the base.....	<i>abacus.</i>

SCYTHROPUS SUBTERRANEUS.

Pl. IX, Fig. 14.

Single elytra only are known, excepting that a few stones show a pair found together, in a couple of instances spread and accompanied by the abdomen, and in another showing an upper view of head and thorax. The head is short and nearly concealed beneath the thorax; eyes small, oval, transverse (in this respect not agreeing with living species); beak half as long as the prothorax, and somewhat longer than broad, truncate with rounded angles. Prothorax bullate, somewhat broader than long, densely and not very finely punctate, anteriorly constricted. Elytra from two and a quarter to two and a third times as long as broad, tapering beyond the middle by the strong curvature of the outer margin, while the sutural margin is straight, the humeral angle well rounded, the apex subacuminate; there are ten rather delicately punctate, sharply impressed striæ, the inter-

spaces smooth and well arched, with a median series of short, distant bristles.

Length of elytra, 1.9–2.6<sup>mm</sup>; average, 2.3<sup>mm</sup>; breadth, 0.8–1.1<sup>mm</sup>.

Green River, Wyoming, from the buttes behind the town. Five specimens, Nos. 724, 744, 746, 981, 993, U. S. Geological Survey. The same from the fish cut on railway. One specimen, No. 41, L. A. Lee. White river, Utah, from the very highest beds on the north side next Colorado boundary. Seven specimens, Nos. 705, 706, 889, 907, 908, 916, 924, U. S. Geological Survey. Roan mountains, western Colorado, from the richest beds at top of bluff overlooking East Salt creek. Three specimens, Nos. 943 and 944, 1045, 1051, U. S. Geological Survey; from near the same, one specimen, No. 22, U. S. Geological Survey.

*SCYTHROPUS SOMNICULOSUS.*

Pl. IX, Fig. 18.

A single elytron is known. It is a little more than two and a third times longer than broad, slightly the broadest in the middle, tapering only at the apex, which is slightly angulate, the outer margin only very slightly arcuate. There are eight delicately impressed punctate striae, the puncta distinct and deeply impressed in the basal half, shallow apically, rather small and circular throughout, besides two approximate impunctate marginal striae.

Length of elytron, 4<sup>mm</sup>; breadth, 1.75<sup>mm</sup>.

Roan mountains, western Colorado, from the richest beds at summit of the bluffs overhanging the head of East Salt creek. One specimen, No. 176, U. S. Geological Survey.

*SCYTHROPUS?* *ABACUS.*

Pl. IX, Fig. 15.

This species is here referred very doubtfully. It is somewhat distorted in preservation and somewhat imperfect, but seems to agree better with this genus than with any other I have seen. The anterior part of the head with the beak is uncertain, there appearing to have been here some crushing and

mingling of parts. The head, however, is rather large and the eyes rather large, circular, prominent, and well separated from the thorax; head, beak, and thorax all equally granulated. Thorax cylindrical, as long as high. Elytra from two to three times as long as broad, very regularly and uniformly arched with distinct and sharp striae which are plainly nearer each other at the base than in the middle of the elytra, with small, distinct, and deep circular or slightly elongated punctures separated by about their own diameter, looking on the reverse like beads on the wires of an abacus.

Length of head and thorax, 1.5<sup>mm</sup>; of elytra, 2<sup>mm</sup>; height of body in middle of elytra, 1<sup>mm</sup>.

White river, western Colorado, from the upper half of Canyon butte. One specimen, No. 586, U. S. Geological Survey.

#### Tribe PROMECOPINI.

Excepting a *Eudiagogus* which occurs in the Gosiute fauna, all the other members of this tribe in the American Tertiaries are confined to Florissant; they are but three in number, but they belong to two distinct genera, both of which are extinct.

I have placed in this tribe several species which seem nearly allied and which from the visible structure of the mesothoracic epimera of some of them appear to fall in the second division of the family. The eyes being transverse and the ocular lobes very large indicate that they fall in the present tribe, a strictly American group, all the living members of which, according to Lacordaire, are of small size, and as far as their general appearance goes, very homogeneous. Some of the forms placed here are, however, far more robust than the living types and of considerably larger size than the largest of them.

#### *Table of the genera of Promecopini.*

Body stout, not more than twice as long as broad.

Rostrum relatively slender, eyes as broad as rostrum; second abdominal segment longer than the two following..... *Endonus*.

Rostrum relatively broad; eyes narrower than rostrum; second abdominal segment not longer than the two following..... *Eueryptus*.

Body slender, much more than twice as long as broad..... *Eudiagogus*.

EUDOMUS (*εὐδομος*), gen. nov.

Body stout, less than twice as long as broad. Rostrum as long as the head, pretty stout, equal, the tip broadly rounded. Eyes strongly transverse, oval, subacuminate, very large, as long as the lateral breadth of the rostrum. Scrobes strongly arcuate, passing beneath the eyes. Antennæ short, club not at all stout, long-oval, the apical as large as the two preceding joints. Thorax broader and higher than long, with prominent subangulate ocular lobes. Elytra much broader than the thorax at base, with rounded humeri and parallel sides. Second abdominal segment longer than the two following, its anterior suture strongly arcuate; intercoxal process broad, tapering, truncate at tip. Metasternal side piece moderately wide, expanded anteriorly by a narrow triangular side process directed inwardly; mesosternal side pieces subequal, the episternum separated from the epimeron by a sinuous suture so directed that the lateral outer margin of the epimeron is considerably longer than its posterior margin, the opposite of what is found in *Endiagogus*.

This genus evidently falls in the *Promecopini* in the vicinity of *Endiagogus*, but differs from it as from all living genera in the much robuster form and larger size, as well as in most of the details of structure given above.

Two species occur, both at Florissant.

*Table of the species of Eudomus.*

Elytra considerably less than twice as long as the rest of the body.....*robustus*.  
Elytra almost twice as long as the rest of the body.....*pinguis*.

## EUDOMUS ROBUSTUS.

Pl. III, Figs. 2, 4.

Head, including rostrum, and thorax finely and densely beaded, the markings a little coarser and more pronounced on the thorax than elsewhere. Similar markings occur on the under side of the thorax. The elytra are considerably less than twice as long as the rest of the body, and have punctured, strongly impressed striae, the punctures being circular or scarcely



longitudinal, twice as deep as the striæ and separated by about their own length in the striæ; besides this, though none of the specimens show it well, the elytra are thinly clothed with short, rather coarse hairs, which, perhaps, have a longitudinal arrangement in the interspaces, one row, especially, in the middle of the same.

Length, excluding rostrum, 9<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 1.25<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Eight specimens, Nos. 1742 and 4675, 2105, 6660, 8263, 8527, 13662, and of the Princeton Collection, Nos. 1.536, 1.550 and 1.620. Nos. 465, 8525, 13036 may also belong here, but are too imperfect to decide.

#### EUDOMUS PINGUIS.

Pl. II, Fig. 9.

The sculpturing of the surface is very much the same as in the preceding species, but with perhaps slightly less difference between that of the head and thorax; there is a slight median carina on the head and thorax. Elytra almost twice as long as the rest of the body, the rostrum and head being a little shorter than in *E. robustus*; the punctures of the elytral striæ are more distinctly elongated than in that species, and so separated by a narrower space; there is a row of median hairs in each interspace, the hairs half as long as the width of the interspace, and there are, besides, some other indifferently scattered hairs.

Length, excluding rostrum, 10.5<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 1.1<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Three specimens, Nos. 4739, 4904, and from the Princeton collection, Nos. 1.531 and 1.548.

#### EUCRYPTUS (*εὐκρυπτός*), gen. nov.

This genus is more nearly allied to the preceding than to any of the living members of the tribe, but has not so markedly robust a form, being in this respect more like *Eudiagogus*. It has, however, a much stouter rostrum than *Endomus*, and a differently formed and smaller eye. The rostrum is as long as the head, and, while no stouter at tip than in *Endomus*, enlarges so much basally that here it is exceptionally stout. The eyes are large, transverse, situated high up, but very broadly and regularly obovate,

not so long as even the apical breadth of the rostrum. Scrobes straight or gently arcuate, terminating at the eye, which they strike just above the lower edge. Second abdominal segment not longer than the two following together, at least on the sides.

A single species is known.

#### EUCRYPTUS SECTUS.

Pl. III, Fig. 9.

The head and prothorax are densely and rather finely subrugulose, on the head, excepting the rostrum, complicated by fine, close, transverse striations, and on the prothorax faintly showing signs of a longitudinal arrangement, and slightly coarser than on the head; the prothorax also shows, laterally, an arcuate rounded plica. The elytra are each about two and a half times longer than broad with straight linear series of rather large, deeply impressed rounded puncta separated in the same row by rather less than their own diameter; feeble signs in some places show that the interspaces were covered with semi-erect, not very fine hairs.

Length, excluding rostrum, 8.5<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 1.4<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 3.75<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Two specimens, Nos. 13632, 13683.

#### EUDIAGOGUS Schönherr.

This is a tropical American type with a meager number of species of which two occur in our Gulf states. A single species occurs fossil in America, first recognized at Green River, but since found also at White river and the Roan mountains, so that it is probably characteristic of the Gosiute fauna.

#### EUDIAGOGUS TERROSUS.

*Eudiagogus terrosus* Scudd., Bull. U. S. Geol. Geogr. Surv. Terr., IV, 766-767 (1878); Tert. Ins. N. A., 475, Pl. VIII, Fig. 29 (1890).

Three additional specimens which appear to belong here have been obtained from new localities, each specimen consisting of a pair of fairly preserved elytra or a single elytron only.

Roan mountains, western Colorado, from the richest shales at the summit of the bluff at the head of East Salt creek. One specimen, No. 1055, U. S. Geological Survey. From the same locality in slightly lower beds at same station. One specimen, No. 117, U. S. Geological Survey. White river, western Colorado, from the very lowest shales on the south side of the river opposite Canyon butte. One specimen, No. 468, U. S. Geological Survey.

### Family CURCULIONIDÆ.

One hundred species, or slightly more than one-half of the Tertiary Rhynchophora of North America, belong to the Curculionidæ, but this preponderance is a little less than in the recent American fauna where the family holds a still more important place; and is the more conspicuous from the fact that its numbers are more than four times those of any other family, while in the Tertiary deposits of the West the Otiorhynchidæ have nearly half as many species as the Curculionidæ. In general, the relative numerical proportion of the subfamilies is similar to what obtains in North America at the present day, or at least the vast proportion of the species belong as now to the Curculioninæ; but the Alophinae possessed then a far greater percentage (eight times greater) than now, while the Balaninæ were also relatively much more numerous, the percentage of species to the whole number of the family being then nearly five times greater; the loss fell on the Curculioninæ and to a small extent on the Apioninæ, while the Ithyocerinae, now represented by a single species, are not known to have existed.

In Europe, if we regard the species of *Hipporhinus* as Alophinae, the relative preponderance of the subfamilies of fossil Curculionidæ approaches nearer and indeed very closely to the condition of things in America to-day, for more than four-fifths of the species are to be referred to the Curculioninæ, though the Alophinae are still nearly three times in excess of their present American proportion, and the Sitoninæ have an even slightly greater relative preponderance. As in America, all the subfamilies are present excepting the Ithyocerinae. The total number of species, strangely enough, is exactly the same as in America.

The details of this comparison may be seen in the following table:

*Table of recent and fossil Curculionida, arranged by subfamilies.*

Subfamilies.	In numbers.			In percentages.		
	Recent North American.	Tertiary North American.	Tertiary European.	Recent North American.	Tertiary North American.	Tertiary European.
Sitonina.....	8	3	4	1.3	3.0	4.0
Allophina.....	11	14	5	1.7	14.0	5.0
Hylycerina.....	1	0	0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Apionina.....	68	7	6	10.8	7.0	6.0
Curculionina.....	543	70	83	84.8	70.0	83.0
Balanina.....	8	6	2	1.3	6.0	2.0
Total.....	640	100	100	100.0	100.0	100.0

In the United States, Florissant furnishes the vast proportion of the Tertiary species in all the subfamilies except the Sitonina, where two out of the three come from the Gosiute fauna; but it is curious to note one exception in that all the species of the first tribe of Curculionina, the *Phytonomini*, and nearly all those of the second, the *Hylobiini*, also come from the Gosiute fauna. The other species of the Gosiute fauna are scattered here and there, but, all told, they form only one-fourth of the whole number of species and represent only one-sixth of the genera.

### Subfamily SITONINÆ.

As *Sitona* alone represents this subfamily among the fossils the reader is referred to that genus for general remarks. It may only be mentioned that the group appears to have been represented in Tertiary times in about the same relative numbers as at present.

#### SITONA Germar.

This genus, rich in species, is confined to the northern hemisphere, and is especially at home in Europe and the neighboring regions. There are a considerable number of species in North America, some of which are also inhabitants of the Old World, and nearly all are confined to the Pacific slope. It is well recognized in the European Tertiaries, distinct forms

having been described from Aix (two species), Oeningen, and Rott. Three species are described below, one from Florissant, Colorado, another from Green River, Wyoming, and the third from both the Roan mountains, Colorado, and Green River, Wyoming, but this last species is referred here with much hesitation, and it may well belong to the Otiorynchidæ rather than the Curculionidæ. Our other species bear no close resemblance to any of those from the European Tertiaries.

*Table of the species of Sitona.*

Rostrum shorter than the head.

Body less than twice as long as high..... *exitiorum*.

Body much more than twice as long as high..... *fodinarum*.

Rostrum half as long again as the head..... *paginarum*.

SITONA EXITIORUM.

Pl. IV, Fig. 13.

Body well arched, the dorsal curve pretty uniform, somewhat elongate, well rounded behind. Head full, nearly twice as high as long, finely and transversely rugoso-punctate; eyes small, circular, situated well forward, their lower edge at the middle line of the side; rostrum very stout, shorter than the head, apically broad (slightly distorted in the specimen figured, so as to look pointed). Prothorax nearly half as high again as long, tapering and gently arched above, the surface densely and not coarsely punctate. Elytra with feebly impressed punctate striae. Legs rather slender and long, especially the tibiae, which are apically truncate.

Length, excluding rostrum, 4.6<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 0.7<sup>mm</sup>; elytra, 3.1<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 2.6<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Four specimens, Nos. 466, 3540, 5333, 8204.

SITONA FODINARUM.

Pl. X, Fig. 5.

Body well arched but with the middle of the dorsal curve flattened. Head moderately full, twice as high as long, nearly smooth; eyes rather large, circular, situated well forward, central in height; rostrum very stout,

slightly shorter than the head, the upper margin strongly curved, the apex oblique. Prothorax more than half as high again as long, scarcely tapering, but little arched above, the surface bluntly rugoso-punctate, heaviest above. Elytra with not very feebly impressed punctate striae, the interspaces faintly punctate. Legs apparently rather short, but none of the specimens show them well. Abdomen very finely punctate, the metasternal episterna very broad.

Length, excluding rostrum, 3.85<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 0.7<sup>mm</sup>; elytra, 2.5<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 1.4<sup>mm</sup>.

Green River, Wyoming. Three specimens, No. 100, Dr. A. S. Packard, from the Fish cut; Nos. 712, 719, U. S. Geological Survey, from the bluffs behind the town.

#### SITONA PAGINARUM.

Pl. x, Fig. 1.

The head is short, fully twice as high as long, and smooth; eye circular, rather small, removed from the front margin of the prothorax by about half its own diameter; rostrum moderately stout, twice as long as the head, equal, rather bluntly rounded at the apex, and smooth. Thorax rather shorter than high, truncate at each extremity, with no ocular lobes, very gently arched above, the surface very faintly and transversely rugulose. Elytra with feebly impressed punctate striae, very gently arched except posteriorly, where they are rapidly declivent. Legs not very stout and rather short.

Length, excluding rostrum, 6<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 1<sup>mm</sup>; elytra, 4<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 2<sup>mm</sup>.

Roan mountains, western Colorado, in and very near the richest beds on the bluffs at the head of East Salt creek. Three specimens, Nos. 182, 958, 1050, U. S. Geological Survey. Green River, Wyoming, from the bluffs behind the town. One specimen, No. 726, U. S. Geological Survey.

#### Subfamily ALOPHINÆ.

The Alopinae have a remarkable development among the fossils of the American Tertiaries, and nearly all the forms belong to extinct types. Four genera with fourteen species are recognized and the latter, with but

three exceptions (of two genera), are confined to Florissant; indeed, the prevalence of the subfamily may be considered as one of the characteristic features of the Lacustrine fauna, for not only are the species relatively numerous but they are exceptionally abundant in individuals; of the Curculionidæ which have fallen under review, about two-fifths of the specimens belong here. The relative predominance of the family may be made more conspicuously apparent by a statement of percentages: The proportion of Alophinæ to other Curculionidæ in the existing North American fauna is in genera about 4½ per cent; in species, less than 2 per cent; while in the American Tertiary fauna the relative proportion of genera is 10 per cent and of species not less than 14 per cent. Whether any similar prevalence of the subfamily in European rocks can be discovered is uncertain, but I am inclined to look upon the numerous species of Rhynchophora which have been referred to Hipporhinus as belonging here, in which case this could probably be asserted, at least to a certain extent.

*Table of the genera of Alophinæ.*

Prothorax largest beyond the base, being more or less tumid.

Largest forms of subfamily. Prothorax relatively small, only half as wide as the elytra at their base; beak dorsally channeled.....*Centron*.

Smallest forms of subfamily. Prothorax relatively large, not much narrower than the elytra at their base; beak not channeled.....*Limalophus*.

Prothorax largest at the base, more or less tapering beyond.

Prothorax ample, tapering but little, the head abruptly smaller and short.....*Geralophus*.

Prothorax and head together subconical, tapering regularly from base of prothorax, the head fully half as long as thorax.....*Coniatus*.

CENTRON (*κέντρον*), gen. nov.

I am somewhat at a loss just where to place the insect here described, represented by a couple of specimens which appear to belong together but are preserved in different attitudes, so as to render the determination somewhat insecure. All the characters drawn from the under surface of the body are taken from the specimen not figured. The form and size of the rostrum, the prolongation of the antennal grooves to its tip, the transverse eyes narrowed below, the subglobular form of the heavily pitted

prothorax with its ocular lobes, the contiguity of the front coxae, and the relative proportions of all but the basal segment of the abdomen, conspire to indicate that it belongs to the Alophinae. The first segment of the abdomen, however, is exceptionally long, nearly twice as long as the second, and fully as long as the long metasternum, so that it is impossible to place it in any of our living genera of Alophinae. It is also remarkable for the relatively small size of the prothorax as compared to the abdomen, being scarcely half as wide as the elytra at their base, as in *Triglyphus*. The side pieces of the metasternum are narrow and those of the mesosternum equal, and divided diagonally by a straight suture.

A single species occurs at Florissant.

CENTRON MORICOLLIS.

Pl. 1, Figs. 7, 8.

This is one of the largest and most striking of the Florissant Rhyngophora. The head is small, well embraced by the prothorax, finely and deeply punctured, the punctures usually separated from one another by their own diameter, being represented too closely crowded on the plate; the rostrum is stout, uniform, and nearly straight, scarcely longer than the short thorax, broadly rounded at the apex, and faintly and finely punctate; antennal groove straight, extending nearly the entire length of the rostrum and striking the middle of the large transverse oval eye, not given in the figure. Prothorax subglobular but much broader than long, studded profusely with exceedingly large, sharp, and very deep punctures, more closely than represented on the plate, nearly  $0.2\text{mm}$  in diameter, and giving the thorax the appearance of a mulberry. Elytra together fully twice as wide as the prothorax, each about twice as long as broad, with series of narrow tuberculate and punctate ridges and between them series of distinct and sharp, pretty large circular punctures separated usually by twice their own diameter in each row. Legs moderately long, the femora stout and transversely and finely striato-punctulate.

Length, excluding rostrum,  $10\text{mm}$ ; rostrum,  $2\text{mm}$ ; width of thorax,  $3.1\text{mm}$ ; of elytra,  $6.5\text{mm}$ .

Florissant, Colorado. Two specimens, Nos. 5209, 8354 and 9256.



LIMALOPHUS (*λιμῶς*, *Aloplus*, nom. gen.), gen. nov.

The specimens representing this genus are not so well preserved as are those of the other genera of Alophinae, but enough to show that they can hardly be referred to any other genus, living or fossil. The head is small and the eyes transversely oval, with a very stout beak, which is, however, longer than the head, and smooth, with no median groove, though a fine lateral channel can be seen on either side above the scrobes. The antennal club is exceptionally slender. The thorax is broadest beyond the base, being somewhat tumid (more noticeably in one than in the other species), so that the thorax and elytra have independent curves. The third and fourth abdominal segments are together no longer, probably a little shorter, than the second. Both the species are of small size, smaller than usual among the Alophinae.

The two species come from Green River, and one of them is also found at White river.

*Table of the species of Limalophus.*

Relatively long; rostrum stout, distinctly less than twice as long as thick; thorax very distinctly tumid, scarcely broader at base than at tip.....*compositus*.  
 Relatively short; rostrum less stout, nearly or quite twice as long as thick; thorax but little tumid, distinctly broader at base than at tip.....*contractus*.

## LIMALOPHUS COMPOSITUS.

Pl. x, Fig 2.

Body distinctly more than twice as long as high. Head small; eyes oval, transverse, a little pointed beneath; rostrum nearly half as broad again as the longer axis of the eye, about half as long again as thick, straight and nearly equal. Prothorax nearly half as broad or high again as long, bullate, hardly narrower in front than behind, densely punctate. Elytra one-fourth broader at base than the thorax, punctato-striate, the interspaces without lines of bristles, apparently flat and microscopically punctate.

Length, excluding rostrum, 3.75<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 0.6<sup>mm</sup>; elytra, 2.7<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 1.75<sup>mm</sup>; breadth of prothorax, 1.4<sup>mm</sup>; of elytra, 1.75<sup>mm</sup>.

Green River, Wyoming, from the bluffs behind the town. Two specimens, Nos. 750 and 754, 977, U. S. Geological Survey. White river, Utah, from the very highest beds on the northern buttes next the Colorado line. One specimen, No. 577, U. S. Geological Survey.

LIMALOPHUS CONTRACTUS.

Pl. x, Fig. 3.

Body barely more than twice as long as high. Head rather small; eyes oval and transverse, hardly pointed beneath; rostrum scarcely broader than the longer axis of the eye, nearly or quite twice as long as broad, straight or faintly arcuate, equal; antennæ with a very slight club. Prothorax nearly half as high again as long, the sides full but tapering, the base being decidedly broader than the apex, the surface densely punctate. Elytra more arched than in the preceding species, at their broadest not more than a fifth broader than the thorax, punctato-striate, the interspaces flat and slightly roughened.

Length, excluding rostrum, 3.25<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 0.55<sup>mm</sup>; elytra, 2.3<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 1.6<sup>mm</sup>; breadth of prothorax, 1.55<sup>mm</sup>; of elytra, 1.8<sup>mm</sup>.

Green River, Wyoming, from the bluffs behind the town. Six specimens, Nos. 711, 714, 732, 735, 742 and 991, 976, U. S. Geological Survey.

GERALOPHUS (*γεραιός*, Aloplus, nom. gen.), gen. nov.

Body compact, broad and stout, suboval, only about half as long again as broad. Head short and abruptly smaller than the thorax. Eyes moderately large, broad oval, and transverse; rostrum of variable length, varying from about half as long as the prothorax to as long as it, moderately stout, slightly arcuate, with a distinct and deep superior median groove; antennæ inserted just beyond the middle of the rostrum, the scape not very long but reaching to the eye or to its posterior margin, the funicle and club together about as long as the beak, the first two joints of the funicle long and subequal, the remaining five short and subequal, subquadrate, the club oval and twice as broad as the funicle. Prothorax about one-fourth narrower than the elytra, the basal half subequal, beyond rapidly narrowing, the whole nearly twice as broad as long, and granulate and punctured, without postocular lobes. Elytra broad, well arched, punctato-striate, the inter-

spaces with a median row of short stiff bristles. Legs rather short and stout, the tibiæ straight, except the hind pair, which are longer and gently arcuate, the femora a little arcuate, the tarsi more (in the hind legs less) than half as long as the tibiæ, constructed exactly as in *Trichalophus*, the only living genus of Alophinæ I have been able to examine. The fore coxæ are attingent, the middle coxæ narrowly, the hind coxæ widely separated, the last by nearly the diameter of the coxal cavities. The third and fourth abdominal segments are shorter than the others but not very short, being together a third longer than the second; the first and second segments are separated by a straight suture.

It is noticeable that in the forms with short rostrum, the specimens are preserved about as often on a dorsal as on a lateral view, while in those with long rostrum, it is rare to find one preserved other than lying upon its side; it is not unlikely that in the former the body may be relatively more depressed, in the later more compressed than in the alternate type.

Nine species are known, all from Florissant, and from Florissant only, where it is the most abundant type of *Rhynchophora*, and may be regarded as typical of these beds.

*Table of the species of Geralophus.*

Rostrum not more than half as long as prothorax.	
Larger species, more than 5·7 <sup>mm</sup> long.	
Rostrum relatively stout, less than twice as long as basal breadth	<i>antiquarius.</i>
Rostrum relatively slender, more than twice as long as basal breadth	<i>occultus.</i>
Smaller species, less than 5·2 <sup>mm</sup> long.	<i>saucosus.</i>
Rostrum nearly or quite as long as the prothorax.	
Moderately stout species, with moderately arched elytra.	
Larger species, more than 5·75 <sup>mm</sup> long.	
Largest species, exceeding 7·5 <sup>mm</sup> in length	<i>fossicus.</i>
Smaller species, not equaling 7 <sup>mm</sup> in length.	
Rostrum relatively stout and short, distinctly shorter than length of prothorax	<i>repositus.</i>
Rostrum relatively slender and long, scarcely or not shorter than prothorax	<i>lassatus.</i>
Lesser species, less than 5·75 <sup>mm</sup> long.	
Rostrum stout, much wider than diameter of eye	<i>pumicus.</i>
Rostrum slender, narrower than diameter of eye	<i>retritus.</i>
Exceptionally stout species, with very strongly arched elytra	<i>discessus.</i>

## GERALOPHUS ANTIQUARIUS.

Pl. III, Figs. 16, 17.

Of medium size. Head nearly smooth, minutely granulated; rostrum about half as long as the prothorax, stout, especially at base as viewed from above; antennal club about as long as the preceding four joints of the funicle. Prothorax densely and rather finely granulated. Elytra sharply punctato-striate, the punctures longitudinal and not wider than the striae, the interspaces with a median row of stiff bristles as long as half the width of the interspaces and separated from each other by more than their own length.

Length, excluding rostrum, 6<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 1<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 3.4<sup>mm</sup>; width of thorax, 2.75<sup>mm</sup>; of elytra, 3.5<sup>mm</sup>. Some exceed 7<sup>mm</sup> in length.

Florissant, Colorado. Twenty-four specimens, Nos. 470, 477, 1770, 4918, 5792, 7113, 7648, 7778, 7853, 8047 and 8569, 8566, 8939, 9133, 11251, 11288, 12053, 13039, 13606, 13625, 13639, S. H. Seudder; Nos. 3010, 3018, 3019, 3025, R. D. Lacey.

## GERALOPHUS OCCULTUS.

Pl. VIII, Figs. 6, 21, 22, 23, 24.

*Eurhinus occultus* Seudd., Bull. U. S. Geol. Geogr. Surv. Terr., 11, 87 (1876).

Of medium size. Head very finely granulate, including the beak, which is about half as long as the thorax and slender even at base, as viewed from above, being equal throughout and nowhere broader than the longer axis of the eye. Prothorax densely and rather finely granulated. Elytra precisely as in the preceding species, excepting that the interstitial bristles appear to be slightly longer and slightly more approximated.

Length, excluding rostrum, 5.75<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 1<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 3<sup>mm</sup>; width of thorax, 2.5<sup>mm</sup>; of elytra, 3.25<sup>mm</sup>. Some exceed 7<sup>mm</sup> in length.

Florissant, Colorado. Twenty-four specimens, No. 971, U. S. Geological Survey; Nos. 65, 447, 2259, 6477, 7504, 8600, 8876, 8999, 9841, 10246, 10699, 10711, 11299, 12252, 12261, 13598, 13680, 14424, S. H. Seudder; Nos. 1587, 1593 and 1598, 1617, Princeton College collection; and Nos. 2 and 3, 9, T. L. Mead.

## GERALOPHUS SAXUOSUS.

Pl. I, Fig. 5; Pl. III, Figs. 10, 11; Pl. IV, Fig. 14.

Of smaller size. Head very finely granulate, the granulations arranged to a certain extent transversely; rostrum slightly exceeding half the length of the thorax, very slender, and gently arcuate; antennal club about half as long as the funicle. Prothorax densely and rather finely granulated. Elytra as in *G. occultus*, except that the puncta appear to be circular.

Length, excluding rostrum, 5.1<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 0.75<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 2.75<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Five specimens, Nos. 3895, 5315, 7710, 10072, 11291 and 14243. No. 7710, an elytron only, is placed here with much doubt.

## GERALOPIUS FOSSICIUS.

Pl. II, Figs. 16, 17, 24; Pl. III, Figs. 19, 20.

Of largest size. Head, including the beak, minutely granulated, only a little less finely than the thorax; rostrum barely shorter than the prothorax, moderately stout, gently arcuate and equal; eyes long oval, transverse; scape of antennæ just reaching the anterior margin of the eye. Prothorax densely and rather finely and uniformly granulate, laterally carinate. Elytra sharply punctato-striate, the puncta, especially, deeply and abruptly impressed, a little longitudinal and rather distant, the interspaces flat, with a median row of short, acicular bristles, removed by about their own length from one another and about three-quarters as long as the width of the broadest part of the interspaces.

Length, excluding rostrum, 9.5<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 1.8<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 5.2<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Twelve specimens, Nos. 2853 and 7686, 3009, 4409, 4427, 6012, 7656, 11781, and 12432, 11787 and 12428, 12030, 13014, 13030, S. H. Scudder; 3017, R. D. Lacoe; and, perhaps, 1.602, Princeton College collection.

## GERALOPHUS REPOSITUS.

Pl. III, Figs. 26, 28, 30; Pl. X, Fig. 6.

Of medium size. Head and prothorax precisely as in the preceding species, the rostrum very faintly granulate, distinctly shorter than the prothorax, moderately stout, barely arcuate and equal; eyes long oval, transverse; scape of antennæ just reaching the anterior margin of the eye, half as long as the funicle and club together, the club fully as long as the preceding three joints together. Elytra sharply punctato-striate, the puncta very slender and longitudinal, not very remote, the interspaces flat with the usual median row of bristles; these are removed from each other by about their own length, which is slightly less than the width of the interspaces.

Length, excluding rostrum, 6.5<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 1.4<sup>mm</sup>; height of body 3.5<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Twenty-nine specimens, Nos. 499, 5241, 5497, 7682, 7744, 8104, 8194, 8295, 8636, 9020, 9273, 10086, 10188, 10343, 11245, 11247, 11286, 11293, 11294, 11311, 11315, 12050, 12479, 13603, 13647, 13667, 14162, 14994, S. H. Scudder; No. 3020, R. D. Lacoe.

## GERALOPHUS LASSATUS.

Pl. III, Figs. 7, 8, 14, 18, 25; Pl. X, Fig. 7.

Of medium size. Head and rostrum delicately and closely granulose, the rostrum as long or almost as long as the prothorax, slender, arcuate, and equal; eyes rather broad oval, transverse; scape of antennæ much more than half as long as funicle and club together, reaching the posterior margin of the eye, the club hardly so long as the last three joints of the funicle, the funicle gradually enlarging so that the club is not so abrupt as in the preceding species. Prothorax densely and rather coarsely granulose. Elytra as in *G. repositus*, but with rather coarser puncta.

Length, excluding rostrum, 5.8<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 1.7<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 3.25<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Forty-one specimens, Nos. 484, 487, 1042, 2141, 2172, 3225 and 3654, 3227, 3597, 4712, 4752, 4832, 6661, 7723, 7764, 8128, 8584, 8632, 8767, 9009, 9014, 9153, 9182, 9396, 11170, 11267,

11276, 11292, 11300, 11312, 12430, 13602, 13646, 13653, 13659, 13665, 13670, 13677, 14016, S. H. Scudder; Nos. 3015, 3021, R. D. Lacey; No. 1518, Princeton College collection.

GERALOPHUS PUMICEUS.

Pl. III, Fig. 13.

Of small size. Head delicately granulose; eyes rather long oval, transverse; rostrum as long as the prothorax, rather slender, but broader than the longer axis of the eye, very little arcuate, and equal. Prothorax densely and somewhat coarsely granulate, hardly more than half as wide as the base of the elytra. Elytra deeply and sharply striate, the striae rather feebly punctate, the puncta but little longitudinal; interspaces flat, with linear series of bristles but poorly preserved on all specimens seen.

Length, excluding rostrum, 5.5<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 1.25<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 2.75<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Four specimens, Nos. 5404, 7520, 8415, 13021.

GERALOPHUS RETRITUS.

Pl. II, Fig. 5; Pl. III, Fig. 3.

Of small size. Head delicately granulose; eyes rather large, broad oval, transverse; rostrum as long as the prothorax, a little arcuate, slender, being narrower than the longer axis of the eye, equal; scape of antennæ reaching front margin of eye. Prothorax densely, uniformly, and rather coarsely granulose, nearly three-quarters as wide as the elytra at their base. Elytra deeply and sharply punctato-striate, the puncta exceptionally long, not wider than the striae.

Length, excluding rostrum, 5.3<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 1.4<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 2.7<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Six specimens, Nos. 426, 482, 1682, 9194, 11799, 15258.

GERALOPHUS DISCESSUS.

Pl. IV, Figs. 15, 16, 17.

Of medium size and exceptional stoutness, so as to have a subglobular form. Head delicately granulose; rostrum rather slender, nearly straight

and equal, longer than the prothorax; scape of antennæ barely reaching the front margin of the eye, hardly more than half as long as the funicle and club together, the joints of the funicle gradually widening so that the club is but little broader than its apical joints, which are broader than long. Prothorax very tumid, densely and coarsely granulose. Elytra very strongly arched and very deeply and very sharply punctato-striate, the puncta circular; there are slight indications of median bristles in the interspaces.

Length, excluding rostrum, 5.6<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 1.5<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 4<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, No. 13612.

#### CONIATUS Germar.

It is on account of their rounded eyes and the tapering form of the head and prothorax combined that I have placed here two species which seem to be Alopinae, but which can not be placed with any other of the genera, living or fossil, of this group. In one of the species, though not in the other, the third and fourth segments of the abdomen are relatively longer than in the other fossils of this family, and this is perhaps an indication that when better known these two species will have to be generically separated.

The dozen species belonging to this group are all Mediterranean and most of them European. A single species has been found fossil in the European Tertiaries at Aix and two species in our western beds, one at Florissant, the other in the Gosiute fauna. The European species has nothing specially in common with ours and is half or less than half the size of either of them.

#### *Table of the species of Coniatus.*

Rostrum arcuate, tapering, as long as the prothorax.....	<i>visceratus.</i>
Rostrum straight, equal, shorter than the prothorax.....	<i>refractus.</i>

#### CONIATUS EVISCERATUS.

Pl. III, Figs. 1, 5.

Head conically tapering, about one-third higher than long, the surface posteriorly covered with excessively fine, transverse striae, anteriorly



with punctures, as on the thorax, but so feeble as to be inconspicuous; eye circular, removed by nearly twice its diameter from the prothorax, of less diameter than the width of the beak; the latter is fully as long as the prothorax, slightly tapering, slightly arcuate, and shows the antennal scrobes to be scarcely oblique, nearly as long as the beak. Prothorax nearly twice as high as long, distinctly and regularly tapering, the surface densely punctate. Elytra sharply and distinctly punctato-striate, the interspaces flat, with no signs of series of bristles. Under surface of thorax heavily and coarsely punctate, but not so densely as the thorax. Under surface of abdomen similarly but still more sparsely and far more feebly punctate; the third and fourth segments are together considerably longer than the second. Legs moderately long and slender.

Length, excluding rostrum, 4<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 0.75<sup>mm</sup>; elytra, 2.75<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 1.85<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Six specimens, Nos. 436, 1236, 1246, 8681, 8810, 8956.

#### CONIATUS REFRACTUS.

#### Pl. x, Fig. 4.

Head very feebly and rather coarsely punctate, but not so coarsely as the prothorax, conically tapering but pretty full, more than half as high again as long, the eyes obscure in the specimens seen, the rostrum stout and much shorter than the prothorax, straight and equal. Prothorax about half as high again as long, tapering considerably and regularly with very little fullness, the surface densely punctate. Elytra heavily punctato-striate, with no serial bristles in the tolerably flat interspaces. Third and fourth abdominal segments together scarcely longer than the second. Legs rather short, the femora considerably thickened.

Length, excluding rostrum, 4<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 0.55<sup>mm</sup>; elytra, 3<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 1.75<sup>mm</sup>.

White river, Utah, on the river bank about 5 miles from the Colorado boundary. One specimen, Nos. 593 and 601, U. S. Geological Survey.

Roan mountains, western Colorado, from the richest beds at summit of bluffs overlooking head of East Salt creek. One specimen, No. 157, U. S. Geological Survey. Also a third specimen, No. 313, from either the Roan mountains or White river, U. S. Geological Survey.

### Subfamily APIONINÆ.

Since both in Europe and in America the only Tertiary forms of this family have been referred to the genus *Apion* (which contains all but one of the numerous forms now existing in America), the reader is referred to that genus for the general remarks that might be looked for here.

### APION Herbst.

A genus enormously rich in species, of small size, distributed all over the world, but absent from Australia, and principally found in the northern hemisphere. About seventy species are found in North America, and, as may be imagined, are widely distributed, the larger number, however, being found in the southern half of the country. Half a dozen fossil species have been found in Europe, principally in Brunstatt, and as many at Florissant alone, while an additional species has been found in the Roan mountain beds. It appears, therefore, to be somewhat characteristic in this country of the Lacustrine fauna.

All the species from Florissant and the Roan mountains referred to this genus appear to fall in the fourth section of Smith, in his last synopsis of the species, and the Florissant species perhaps also in his group *Ventricosum*; but the first species, at least, is very different from any of our modern forms in the great length of the head, and in all but one of our fossil species the eyes are farther from the margin of the prothorax than is common, and the thorax is always more transverse. The same, too, may be said of the other fossil species hitherto described from Brunstatt, Oeningen, and Rott, by Förster, Heer, and Heyden, six in number, if we separate, as I think we must, the species described from Rott and the one from Brunstatt, doubtfully regarded as the same by Förster.

*Table of the species of Apion.*

Head longer than thorax; beak very stout, scarcely longer than head.....	<i>smithii</i> .
Head shorter than thorax; beak relatively slender, much longer than head.	
Beak nearly straight; eye distant from front edge of prothorax.	
Thorax coarsely and distantly punctate.....	<i>pumilum</i> .
Thorax finely and closely punctate.	
Beak longer than the dorsum of the prothorax.	
Head relatively short; rostrum more than half as long as elytra; elytra heavily striate.....	<i>confectum</i> .
Head relatively long; rostrum less than half as long as elytra; elytra faintly striate.....	<i>curiosum</i> .
Beak shorter than the dorsum of the prothorax.....	<i>exanimale</i> .
Beak distinctly arcuate.	
Beak relatively stout; eye distant from front edge of prothorax.....	<i>vestigatum</i> .
Beak relatively slender; eye but slightly removed from front edge of pro- thorax.....	<i>refrenatum</i> .

## APION SMITHII.

## Pl. v, Fig. 2.

This, the largest of the Florissant species, differs strikingly from the others and from all modern species known to me in the great length of the head, as well as in the great length and looseness of the antennal club, so that I question whether it should fall here. The general form appears to be as in the group *Ventricosum*. The head is considerably longer than the thorax and longer than broad, tapers with full sides and rounded front nearly from the base, and is nearly smooth but transversely wrinkled; the rostrum is only a little longer than the head, very stout (for *Apion*) and equal, scarcely arcuate, well rounded at the tip, with no expansion except at extreme base; the loose club occupies nearly two-fifths of the antennæ, which are longer than the beak by the length of the apical joint. Thorax very short and transverse, broadest at the base but scarcely tapering, a little arched above, the surface very distantly, rather coarsely but not heavily punctate. Elytra not clearly and fully preserved in any specimen, but the striation appears to be feeble, and their punctuation rather coarse. Legs with very stout and large fore femora, but in no way abruptly clavate.

Length, excluding rostrum, 4<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 1<sup>mm</sup>; height in middle of abdomen, 2<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Four specimens, Nos. 8592, 8702, 9034, 13619.

The species is named for the entomologist, Prof. John B. Smith, of New Jersey, the latest monographer of the genus in America.

#### APION PUMILUM.

Pl. v, Fig. 17.

Viewed from the side, the dorsal aspect is strongly arcuate. The head is nearly as long as the thorax, rounded conical, the surface transversely striate, beneath the eye punctate; eyes circular, not large, lying next the base of the beak, which is porrect and slender, but in the single specimen known is broken a little beyond the base; so far as can be seen it has exactly the aspect of that of *A. curiosum*. Thorax about half as high again as broad, scarcely tapering, very gently arcuate above the surface, with large and distant punctures, very different from those of any of the other species. Elytra apparently somewhat larger at base than the prothorax, very arcuate, fullest in the middle, rapidly descending behind, apparently less than twice as long as broad, with coarse, deep punctate striae. Legs obscure.

Length, excluding rostrum, 2<sup>mm</sup>; elytra, 1.6<sup>mm</sup>; height, 1<sup>mm</sup>.

This is the smallest of the fossil species.

Florissant, Colorado. Two specimens, No. 7759, S. H. Scudder; No. 2178, U. S. Geological Survey.

#### APION CONFECTUM.

Pl. v, Fig. 3; Pl. x, Fig. 9.

A pretty stout species, largest in the middle of the elytra, and behind that rapidly narrowing much as in the group *Crassinatum* of Smith, but not quite so rapidly. Head considerably higher than long, tapering with slightly arcuate sides, transversely faintly striate, the circular eye at the base of the beak and removed by about its own diameter from the front margin of the prothorax; beak slender, nearly half as long as the body, faintly arcuate, especially next the base where it is also a little tapering.

Thorax very much higher than long, tapering somewhat with rounded sides, the surface delicately and closely punctate. Elytra considerably arcuate, especially on posterior half, with large and coarse, heavily punctate striae. Legs not very long and rather slender, the femora moderately stout. Under surface of the body heavily and not very finely punctate.

Length, excluding rostrum, 3<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 1·3<sup>mm</sup>; elytra, 2·4<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 1·6<sup>mm</sup>.

This species appears to be somewhat allied to the Brunstatt species which Förster compares with *A. primordiale* Heyden from Rott, but which in the length of the rostrum and somewhat different form of the elytra seems to differ from that species.

Florissant, Colorado. Four specimens, Nos. 3527, 8110, 8900, 9183.

#### APION CURIOSUM.

Pl. v, Fig. 5.

A moderately stout form, largest just behind the middle of the elytra, and behind that narrowing rapidly as in the group *Ventricosum* of Smith, but not so abruptly. Head but little higher than long, tapering with arcuate sides, transversely, faintly, and finely striate, the circular eye situated at the base of the beak and removed by more than its own diameter from the front margin of the prothorax; beak longer than the dorsum of the prothorax, nearly continuing the upper and lower curves of the elongate head, slender, equal, and just perceptibly arcuate; club of antennæ subcylindrical, about three times as long as broad, bluntly rounded at apex, tapering at base, about twice as stout as the funicle. Thorax nearly half as high again as long, scarcely tapering, the dorsum gently arcuate, the surface delicately and closely punctate. Elytra strongly arcuate, especially on the posterior rapidly descending portion, with very faint punctate striae. Legs slender and moderately long, the fore femora not clavate and but little thickened.

Length, excluding rostrum, 3·25<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 0·9<sup>mm</sup>; elytra, 2·25<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 1·8<sup>mm</sup>.

This species seems to be somewhat allied to Heer's *A. antiquum* from Oeningen.

Florissant, Colorado. Two specimens, Nos. 7777, 13675.

## APION EXANIMALE.

Pl. v, Fig. 1.

A stout-bodied form, only moderately arcuate behind the head, apparently largest on the basal half of the elytra, somewhat as in the group *Segnipipes* of Smith. Head twice as high as long, tapering very rapidly with arcuate sides, delicately and transversely striate; eye circular, situated slightly behind the base of the beak, and removed from the front margin of the prothorax by its own diameter; front of head descending rapidly above and so forming a decided angle with the beak, which is moderately stout, a little shorter than the dorsum of the prothorax, nearly straight, equal on the basal, tapering slightly on the apical half. Thorax considerably higher than long, hardly tapering, longest above by reason of the arcuation of the body, delicately and closely punctate. Elytra about twice as long as broad, gently areolate, broadly rounded at tip, with only very slight indications of any striae. Legs moderately stout and rather long, the femora heavily clavate at tip.

Length, excluding rostrum, 2.5<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 0.7<sup>mm</sup>; elytra, 1.8<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 1.4<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, No. 11306.

## APION EVESTIGATUM.

Pl. x, Fig. 8.

The mode of preservation of the single specimen does not permit a precise description of the form of the body, which, however, appears to be much as in the group *Segnipipes* of Smith. The head is but little higher than long, subconical, with scarcely arcuate sides, smooth or with exceedingly fine faint transverse striation; eyes large, circular, situated as far forward as possible, and separated from the front margin of the prothorax by more than half their own diameter; rostrum moderately stout, as long as head and prothorax together, porrect, gently arcuate, especially on apical half, equal or scarcely enlarging apically. Prothorax a third higher than long, tapering but little, and with hardly any fullness, nearly smooth or very finely and very faintly punctate. Elytra rather less than twice as broad as

long, subacuminate at tip, the striae sharp, slender, and rather deep, with very minute, very distant, and faintly impressed, and therefore inconspicuous puncta, the interspaces smooth and broadly rounded. Legs rather long, the femora moderately clavate at tip, the tibiæ slender and equal.

Length, excluding rostrum, 3.75<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 1.25<sup>mm</sup>; elytra, 2.5<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 2<sup>mm</sup>.

Roan mountains, western Colorado, from the richest beds at summit of bluffs overlooking the head of East Salt creek. One specimen, Nos. 1029 and 1030, U. S. Geological Survey.

#### APION REFRENATUM.

Pl. v, Fig. 7.

A relatively slender form, largest in the middle of the elytra, much as in Smith's fifth section. Head about twice as high as long, tapering very rapidly, with arcuate sides, behind delicately and transversely striate; eye circular, rather large, situated in the middle of the head (a little too far forward in the figure) and but little separated from the front edge of the prothorax, the facets about 0.015<sup>mm</sup> in diameter; beak nearly as long as the head and prothorax together, slender and equal, gently arcuate throughout. Thorax much higher than long, tapering a little, with slightly rounded sides, the surface rather coarsely punctate. Elytra rather elongate, fully twice as long as broad, not very arcuate except at the extreme posterior portion, with heavy, very faintly and rather coarsely punctate striae. Legs moderately long and rather slender, the femora not greatly enlarged.

Length, excluding rostrum, 2.5<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 0.65<sup>mm</sup>; elytra 2<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 1.25<sup>mm</sup>.

There is some resemblance between this species and *A. subvatum* Förster, from the Oligocene of Brunstatt.

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, No. 505.

#### Subfamily CURCULIONINÆ.

The bulk of fossil Curculionidæ naturally fall into this subfamily, by far the most important in the existing fauna. All the larger tribes of the subfamily found to-day in America occur in the Tertiary rocks of our West, and

besides them two of those which are but feebly developed. The European fossils fall into the same tribes as the American, with the exception that two of the American tribes, the Anthonomini and Prionomerini, are absent; but though, singularly enough, the total number of species is exactly the same in the two countries, the distribution among the tribes is very different in the proportional importance of each. The following table, showing the number of species in each tribe and the proportional representation of each in the living American fauna (taken from Henshaw's Catalogue of 1885, without attention to the supplements) in the American Tertiary deposits, and in the European Tertiary deposits, will set this forth with greater clearness than any descriptive statement.

*Table of tribal distribution of recent and fossil Curculioninae.*

Tribe.	Recent North American. Henshaw's Catalogue.		Tertiary North American.		Tertiary European.	
	Number of species.	Per-centage.	Number of species.	Per-centage.	Number of species.	Per-centage.
Phytonomini .....	43	8.0	2	2.9	3	4.3
Emphyastini .....	1	0.2	0	0.0	0	0.0
Hylobiini .....	13	2.5	7	10.0	10	14.3
Cleonini .....	45	8.5	5	7.1	22	31.4
Erirhiniini .....	70	13.1	9	12.9	13	18.6
Trachodini .....	3	0.5	0	0.0	0	0.0
Otidocephalini .....	9	1.7	0	0.0	0	0.0
Magdolini .....	17	3.2	1	1.4	2	2.9
Anthonomini .....	56	10.5	16	22.9	0	0.0
Prionomerini .....	3	0.5	1	1.4	0	0.0
Tychiini .....	16	3.0	3	4.3	3	4.3
Cionini .....	4	0.8	2	2.9	4	5.7
Trypetini .....	1	0.2	0	0.0	0	0.0
Dereolini .....	3	0.5	0	0.0	0	0.0
Lamosaccini .....	1	0.2	0	0.0	0	0.0
Cryptorhynchini .....	113	21.2	7	10.0	5	7.1
Ceuthorhynchini .....	11	7.7	6	8.6	6	8.6
Barini .....	92	17.3	11	15.7	2	2.9
Hormopini .....	1	0.2	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total .....	532	99.8	70	100.1	*70	100.1

\* In this column the European species referred to Curculionites (fifteen in number) are not taken into account, since the tribes into which they may fall can not be determined.



Here it will readily be seen that the greatest and the only conspicuous differences between the American and European Tertiaries lie, on the one side, in the Cleonini, which contain nearly one-third of the Curculioninæ of the European deposits, and hardly more than 7 per cent of those of the American; and on the other side, in the Anthonomini, which do not exist at all in the European Tertiaries, but form nearly one-fourth of the American Tertiary Curculioninæ, and in the Barini, which comprise nearly 16 per cent of the American Curculioninæ and hardly 3 per cent of the European. No such striking differences appear in comparing the numerical preponderance of the tribes in the recent and fossil Curculioninæ of North America, the greatest disparity appearing in the reverse proportions of the Anthonomini and the Cryptorhynchini, the former being relatively more than twice as important in the Tertiaries as now, the latter more than twice as important now as in the Tertiaries, and in the Hylobiini, where the fossils, though not numerous, formed 10 per cent of the total fauna in Tertiary times, while they hold only one-fourth of that percentage in the existing fauna; a relation again nearly reversed in a group of greater importance in recent times, the Phytionomini, where the percentage to the whole fauna is now nearly three times greater than it was in Tertiary times. In all other cases the difference between recent and Tertiary times, where the tribe was represented at all, is insignificant. In all these cases of distinction between the recent and Tertiary representation, excepting only in the Phytionomini, the disparity would have appeared still greater if the Tertiary Curculioninæ of Europe had been compared with the recent fauna of North America; from which we may conclude that as far as the Curculioninæ are concerned, the Tertiary fauna of America shows closer relationship to the existing American fauna than does the European Tertiary fauna.

#### Tribe PHYTONOMINI.

Two genera of this group, *Phytonomus* and *Hypera*, two species of the former, one of the latter, have been recognized in the European Tertiaries in the Oligocene of Aix, Provence; in the American Tertiaries, two species have been found, one each of *Lepyrus* and *Listronotus*, in the Green River deposits.

## LEPYRUS Germar.

A boreal genus, found in both worlds, with a very limited number of species. North America possesses three, mostly found north of our borders and in the western half of the continent. It has never been recognized until now among the fossils, and our species from Green River is referred here with much doubt.

## LEPYRUS? EVICTUS.

Pl. x, Fig 10.

A single specimen and its reverse show an elytron and a portion of the abdominal segments, the latter in all respects resembling *Lepyrus*. The elytron has the form and general appearance of that of *L. colon* Gyll.; the striae, however, are separated by equal intervals, and the interspaces are feebly convex and not flat, but again are similarly subrugulose, and the depth and breadth of the striae are similar, as also their union posteriorly with one another.

Length of elytron, 6.5<sup>mm</sup>; breadth 2.25<sup>mm</sup>.

Green River, Wyoming, from the bluffs behind the town. One specimen, Nos. 733 and 862, U. S. Geological Survey.

## LISTRONOTUS Jekel.

A New World genus with tolerably numerous species in North America, mostly found east of the Rocky mountains. A single species is found in the Green River Tertiaries.

## LISTRONOTUS MURATUS.

*Listronotus muratus* Scudd., *Tert. Ins. N. A.*, 474, Pl. VIII, Fig. 23 (1890).

No additional specimens have been found.

Green River, Wyoming. Dr. A. S. Packard.

## Tribe HYLOBIINI.

This tribe is fairly well represented in the European Tertiaries, ten species being recorded of three genera—*Hylobius*, six species from Aix, Rott, Corent, and Dürnten (the latter Pleistocene); *Plinthus*, two species

from Aix and Corent; and *Pissodes*, two species from Sieblos and Brunstatt. In the American Tertiaries we have found seven species, mostly confined to the Gosiute fauna: *Pachylobius* with three species from White river, Green River, and Roan mountains; *Hylobius* with three species, two from Green River and one from Florissant; and an extinct genus, *Laccopygus*, with a single species from the Lacustrine fauna at Florissant.

#### PACHYLOBIUS LeConte.

A North American genus of only one or two species, confined to the Southern states. Three species have been found in our Western Tertiaries, and being apparently peculiar to the Gosiute fauna, may be regarded as one of its typical forms.

The three species from the Rocky mountain Tertiaries here entered under *Pachylobius* are so placed from the close resemblance of their elytra and from the structure of the body of the first of them, which accords well with that of this genus. Here the head, forced beneath the thorax, can only be seen to have rather large, oval, low-placed eyes, a relatively long, moderately stout beak with scrobes running with little obliquity to the eyes, a somewhat tumid prothorax hardly if at all longer than broad; the middle coxæ are slightly separated, the hind coxæ much further removed from each other, the first abdominal segment sending a triangular process between them; the metasternum has a slight blunt median carina barely flanked by slight carinæ; the suture separating the first and second abdominal segments is considerably arcuate in its middle half; the third and fourth abdominal segments are together considerably longer than the mass of the second, and the fifth is relatively short. Not all of these characters distinguish *Pachylobius*, so that it is questionable whether the reference can be strictly made.

#### *Table of the species of Pachylobius.*

Elytral striae hardly impressed; ninth stria distinctly punctured . . . . .	<i>deleticius</i> .
Elytral striae deeply impressed; ninth stria impunctured, or nearly so.	
Elytra less or not more than two and a half times longer than broad; punctures delicate . . . . .	<i>compressus</i> .
Elytra nearly three times longer than broad; punctures coarse, especially at base . . . . .	<i>deprædatus</i> .

## PACHYLOBIUS DELETICIUS.

Pl. x, Fig. 14.

The beak in the only specimen known is broken, but what remains shows that it is at least nearly as long as the pronotum, equal, moderately stout, as broad as the longer axis of the eye, and gently arcuate. Prothorax rather finely punctuate. Elytra about two and a third times longer than broad, subequal, the humeral angle broadly rounded off, the apex rounded subacuminate, with nine series of deeply and sharply impressed but rather small circular punctures, excepting the eighth series barely channeled between the puncta to form a stria, the eighth and ninth series approximate, the puncta of any given row separated by about their own diameter, nearly or quite as deeply impressed next the apex as at the base.

Length of elytron, 3.8<sup>mm</sup>; breadth, 1.6<sup>mm</sup>.

White river, Utah, from the very highest beds on the northern buttes, next the Colorado line. One specimen, No. 709, U. S. Geological Survey.

## PACHYLOBIUS COMPRESSUS.

Pl. x, Fig. 11.

The somewhat abundant remains consist of elytra only, and usually of single elytra. They have the same proportion as in the preceding species, but are one-half larger, distinctly though slightly arcuate, tapering from the middle by the considerable curve of the outer margin, the apex subacuminate, the humeral angle rather prominent but rounded. There are eight series of delicately and rather slightly punctured, slender, and sharply impressed striae (the punctures and finally the middle striae fading next the apex), besides a ninth unpunctured marginal stria.

Length of elytron, 5.5 - 6.2<sup>mm</sup>, average, 5.6<sup>mm</sup>; breadth, 2.2 - 2.5<sup>mm</sup>, average, 2.4<sup>mm</sup>.

Roan mountains, western Colorado, from the richest beds at crest of bluff overlooking the head waters of East Salt creek. Nine specimens, Nos. 138, 166, 197, 268, 280, 948, 1040, 1049, 1052, U. S. Geological Survey. From near the same beds in the same locality. One specimen, No. 63, U. S. Geological Survey. Green River, Wyoming, from the bluffs behind the town. One specimen, No. 998, U. S. Geological Survey.

## PACHYLOBIUS DEPRÆDATUS.

Pl. x, Fig. 12.

This species is also represented only by single elytra, which differ from the same parts in the last species only in being larger, slenderer, and of a coarser sculpture. They are almost three times longer than broad, with otherwise of quite the same shape as in *P. compressus*. The striae are the same as there, fading in the same way, but the puncta are heavier and coarser, and there is a greater difference between the base and apex, since they vanish completely posteriorly.

Length of elytra, 6.6–7.8<sup>mm</sup>; breadth, 2.3–2.8<sup>mm</sup>.

Roan mountains, western Colorado, from the richest beds at the crest of the ridge opposite head of East Salt creek. One specimen, No. 1043, U. S. Geological Survey. From near the same beds. Three specimens, Nos. 23, 59, 97, U. S. Geological Survey.

## HYLOBIUS Germar.

A genus widely spread though not very numerous in species, found mostly in the boreal parts of the northern hemisphere and living upon coniferous trees. Three species are found in North America and occur only east of the Rocky mountains, but from Canada to the Gulf. Half a dozen species have been described from the European Tertiaries, three from Aix, and one each from Rott, Corent, and Dürnten, the latter in an interglacial deposit where only an elytron was found. In America we find three species, one at Florissant, somewhat resembling the rather imperfect Corent species, but with a fuller thorax, and two from Green River, which do not appear to approach any of the European fossils very closely.

*Table of the species of Hylobius.*

Eye fully twice as high as long.....	<i>proectus</i> .
Eye much less than twice as high as long.	
Elytral striae delicate, very faintly and finely punctate; beak slender.....	<i>packardii</i> .
Elytral striae less delicate, distinctly and deeply though finely punctate; beak stout.....	<i>lacoei</i> .

## HYLOBIUS PROVECTUS.

*Hylobius propectus* Scudd., Bull. U. S. Geol. Geogr. Surv. Terr., II, 86 (1876); IV, 767 (1878); Tert. Ins. N. A., 473-474, Pl. VIII, Figs. 37, 41 (1890).

No additional specimens have been found.

Green River, Wyoming. F. C. A. Richardson, F. C. Bowditch.

## HYLOBIUS PACKARDII.

Pl. x, Fig. 13.

A second species of the genus has been found at the same locality as the last. The head is poorly preserved, but the eye is much smaller than in *H. propectus*, though still large and transversely oval; the rostrum is faintly arcuate, slender and nearly equal or slightly enlarged in the apical half, and nearly as long as the head and thorax together, not very broadly rounded at the tip. Thorax very short for an *Hylobius*, much broader than long, with a median longitudinal impression, and the surface finely, distantly, and rather faintly punctate. Elytra considerably more than twice as long as broad, equal on the basal two-thirds, the striae fine and slight with small delicate distant circular punctures. Legs rather long, femora rather slender.

Length, excluding rostrum, 6.4<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 1.25<sup>mm</sup>; elytra, 4.9<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 2.75<sup>mm</sup>.

Green River, Wyoming. One specimen, No. 225, Dr. A. S. Packard.

I name this species for my life-long friend and colleague, Prof. A. S. Packard, of Brown University.

## HYLOBIUS LACOEI.

Pl. x, Fig. 15.

Head nearly three times as high as long, finely punctate. Eye pretty large, transverse; rostrum stout, nearly as long as the pronotum, its upper edge arcuate, the lower straight, the tip well rounded; antennae inserted near the middle of the rostrum, the scrobes nearly straight and slightly declivent, running toward the eye, enlarging to the tip, the funicle and scape of about equal length; thorax fully half as high again as long, truncate at each extremity, tapering somewhat with arched dorsum, the surface densely

and rather finely punctate. Elytra with delicately impressed slender striæ, distinctly and deeply punctate, with circular or slightly longitudinal fine puncta, removed from each other by about twice their length. Legs of moderate length, the femora moderately stout and clavate, the tibiæ coarse but elongated, the apex enlarged and hooked.

Length, excluding rostrum, 7.25<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 2<sup>mm</sup>; elytra, 4.5<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 3.5<sup>mm</sup>.

This beetle has all the aspect of an *Hylobius*, and agrees with it in most points of structure, but there appear to be no postocular lobes, and the tarsal joints of the fore legs are not at all expanded. It would, therefore, appear probable that it can not strictly belong here.

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, No. 3013, Mr. R. D. Lacoë.

The species is named for Mr. R. D. Lacoë, of Pittston, Pennsylvania, who has laid the paleontologists of this country under heavy obligations by his substantial and generous aid.

#### LACCOPYGUS (*λακκόπυγος*), *gen. nov.*

We have here a very striking genus of *Hylobiini*, remarkable particularly for the structure of the funicle of the antennæ, by which it seems nearest allied to, though still somewhat distant from, the Mexican *Laccoproctus*. The head rapidly narrows in front, and the rostrum, large at base, also narrows a little, but is still rather stout and considerably shorter than the thorax. The antennal scrobes extend almost to the tip, and the slender, apically clavate scape reaches the posterior border of the eye; the funicle is composed of seven similar elongate joints, subequal, excepting the second, which is twice or more than twice as long as any of the others, and, with those on either side of it, fully equals the scape in length; the club is stout oval, and the seventh joint of the funicle in no way involved in it. Eyes rather small and round. Thorax exceptionally short, being fully half as broad again as long, with gently convex sides and truncate extremities. Elytra moderately elongated, considerably broader at base than the prothorax, not abruptly declivent behind. Fore femora exceedingly stout; all the tibiæ slender; first joint of tarsi elongated, more than twice as long as broad, slender at base; second a little more than half as long, oval; third

similar; fourth elongated and slender, enlarging apically as usual. Fore coxæ contiguous. Second abdominal segment as long as the third and fourth together, separated from the first by a straight suture.

The single known species of this genus comes from Florissant, and closely resembles in general appearance the large fossil *Cleonus*, *C. exterraneus*, from the same beds.

LACCOPYGUS NILESII.

Pl. 1, Figs. 16, 17.

Head smooth; rostrum finely and closely punctate. Prothorax finely and closely rugoso-scabrous, pretty uniform over the whole surface. Striæ of abdomen with pretty sharp and deep, more or less longitudinal and confluent puncta, the interspaces nearly smooth and flat.

Length, 11<sup>mm</sup>; breadth at base of elytra, 4.25<sup>mm</sup>; length of elytra, 6.5<sup>mm</sup>; scape of antennæ, 2<sup>mm</sup>; funicle, 3<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, Nos. 6386 and 6387.

Named for my good friend, the geologist, Prof. W. H. Niles, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Tribe CLEONINI.

This is one of the most important tribes of Curculioninæ in the European Tertiaries, no less than half a dozen genera with twenty-two species being recognized, and, at Oeningen at least, the species are abundant in individuals. These genera are *Rhinobatus*, recognized at Aix by Hope and Serres; *Lixus*, with two species, at Oeningen; *Rhinoeyllus*, with one species, at Rott; *Cleonus*, with fourteen species (the largest number referred to any one genus of Curculionidæ, or, indeed, of Rhynchophora, excepting the magazine genus *Curculionites*), from Oeningen (6), Corent (2), Aix (6), and Brunstatt (one species found also at Aix). It is a far less important ingredient of the Tertiary fauna of North America, and is confined to Florissant, where five species occur, all but one also referred to *Cleonus*, the exception being distinguished as an extinct generic type under the name of *Eocleonus*.



EOCLEONUS (*ἑώς*, Cleonus, nom. gen.), gen. nov.

I am constrained to propose a new generic name for an insect evidently belonging to the Cleonini, although it is imperfectly known, for it can not be brought into any of the known genera from the structure of the antennæ. The general appearance of the insect is that of a short-snouted Lixus, were not the head so much longer, it being more than half as long as the prothorax, and the arcuate, equal, blunt-pointed snout scarcely longer than the head; the eye is circular and not very large, situated in the middle of the head; the scape of the antennæ does not extend back to the base of the snout by the length of the first joint of the funicle, while the funicle alone is nearly as long as the snout, its first joint slender and longest, the remainder stout and subequal, the seventh subglobular and in no way forming a part of the large fusiform club. The thorax is of about equal height and length, scarcely tapering. The base of the elytra is sinuate. The fore legs are rather slender and not very long.

A single species is known from Florissant.

## EOCLEONUS SUBJECTUS.

Pl. VI, Fig. 7; Pl. XI, Fig. 2.

Head and rostrum delicately and profusely punctate, on the head more or less confused in a general longitudinal direction, and more or less vermiculate. Thorax less delicately punctate, transversely and briefly vermiculate, with faint signs both here and on top of the head of a fine short pile. Elytra with very faint striae, and clothed with short delicate pile, which appears to be arranged in overlapping transverse rows. Fore tibia as long as the rostrum. Only the base of the elytra is preserved.

Length of head and thorax, excluding rostrum, 3<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 1.5<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 2<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, No. 5355.

## CLEONUS Schönherr.

A genus rich in species, of which nearly two hundred are catalogued, very generally confined to the Old World, where they are found in all lati-

tudes and longitudes, while in the New World they are confined to North America, which possesses about twenty-five species, all of them restricted to the western half of the continent. No genus of Rhynchophora (excepting that refuge for vague and ill-defined forms, Curculionites) has been so widely recognized in a fossil state. Half a dozen species have been figured from Aix alone, and one of these has been recognized also at Brunstatt, half a dozen or more others at Oeningen, besides two at Corent. In this country four species have been found at Florissant, none elsewhere, this being the only genus of Rhynchophora I know which is so much more richly developed in Europe than in America. It may be doubted, however, whether all the European fossil species should be placed together. Of these species, our *C. foersteri* seems to bear closest resemblance to Oustalet's *C. arvensis*, from Aix; our *C. exterraneus* resembles not a little the same author's *C. inflexus* from the same place; and our *C. primoris* is not very far removed from Heer's *C. asperulus*, again from the same; while our *C. degeneratus* is altogether different from anything found in the European Tertiaries.

*Table of the species of Cleonus.*

Eye circular.

- Large species with short subequal rostrum.....*exterraneus*.  
 Smaller species with long tapering rostrum.....*primoris*.

Eye transverse.

- Rostrum stout, nearly straight, tapering.....*foersteri*.  
 Rostrum slender, arcuate, equal.....*degeneratus*.

CLEONUS EXTERRANEUS.

Pl. I, Figs. 13, 20.

I place this species in this genus only as typical of the Cleonini, for the completely circular eye would seem to show that it can not properly be included in it. On a side view the head and rostrum have a completely independent curvature, not properly shown in the figures; the head is smooth, excepting on the sides below the upper margin of the eye, where it is transversely and very finely rugose, and on the posterior portion, where it is faintly and finely punctate, like the rostrum. The thorax is closely and more coarsely punctate, and above faintly rugulose. The elytra, in none of the

specimens well preserved, have the striæ with rather small sharp circular puncta, separated by fully their own diameter.

Length, 10–11<sup>mm</sup>; height, 5·5<sup>mm</sup>; length of elytra, 7·5<sup>mm</sup>; of rostrum, 1·5<sup>mm</sup>; width of latter, 1·5<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Seven specimens, Nos. 2717, 7359, 8069, 8682, 10543, 11268, 11302 and 13601.

#### CLEONUS PRIMORIS.

Pl. XI, Fig. 7.

Head punctate, nearly as long as high; eyes circular and pretty large, well removed from prothorax; rostrum as long as the head, tapering considerably, relatively slender at tip; antennæ inserted beyond the middle, the slender clavate scape not reaching the eye, the funicle slender, a little longer than the scape, the joints subequal, and the club stout oval. Thorax obscure, punctate. Elytra with close rows of very delicate striæ, apparently very finely punctate, each interspace with a row of short, fine bristles.

Length, excluding rostrum, 6<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 1·3<sup>mm</sup>; width of body, 3·6<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, No. 1549, Princeton College collection.

#### CLEONUS FOERSTERI.

Pl. XI, Fig. 4.

The head is uniformly and profusely punctate, the eye very large, transverse, subfusiform, completely crossing the head on a side view; rostrum fully as long as the head, stout at base, regularly and gently tapering throughout, feebly arcuate and rounded at tip; the antennæ are inserted somewhat beyond the middle of the snout, in the middle of its upper half, and the scrobes run obliquely toward the lower portion of the eye, the scape extending to the posterior margin of the same. Thorax profusely punctate, like the head. Elytral striæ composed of slender series of very delicate but rather sharply impressed longitudinal puncta, the interspaces with a median series of short bristles nearly as long as the width of the interspaces.

Length, excluding rostrum, 6<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 1<sup>mm</sup>; elytra, 4.25<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 3.2<sup>mm</sup>

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, No. 3011, Mr. R. D. Lacoe.

I take pleasure in naming this insect after my correspondent, Dr. B. Foerster, of Mulhouse, Alsatia, whose recent researches upon the fauna, and especially the insect-fauna, of the Oligocene of his district are well known and important.

CLEONUS DEGENERATUS.

Pl. II, Fig. 22.

Head faintly and very finely punctate, the eye very large, occupying, as seen on a side view, the entire front of the head; rostrum considerably longer than the head, rather slender, equal throughout, considerably arcuate. Thorax sharply, deeply, profusely punctate. Elytral striae moderately slender, deep, punctate throughout.

Length, excluding rostrum, 5.5<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 1.2<sup>mm</sup>; elytra, 4<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 2.5<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, Nos. 2609 and 3129.

Tribe ERIRHININI.

No tribe of Curculioninae shows such a variety of structural forms in the Tertiary deposits, whether of Europe or America, as this. In Europe no less than nine genera, with thirteen species, have been recognized, namely: Bagous, with three species at Brunstätt and Corent; Hydromomus, one species at Aix; Tanysphyrus, the same; Erirhinus, the same; Notaris, recognized by Curtis at Aix; Dorytomus, recognized by Serres at Aix; Erycus, two species in the Pleistocene of Hösbach; Smicronyx, one species at Brunstätt; and Erirhinoides, an uncharacterized extinct genus, with one species in amber. In America we find seven genera and nine species, all of which, with a single exception, come from Florissant. Of the genera found also in the European Tertiaries, we have Dorytomus, with two species; Erycus and Erirhinus, each with one; besides these Grypidius, with one species, and Procas, with two, one of which occurs only in the Gosiute fauna; while there are also two extinct genera, with one species each, Numitor and Smicrorhynchus.

## DORYTOMUS Germar.

Nearly fifty species of this genus are known, most of which belong to the Old World, though North America possesses fourteen, found mostly in rather high latitudes. Two fossil species are known, both from Florissant.

*Table of the species of Dorytomus.*

Prothorax twice as high as long; rostrum very gently arcuate.....	<i>williamsi</i> .
Prothorax only a little more than half as long; rostrum considerably arcuate.....	<i>coercitus</i> .

## DORYTOMUS WILLIAMSII.

Pl. vi, Fig. 2.

The specimens referred here seem pretty plainly to fall in *Dorytomus*, and in the vicinity, though not very close, of *D. brevicollis* LeConte. The head is very delicately scabrous, the eye pretty large, reniform, transverse; the beak is twice as long as the prothorax, much longer than head and prothorax together, very gently and regularly arcuate, and distinctly and rather heavily striate; the funicle and club together are nearly as long as the beak, the second joint of funicle longer than the third. The prothorax is decidedly transverse, being twice as high as long, tapers very rapidly and regularly with no anterior constriction, the surface densely and rather coarsely punctured with more or less transverse punctures. Elytra with deeply impressed and punctate striæ, the punctures small; interspaces feebly punctate and clothed with short hairs. Femora strongly clavate, armed beneath with an acute tooth; tibiæ very slender.

Length, excluding rostrum, 4.1<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 1.85<sup>mm</sup>; elytra, 2.5<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 2.5<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Two specimens, Nos. 7132, 11290.

Named for the talented paleontologist, Prof. H. S. Williams, of Cornell University.

## DORYTOMUS COERCITUS.

Pl. vi, Fig. 4.

I place this species in *Dorytomus*, to which it is certainly closely allied, although the legs are shorter and the thighs appear to be stouter than

in any of our living species, and I can also discover no inferior tooth on the fore femora, the only pair preserved. The head is small and nearly smooth, the rostrum considerably and regularly arcuate, two-thirds as long as the elytra, neither punctured nor striate, but apparently smooth; scape of antenna just failing to reach the base of the rostrum, the funicle alone as long as the scape, its first joint as long as the second and third together, the others subequal, the second and third equal, the club ovate and rather stout. Prothorax fully half as high again as long, tapering with very full sides, very faintly and profusely punctulate. Elytra very faintly punctato-striate. Fore femora very stout, being just beyond the middle nearly half as wide as long; tibiae moderately slender, scarcely arcuate, scarcely longer than the prothorax.

Length, excluding rostrum, 5.6<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 2.5<sup>mm</sup>; elytra, 4<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 2.4<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, No. 1987.

#### GRYPIDIUS Schönherr.

This genus as now known contains only three north European species, of which two are common to the northern parts of North America. A single fossil species is known, and comes from Florissant.

#### GRYPIDIUS CURVIROSTRIS

Pl. VI, Fig. 1.

A single specimen represents a species a little larger than the wide spread *G. equiseti* (Fabr.) and with a much more strongly curved snout. The head is exceedingly short, buried in the thorax, the eye small, circular, with a smaller diameter than the rostrum; the latter more than twice as long as the head and thorax together, all but the basal fourth very strongly arcuate, moderately slender; scape reaching the base of the snout, its point of insertion uncertain but apparently just before the apical third, the funicle and club together apparently about half the length of the rostrum. Thorax well rounded, rapidly tapering so as to be almost demioval, higher at the base than long, densely and rather finely punctate. Elytra rather elongate with punctate striae. Second abdominal segment scarcely longer than the

third and fourth together, the sutures straight to the margin. Under surface punctate like the thorax, but somewhat more finely.

Length, excluding rostrum, 6<sup>mm</sup>; height, 2.4<sup>mm</sup>; length of elytra, 4.5<sup>mm</sup>; of rostrum, 3.6<sup>mm</sup>.

It bears a close general resemblance to *Balaninus flexirostris* from the same beds.

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, No. 7661.

#### ERYCUS Toumier.

This genus is principally European, half a dozen species being known there, of which one is also found in North America, together with an additional species found in the northernmost United States and northward. Flach figures two of the European species as found in the Pleistocene deposits of Hösbach, Bavaria, and a single fossil species has been found at Florissant. The Hösbach specimens are known principally by their elytra, that of *E. acridulus* being not unlike ours, but the proportions of the thorax are widely different, and our fossil is a much larger species.

#### ERYCUS BREVICOLLIS.

Pl. II, Fig. 19.

Head feebly and not finely punctured; eye large, transversely broad ovate and pointed beneath, situated low down at the base of the rostrum, which is twice as long as the prothorax, strongly and regularly arcuate. Prothorax half as high again as long (in this respect disagreeing with *Erycus*), regularly arched above, with broad and rather full but not very distinct postocular lobes, the surface closely and distinctly punctate. Elytra gradually tapering in the apical half, the humeri rounded, striae with long quadrate approximate punctures, the interspaces feebly punctate. Legs much as in our *E. puncticollis* LeC., but with less abruptly clavate thighs, not toothed, the appearance of a tooth on the fore femora being an accident of preservation.

Length, excluding rostrum, 6.2<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 3.25<sup>mm</sup>; elytra, 4.75<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 3<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, No. 10058.

## PROCAS Stephens.

Only four or five living species of this genus are known, peculiar to Europe and the Mediterranean region, one of which occurs also in this country in the Lake Superior region.

The two species from the Rocky mountains, placed here, can not be regarded as properly members of this genus, though they appear to fall very near it. That from western Colorado and Utah has too slender and equal tibiae, and is of too slender a form; that from Florissant has too stout a rostrum and too strongly clavate thighs; while in both, the elytra are too narrow at base, with relation to the thorax, to permit them to be placed here in any strict sense, and it is equally clear that they do not belong together, and must be placed here only provisionally.

*Table of the species of Procas.*

Beak slender, longer than head and prothorax together ..... *vinculatus*.  
 Beak rather stout, shorter than head and prothorax together..... *verberatus*.

## PROCAS VINCULATUS.

## Pl. XI, Fig. 3.

Body rather slender, elongate oval. Head small, nearly twice as high as long, finely punctate; eyes rather small, circular, well removed from the margin of the prothorax; rostrum a little longer than head and prothorax together, slender, gently arcuate, equal throughout. Prothorax twice as high as long, tapering gently, the dorsum arched slightly, the surface not very densely punctate. Elytra slender and obscure but apparently feebly punctato-striate. Legs not stout nor very long, the tibiae slender and straight, not enlarged at the apex.

Length, excluding rostrum, 3.2<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 0.9<sup>mm</sup>; elytra, 2.5<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 1.5<sup>mm</sup>.

Roan mountains, western Colorado, from the richest insect beds at top of bluffs above the head waters of East Salt creek. One specimen, Nos. 1038 and 1039, U. S. Geological Survey. White river, Utah, at the Colorado line, from the very highest beds. One specimen, No. 704, U. S. Geological Survey.



## PROCAS VERBERATUS.

Pl. XI, Fig. 5.

Body moderately stout oval. Head small, broken in the single specimen so as to obscure it; eyes small, circular, situated rather low; rostrum rather stout, gently arcuate, equal, a little shorter than the head and prothorax together, with the antennal scrobes running almost the entire length along the middle of the sides, showing that the insertion of the antennæ must have been very near the tip and the antennal scrobes long. Prothorax fully half as high again as long, gently and slightly tapering, the surface coarsely and not very densely punctate. Elytra no broader at base than the prothorax, the dorsal curve over both being uniform, with slender and moderately deep striae which are obscurely punctate. Legs moderately long, with moderately clavate femora, the fore tibiæ at least a little arcuate and moderately stout, their apex obscured.

Length, excluding rostrum, 3.75<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 1<sup>mm</sup>; elytra, 2.35<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 1.75<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, No. 11784.

NUMITOR (nom. propr.)<sup>1</sup>, gen. nov.

A genus of Erirhini remarkable for its very stout form, long legs, abruptly and strongly clavate femora, and stout first joint of the funicle. The rostrum is rather more than usually stout, as long as head and prothorax together; the antennæ are inserted very near the tip of the beak, apparently nearer even than in *Procas*; the scrobes run directly toward the eye, but the scape does not quite attain them; the first and second joints of the funicle are elongated, the first a little longer than and nearly twice as stout as the second. Elytra somewhat of the form of those of *Dorytomus*. The femora appear to be unarmed, but are strongly and abruptly clavate in their apical half or two-fifths; the tibiæ are arcuate at base and slightly longer than the prothorax, truncate at tip, and apparently not at all mucronate.

A single species is known and comes from Florissant.

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<sup>1</sup> A relative of *Procas*.

## NUMITOR CLAVIGER.

Pl. II, Fig. 6.

Head feebly punctate, the eye very large, removed from the prothorax, rounded ovate, transverse; rostrum moderately stout, moderately and regularly arcuate, as long as head and prothorax together, apparently feebly punctate. Prothorax a third higher than long, tapering only next the apex, gently arched above, heavily and profusely punctate. Elytra punctato-striate, but apart from that with distant, very deep and sharp, rather small circular puncta. Under surface profusely and rather heavily punctate, as are apparently the thickened portions of the femora.

Length, excluding rostrum, 3.5<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 1.5<sup>mm</sup>; elytra, 2.25<sup>mm</sup>; middle femora, 1.75<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 2<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, Nos. 11283 and 13616.

SMICRORHYNCHUS (*σμικρὸς, ῥύγχος*), gen. nov.

I venture to discriminate from *Smicronyx* and its allies among the *Desmorhines* a little weevil having the general form and aspect of *Desmoris* and agreeing well with it in size, but more nearly allied to the minuter species of *Smicronyx* in the equal length of the second and third joints of the funicle of the antennæ; it differs from all the genera of this group in the equality of all three of the basal joints of the funicle. The beak is as long as the head and prothorax together, marked by a basal constriction, and is slightly enlarged throughout its apical half; the antennæ are inserted before the middle of the rostrum, but the scape barely reaches the eyes; the first, second, and third joints of the funicle are a little elongated, equal, and equally slender, each about twice as long as broad; the remaining joints are a little shorter, the club rather stout ovate. Prothorax apparently without postocular lobes. The body is well arched, and highest in the middle of the abdomen, behind which the elytra are strongly though not abruptly declivent.

A single species is known, and comes from Florissant.

## SMICRORHYNCHUS MACGEEI.

Pl. vi, Fig. 6.

Head nearly smooth in front, but posteriorly, profusely, and rather coarsely punctate, like the prothorax, though not quite so heavily; eye very large, ovate, transverse; rostrum as long as head and prothorax together, tapering gently at the base, but again enlarging on the apical half, very gently arcuate, longitudinally finely striate in the apical half. Prothorax half as broad or high again as long, quadratiform, with well rounded sides. Base of elytra considerably broader than the thorax; striæ finely impressed and punctate, the puncta circular, slight, small, and attingent; interspaces flat, feebly but profusely punctulate.

Length, excluding rostrum, 3.75<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 1.2<sup>mm</sup>; elytra, 2.5<sup>mm</sup>; width of thorax, 1.35<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 1.75<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Three specimens, Nos. 4258 and 7596, 9293, S. H. Scudder; No. 771, U. S. Geological Survey.

Named for my friend and colleague on the U. S. Geological Survey, Mr. W. J. McGee, of Washington.

## ERIRHINUS Schönherr.

This is an Old World type, the species from North America formerly placed here being now regarded as distinct. It has been recognized as fossil by Oustalet in a single species at Aix, and one has been indicated from amber by Motschulsky, under the name *Eirrhinoides*.

The species here included in this genus is so placed only as typical of the *Eirrhinini*. Its much briefer rostrum, as well as the exceptional size of the head, forbids its being classed here in any strict sense; but as I can find no genus to which it appears nearly allied among our *Eirrhinini* (to which from its general characters it appears to belong, although the abdominal segments are equal in length), it is provisionally placed here.

## ERIRHINUS DORMITUS.

Pl. II, Fig. 21.

Body very stout and compact, hardly more than half as long again as broad. Head very large, three-fourths as long as the prothorax, twice as

broad at base, well rounded, feebly and rather coarsely punctate; eye rather large, transversely ovate; rostrum as long as the head, moderately stout, scarcely arcuate, subacuminate at tip. Prothorax nearly twice as high as long, well arched, feebly punctate, and obliquely striate. Elytra obscure, but plainly striate, rather finely and apparently delicately punctato-striate. Femora rather stout; tibiae straight, and, especially the fore tibiae, rather long.

Length of body, excluding rostrum, 4.25<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 0.9<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 2.75<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, No. 8845.

#### Tribe MAGDALINI.

This tribe, composed in America of the single genus *Magdalis*, is represented by this genus alone in the Tertiary deposits, whether of Europe or America. In Europe two species have been described from Rott; in America one only is found at Florissant.

#### MAGDALIS Germar.

A genus rather richer in forms in Europe than in North America, where we recognize seventeen widely-distributed species, while a couple of species are found in South America and one in Australia. Heyden describes a couple of species (*Magdalinus*) from the Tertiaries of Rott. I place here a single fossil species from Florissant, which, from the general character of the antennæ (though the jointing of the funicle is not clear), and the prominent hind angles of the prothorax, as well as by its general aspect, seems to belong certainly in its neighborhood, but which, after all, differs considerably from it in the structure of the elytra and the early insertion of the antennæ, by which the scape is made to reach the very middle of the eye. Both the species described from Rott, and especially *M. deucalionis*, are much larger than ours, which resembles *M. deucalionis* rather than the other, but is still well removed from it.

## MAGDALIS SEDIMENTORUM.

Pl. VI, Fig. 3.

Head with the same surface sculpture as the thorax, but less pronounced; the eye circular, situated low down on the sides, removed from the front border of the prothorax; beak longitudinally striate, as long as head and thorax together, apically imperfect in the single specimen, very gently and regularly curved; antennae inserted distinctly before the middle of the beak, the scape attaining the middle of the eyes, the club stout oval; joints of the funicle not clearly determinable. Prothorax one-third higher than long, gently tapering forward, with prominent hind angles and the surface closely and rather coarsely and distinctly punctate. Elytra less than twice as long as broad, broadly rounded at tip, exposing the pygidium, very sparsely and feebly punctate, each puncture at the base of a short hair and with only the feeblest and vaguest signs of any longitudinal striation.

Length of body, excluding rostrum, 2.15<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 1.25<sup>mm</sup>; elytra, 1.65<sup>mm</sup>; antennae, 1.2<sup>mm</sup>; width of thorax, 1.2<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, No. 500.

## Tribe ANTHONOMINI.

This tribe, now represented in America by a considerable number of species, though not rich in generic types, and entirely absent from European Tertiary deposits, is one of the most important of the Curculionine in the Tertiaries of America, the number of generic types which have been discovered being as great as now, *Elleschus* being the only one not recognized, and its place is made good by an extinct type, *Crenastorhynchus*, with a single species. *Acalyptus*, *Orchestes*, and *Macrorhoptus* have each a single species, *Coccotorus* two, and all of these come exclusively from Florissant; as in the existing fauna, however, *Anthonomus* is far the best represented, being in fact the richest species of any of our fossil Rhynchophora, having ten species tolerably numerous in individuals, and all but two, which come from the Gosiute fauna, are likewise restricted to Florissant.

## ACALYPTUS Schönherr.

A genus containing only three or four species, mostly European; but one found in the East Indies; one of the European species occurs also in North America, and a single fossil species has been found at Florissant.

## ACALYPTUS OBTUSUS.

Pl. VI, Fig. 10.

I refer to this genus one of the smallest of our fossil Anthonomini from its close general resemblance to *A. rufipennis* Schönh., figured by Du Val, with entire agreement in all the details of the structure which can be studied. The body is stout and compact, tapering considerably and rather rapidly from the middle of the abdomen forward. The head is subconical, half as high again as long, feebly punctate and below transversely, finely, and feebly striate; the eye circular, of about the diameter of the beak, with about sixty large facets, each slightly less than  $0.015^{\text{mm}}$  in diameter; the beak is long and slender, somewhat longer than head and thorax together, gently arcuate and equal. The antennæ appear to be inserted and formed precisely as in *A. rufipennis*, with the same proportional lengths, so far as can be seen; the club, however, is obscure. The thorax is well rounded, tapering, about half as high again as long, very coarsely punctate. The elytra are well arched, much broader in the middle than elsewhere, and rather coarsely punctato-striate, and the interspaces show feeble signs of sparse and shallow punctation.

Length, excluding rostrum,  $2.4^{\text{mm}}$ ; rostrum,  $0.7^{\text{mm}}$ ; height of body at base of thorax,  $0.7^{\text{mm}}$ ; at middle of abdomen,  $1.2^{\text{mm}}$ .

Florissant, Colorado. Three specimens, Nos. 490, 4517, 9076.

## COCCOTORUS LeConte.

This genus was founded upon a single species, which is still the only one known, and is found in the United States east of the Rocky mountains. It is interesting to find two fossil species both of which occur only at Florissant, and hence are probably characteristic of the Laenstrine fauna.

*Table of the species of Coccotorus.*

Longer diameter of eye not greater than width of rostrum; rostrum distinctly arcuate .....	<i>principalis</i> .
Longer diameter of eye distinctly greater than width of rostrum; rostrum nearly straight .....	<i>requiescens</i> .

## COCCOTORUS PRINCIPALIS.

## Pl. II, Fig. 18.

Head fully half as high again as long, very full, closely punctate except beneath, where it is transversely striate; eyes pretty large, transversely oval, about as long as the width of the beak; this is slightly longer than the thorax, gently arcuate, rather stout and equal, finely punctate. Thorax hardly tapering, full and rounded, half as high again as long, very closely punctate with moderately coarse punctures, which show a slight tendency to vermiculate coalescence in various directions. Elytra tolerably equal, more than twice as long as broad, punctato-striate, the interspaces sparsely and shallowly punctate and with signs of transverse rugulae.

Length, excluding rostrum, 5.25<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 1.6<sup>mm</sup>; width of elytra, 2.5<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Two specimens, Nos. 4, 3196.

## COCCOTORUS REQUIESCENS.

## Pl. II, Fig. 1; Pl. III, Fig. 15.

Head short, fully half as high again as long, well rounded, rather delicately punctate; eyes large, transversely ovate, but pointed beneath, distinctly longer than the width of the beak; this is considerably longer than the prothorax, moderately stout, enlarging a little apically, longitudinally striate, nearly straight. Thorax tapering a little from the base, more than half as high again as long, rather coarsely and closely punctate. Elytra subequal, about twice as long as broad, punctato-striate, the interspaces very feebly punctate.

Length, excluding rostrum, 5<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 1.65<sup>mm</sup>; width of elytra, 3<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Two specimens, Nos. 7606, 8284.

CREMASTORHYNCHUS (*χρεμαστός, ρύγχος*), gen. nov.

The insect to which this name is given is unquestionably nearly allied to *Anthonomus* and *Coccotorus*, so far as its structure can be told. But it differs from them so clearly in one point, that I venture to separate it, viz, in the sinuosity of the suture at the sides of the body between the first and second abdominal segments, a character which I do not find in any other genus of living *Anthonomini*. In other respects it closely resembles the species I have here placed in *Coccotorus*. The beak is almost straight, and nearly as long as the head and prothorax together; the eye large and transverse, but not approximate above; all the femora are stout, but more strongly clavate, and the segments of the abdomen are of subequal length.

A single species is known, and comes from Florissant.

## CREMASTORHYNCHUS STABILIS.

Pl. VI, Fig. 9.

The body is rather stout and full, evidently tapering considerably forward from the base of the thorax. Head very short and fully twice as broad as long, the beak straight or almost straight, moderately slender, and but little shorter than the head and prothorax together; surface rather feebly and finely punctate, the punctures more or less run together longitudinally. Thorax rather rapidly tapering from the base, more than half as high again as long, rather coarsely and closely punctate, with numerous fine hairs. Elytra distinctly punctato-striate, the puncta separated by their own diameters, the interspaces sparsely and faintly punctate, and sparsely clothed with rather coarse hairs, each as long as the width of the interspaces.

Length, excluding rostrum, 4.75<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 1.25<sup>mm</sup>; height at base of thorax, 1.65<sup>mm</sup>; at middle of abdomen, 2.35<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Three specimens, Nos. 8986, 13018, and of the Princeton collection, 1562.

## ANTHONOMUS Germar.

A genus rich in species, over a hundred of which are known. It occurs in nearly every quarter of the globe, but is richest in numbers in America. In North America alone we have more than forty species widely distributed,



while Europe possesses less than thirty species. It is interesting, therefore, to note that while it has not been found fossil in the European beds, no genus of Curculionidæ exceeds it in the number of its representatives in the American Tertiaries; no less than eight species are found in Florissant alone, and two in the Gosiute fauna; no species is found in both. The species found in our western Tertiaries are abundant and vary somewhat in size and stoutness. They agree in having circular or nearly circular eyes, which are not approximate above, abdominal segments of equal or subequal length, a punctured prothorax, and punctato-striate elytra, the interspaces also usually punctate. In very few are the antennæ preserved, and when they are they overlie other parts or are otherwise obscure, so that it can only be said that they closely resemble in general appearance the living forms, but whether the funicle is in any case six or seven-jointed can not be determined with certainty.

*Table of the species of Anthonomus.*

- Larger forms, distinctly exceeding 3<sup>mm</sup> in length.
- Elytra nearly as broad at base as in middle, nearly parallel-sided.
    - Beak scarcely longer than prothorax.....*primordius*.
    - Beak nearly or quite as long as head and prothorax together.
      - Beak tapering, distinctly shorter than head and prothorax together,
        - .....*evigilatus*.
      - Beak equal, scarcely, if at all, shorter than head and prothorax together.
        - Smaller forms, less than 4<sup>mm</sup> long.....*debilitatus*.
        - Larger forms, more than 4<sup>mm</sup> long.....*concussus*.
    - Elytra much broader in middle than at base, greatly arched.....*arctus*.
  - Smaller forms, distinctly less than 3<sup>mm</sup> in length.
    - Beak longer than head and prothorax together.....*corruptus*.
    - Beak shorter than head and prothorax together.
      - Beak longer than prothorax.
        - Elytra much broader in middle than at base.
          - Larger forms, distinctly more than 2.5<sup>mm</sup> long; eye circular, *reventus*.
          - Smaller forms, distinctly less than 2.5<sup>mm</sup> long; eye transverse,
            - .....*defossus*.
        - Elytra scarcely broader in middle than at base.....*soporus*.
      - Beak shorter than prothorax.....*revictus*.

*ANTHONOMUS PRIMORDIUS.*

Pl. v, Fig. 8.

Body relatively slender and elongate, scarcely larger at the middle of the abdomen, subcylindrical. Head rather full, nearly as long as broad, rather coarsely but somewhat feebly punctate; eye circular, small, rather smaller than the rather slender, gently arcuate beak which is about as long as the prothorax. Prothorax more than half as high again as long, rather coarsely and uniformly punctate, more strongly and a little more densely than the head. Elytra with feeble striae.

Length, excluding snout, 3.5<sup>mm</sup>; snout, 0.65<sup>mm</sup>; height at thorax, 1.2<sup>mm</sup>; at middle of abdomen, 1.5<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, No. 12484.

*ANTHONOMUS EVIGILATUS.*

Pl. v, Figs. 9, 12.

Body moderately stout, not elongate, not greatly larger in the middle of the abdomen. Head moderately full, about half as broad again as long, feebly punctate above, transversely striate below; eye small, circular, inferior, smaller than the slender tapering beak, which is feebly arcuate and considerably longer than the prothorax. Prothorax rather coarsely and densely punctate, tapering from the base, nearly half as high or broad again as long. Elytra a little more than twice as long as broad, with distinct punctate striae, the interspaces also rather coarsely punctate, as seen in Fig. 12.

Length, excluding snout, 3.6<sup>mm</sup>; snout, 1<sup>mm</sup>; height at thorax, 1.1<sup>mm</sup>; at middle of abdomen, 1.5<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Three specimens, Nos. 2897, 9520, 11249.

*ANTHONOMUS DEBILATUS.*

Pl. v, Fig. 15.

Body rather stout, somewhat broader in middle of abdomen than elsewhere, but the elytra not strongly arched. Head rather full, nearly twice as broad as long, obscurely and not coarsely punctate; eye small, circular,

smaller than the width of the very slender, gently arcuate, equal beak, which is as long as the head and prothorax together. Prothorax tapering from the base, more than half as high again as long, coarsely and uniformly punctate. Elytra punctato-striate with feebly punctate interspaces.

Length, excluding beak, 3.75<sup>mm</sup>; beak, 1.25<sup>mm</sup>; height at thorax, 1.2<sup>mm</sup>; at middle of abdomen, 2<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Two specimens, Nos. 1416, 8637.

ANTHONOMUS CONCUSSUS

Pl. v, Figs. 4, 13.

Body moderately stout, somewhat broader in middle of abdomen than elsewhere, the elytra moderately arched. Head rather small, about twice as broad as long, finely punctulate, especially above; eye small, circular, narrower than the rather slender, equal, gently arcuate beak, which is barely shorter than the head and prothorax together. Prothorax coarsely and uniformly punctate, tapering from the base, about half as high again as long, with full outline. Under surface very coarsely and distantly punctate. Elytra nearly two and a half times as long as broad, rather heavily punctato-striate, the interspaces punctate.

Length, excluding rostrum, 4.25–5.25<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 1.1–1.4<sup>mm</sup>; height at prothorax, 1.4–1.75<sup>mm</sup>; at middle of elytra, 2–2.5<sup>mm</sup>.

This species appears to vary considerably in size, and I have given measurements of extreme individuals.

Florissant, Colorado. Nine specimens, Nos. 5512, 6375, 7685, 7695, 8425, 8732, 9629, 11297, 14163.

ANTHONOMUS ARCTUS.

Pl. v, Fig. 16.

Body stout, much broader in middle of abdomen than elsewhere, the elytra having a rapid posterior slope. Head tapering, subconical, nearly as long as wide, the surface distinctly though finely punctate, but transversely and very finely striate beneath; eye pretty small, circular, about the diameter of the very slender, almost or quite straight, and equal beak, which is much

longer than the prothorax, but shorter than head and prothorax together. Prothorax coarsely and not densely punctate, well rounded, but tapering from the base, half as high again as long. Elytra much broader in the middle than elsewhere, about twice as long as broad, punctato-striate, but the punctures not very pronounced, the interspaces very feebly punctate.

Length, excluding beak, 3.3<sup>mm</sup>; beak, 1<sup>mm</sup>; height at thorax, 1<sup>mm</sup>; at middle of abdomen, 1.65<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Four specimens, Nos. 9021, 11244, 11295, and of the Princeton collection, 1958.

#### ANTHONOMUS CORRUPTUS.

Pl. v, Fig. 18.

Body very stout, rapidly sloping on posterior half of elytra. Head conical, rather full, less than half as high again as long, the surface feebly and finely punctate behind, around the eye a broad band of radiating rugae, not distinct in one of the two individuals; eye large, round, a little broader than the beak, which is rather slender, nearly equal, considerably longer than the head and prothorax together, considerably arcuate and finely striate. Prothorax densely and coarsely punctate, nearly twice as high as broad, regularly tapering, and at base considerably narrower than the elytra; elytra well arched, heavily and deeply punctato-striate, the interspaces with signs of feeble punctuation.

Length, excluding rostrum, 2.6<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 1.1<sup>mm</sup>; height of body at base of prothorax, 0.9<sup>mm</sup>; at middle of elytra, 1.5<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Two specimens, Nos. 2211, 5410.

#### ANTHONOMUS REVENTUS.

Pl. v, Figs. 10, 14.

Body very stout and compact, the elytra much broader in the middle than elsewhere. Head conical, rather full, nearly half as broad again as long, the surface smooth except for excessively fine transverse striations and around the eyes a few granules; eye rather large, circular, broader than the beak, which is only moderately slender, nearly as long as head and prothorax

together, gently arcuate, and longitudinally more or less striate. Prothorax coarsely and rather sparsely punctate, nearly twice as high as long. Elytra distinctly punctato-striate.

Length of body, excluding rostrum, 2.65<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 0.75<sup>mm</sup>; height of body at prothorax, 1.15<sup>mm</sup>; at middle of elytra, 1.6<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Seven specimens, Nos 4714, 6249, 8266, 8383 and 9854, 8611, 8951, 8958.

#### ANTHONOMUS DEFOSSUS.

Pl. v, Figs. 6, 11.

*Anthonomus defossus* Scudd., Bull. U. S. Geol. Geogr. Surv. Terr., n: 86 (1876).

Body very stout and compact, the elytra considerably broader in the middle than elsewhere. It is nearly as large as *A. hæmatopus* Boh., with a slightly more curved rostrum, which is somewhat longer than the prothorax, slightly transverse eyes which are rather large, and with more abundant pitting of the prothorax, which is also less obscured by hairs. The head is conical, fully half as broad again as long, delicately punctulate, and beneath transversely striate, covered very sparsely with very fine, short, almost invisible hairs, directed downward; the antennal scrobes appear to be rather shallow. The prothorax is covered with exactly similar hairs, very distant, apparently arising only on the sharp ridges between the punctures with which the surface is completely studded; these punctures are rather deep, rounded, about 0.032<sup>mm</sup> in diameter, and as closely crowded as possible; the thoracic pleura are similarly pitted, but with a little less frequency, and therefore with coarser bounding walls. The elytra are coarsely ridged with nine equidistant, stout, rounded costæ, 0.1<sup>mm</sup> apart, the fourth from the outer border terminating between the conjoined apices of those on either side of it; they are rather more prominent and more distant than in *A. hæmatopus*; the whole surface of the elytra, both costæ and furrows, is dull rugulose. The legs are similar to those of the living species mentioned, but are somewhat shorter.

Length of body, excluding rostrum, 2.2<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 0.5<sup>mm</sup>; length of eye, 0.18<sup>mm</sup>; breadth of same, 0.14<sup>mm</sup>; height at thorax, 0.75<sup>mm</sup>; at middle of abdomen, 1.15<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Thirteen specimens, Nos. 765, 766, 768, 769, 770, 772, collected by S. H. Scudder, U. S. Geological Survey; No. 1347, collected by J. C. Hersey and obtained by Dr. A. C. Peale, U. S. Geological Survey; Nos. 1 and 33, collected by T. L. Mead; Nos. 453, 2112, 7033, 8033, collected by S. H. Scudder; No. 14736, collected by Miss C. H. Blatchford.

ANTHONOMUS SOPORUS.

Pl. XI, Fig. 1

*Anthonomus soporus* Seudd., Tert. Ins. N. A., 472-473, Pl. VIII, Fig. 16 (1890).

Body rather stout, strongly arched, rapidly tapering in front of the elytra, which are but little broader in the middle than at base. The head is about a third higher than long, moderately full, punctate; eyes moderately large, circular; beak considerably longer than the prothorax, faintly arcuate, equal, punctulate. Prothorax a little higher than long, tapering, a little full, faintly punctate. Elytra much larger at base than the prothorax, with nine equidistant, rather coarse, not greatly elevated, coarsely beaded ridges (representing by reversal punctate striae) besides the sutural ridge, the third and fourth from the sutural ridge being a little shorter than the others which increase regularly in length from within outward; the smooth flat interspaces are fully twice as broad as the striae.

The specimen from White river seems to have a stouter rostrum, but is apparently of the same species with the others.

Length, excluding rostrum, 3<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 0.7<sup>mm</sup>; elytra, 2<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 1.3<sup>mm</sup>.

Green River, Wyoming, from Fish cut. Two specimens, No. 48, Prof. Leslie A. Lee, No. 193, Dr. A. S. Packard. The same, from bluffs behind town. Four specimens, Nos. 718 and 739, 728, 737, 743, U. S. Geological Survey. White river, Colorado, next Utah line. One specimen, No. 604, U. S. Geological Survey. Roan mountains, western Colorado, from richest beds at summit of bluffs overlooking head of East Salt creek. One specimen, No. 1048, U. S. Geological Survey.

## ANTHONOMUS REVICTUS.

Pl. XI, Fig. 6.

Body relatively slender and elongate, the dorsal surface not very strongly arched. Head moderately large, appressed, the rostrum springing from it abruptly, more than twice as high as long; eyes obscure, apparently broad oval, transverse, and of moderate size; rostrum straight, equal, moderately stout, scarcely longer than the prothorax. Prothorax fully half as high again as long, tapering a little with a slight fullness, the surface obscure but apparently finely punctate. Elytra not greatly broader at base than the prothorax and very obscure, but apparently striato-punctate.

Length, excluding rostrum, 2.7<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 0.5<sup>mm</sup>; elytra, 1.9<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 1.7<sup>mm</sup>.

Green River, Wyoming, from the bluffs behind the town. Two specimens, Nos. 721 and 730, 723, U. S. Geological Survey.

## ORCHESTES Illiger.

This genus is tolerably well stocked with species, especially in the Old World. In the New World a couple of species are found in South America and nine species in North America. A single species has been found fossil at Florissant.

## ORCHESTES LANGUIDULUS.

Pl. VI, Fig. 8.

I refer this Anthonomid to *Orchestes* mainly from its general appearance, and because its large eyes are so close above as almost to touch. The head, however, and beak are very obscure, but appear to be bent over so as to receive the beak upon or nearly upon the breast; the beak appears to be hardly longer than the head, scarcely arcuate and stout; the surface of the head appears to be feebly punctate. Thorax coarsely, equally and rather closely punctate, half as high again as long, tapering only a little. Elytra more than twice as long as broad, not greatly broader in the middle than at base, punctato-striate, the puncta of the same size as on the thorax,

and the interspaces also feebly punctate. Beneath, the body is punctate like the thorax, but much more sparsely.

Length, excluding rostrum, 3.35<sup>mm</sup>; probable length of rostrum, 0.5<sup>mm</sup>; height at middle of elytra, 1.7<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, No. 5145.

#### MACRORHOPTUS LeConte.

This genus is founded on a single species from Texas and California. One species has been found fossil at Florissant.

#### MACRORHOPTUS INTUTUS.

Pl. vi, Fig. 5.

To this genus I refer a single species with large transversely oval eyes, not closely approximate above, but so closely as to make the front narrower than the beak, with obtuse hind angles to the prothorax, and with all the aspect and structure of one of the *Anthonomini*. The head is about half as high again as long, with a finely punctate surface; the beak is somewhat longer than the prothorax, somewhat arcuate and equal; the antennal scrobe scarcely attains the eye, and is apparently inserted slightly beyond the middle of the beak; the funicle and club together are slightly longer than the scape, and slender, the final joints of the funiculus gradually enlarging to the gentle club, much as described for *M. estriatus* Lec., but slenderer. Thorax much more than half as high again as long, well rounded, not tapering greatly, rather coarsely punctate. Elytra fully twice as long as broad, subequal, except apically, punctato-striate, the interspaces feebly and finely punctulate.

Length, excluding rostrum, 4.5<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 1.1<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 2<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Five specimens, Nos. 4593, 8254, 9179, 13016, 13622.

#### Tribe PRIONOMERINI.

This small tribe, unknown in the Old World, whether in recent or Tertiary times, is represented in our Tertiary deposits by a single species of *Prionomerus* at Florissant.



## PRIONOMERUS' Schönherr.

To this monotypic genus, founded on a species from the Atlantic States, I can now add a single fossil species from Florissant.

## PRIONOMERUS IRVINGII.

Pl. III, Fig. 12.

A large stout-bodied form. The head and prothorax together, as viewed above, form a nearly equiangular triangle with rounded sides, the head only less heavily punctured than the prothorax where the punctures are close and rather coarse; beak moderately stout, gently arcuate, as long as the prothorax (not contracted at base as the figure would indicate). Elytra considerably broader than the base of the prothorax, with rounded humeri; they are but little more than half as long again as broad, apically divergent so as to expose the pygidium, the striae pretty sharp and moderately deep with not very distinct, distant punctures, the interspaces flat with large irregular, distant punctures, approximately disposed in two rows in each interspace.

Length, excluding rostrum, 4.7<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 1.35<sup>mm</sup>; width of base of thorax, 2.3<sup>mm</sup>; of elytra, 3.2<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Two specimens, Nos. 8627, 8942.

This insect is named in honor of Dr. Roland D Irving, of Wisconsin, my colleague on the U. S. Geological Survey.

## Tribe TYCHIINI.

This small tribe is very similarly represented in the Tertiaries of Europe and America. In the former are found one species of Sibynes, at Aix; and two of Tychius, at Rott and Brunstatt; in the latter one of Sibynes and two of Tychius, all at Florissant; in no other tribe of Rhynchophora is there such a close similarity.

## TYCHIUS Germar.

This genus is numerous in species of small size and is widely spread, especially in the northern hemisphere and in the Old World. North America possesses only seven species, found in the Mississippi valley and westward,

and Central and South America only about as many more. Two species have been found fossil in Europe and two in America, the latter at Florissant only. One of the European species, *T. manderstjernai* Heyden from Rott, appears to be quite too large for a *Tychius* and is preserved in such a position as hardly to allow proper comparison with the American fossils; the other, *T. latus* Förster from Brunstatt, differs much from the American species, is stouter, and has the beak imperfectly preserved.

*Table of the species of Tychius.*

Rostrum as long as head and prothorax together.....	<i>secretus.</i>
Rostrum shorter than head and prothorax together.....	<i>evolatus.</i>

TYCHIUS SECRETUS.

Pl. vi, Fig. 12.

Body moderately elongate, the dorsum well and regularly curved. Head small, eye moderately large, transversely oval; beak as long as head and prothorax together, barely arcuate, moderately slender, very delicately punctulate. Thorax tapering rather rapidly from base, less than half as high again as long, uniform, rather coarsely and densely punctate. Elytra fully twice as long as broad, rather finely striate and apparently very faintly punctate in the striæ.

Length, excluding rostrum, 4.1<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 1.25<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 1.85<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Two specimens, Nos. 8230, 13026.

TYCHIUS EVOLATUS.

Pl. vi, Figs. 11, 13, 17.

Body rather elongate, the dorsum moderately curved. Head small, not much higher than long, feebly but not very finely punctate; eye of moderate size, circular, or slightly oval in a transverse sense; beak somewhat longer than the prothorax, almost straight or feebly arcuate, slender. Thorax tapering regularly from base, considerably more than half as high again as broad; densely, heavily, but not very coarsely punctate. Elytra fully two and a half times longer than broad, punctato-striate, the interspaces flat and apparently feebly and obscurely punctate.

Length, excluding rostrum, 3.75<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 0.85<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 1.5<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Six specimens, Nos. 483, 4357, 5430, 8522 and 8908, 8957, and of the Princeton collection 1-609.

#### SIBYNES Schönherr.

A genus almost exclusively confined to the Old World, but of which a single species is known from California. Oustalet has described a fossil species from Aix, and one, which, however, bears no special resemblance to that, has been found at Florissant. It differs slightly in antennal structure from the living forms; as in these, the funicle is six-jointed, but the relation of the joints is a little different: the first joint is the longest, the second is somewhat shorter, much slenderer, expanding apically, twice as long as its apical breadth, and more than twice as long as the third joint; following the second are three precisely similar quadrate joints, scarcely broader than long, followed by a similar but a little broader sixth joint.

#### SIBYNES WHITNEYI.

Pl. VI, Figs. 15, 16.

Head well rounded, about twice as high as long, very finely and uniformly punctulate, the eye of moderate size, transversely oval, a little pointed beneath, far removed from the thoracic margin; beak gently arcuate, continuing the curve of the head and thorax, nearly as long as the head and prothorax together, slender and equal. Prothorax tapering regularly from the base, half as high again as long, with some signs of a lateral ruga, the surface rather densely and not very finely punctate. Under surface with similar but more distant punctuation. Elytra distinctly and rather heavily punctato-striate, the interspaces apparently smooth.

Length, excluding rostrum, 3.4<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 1<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 1.75<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Fifteen specimens, Nos. 1, 2667, 4544, 7486, 8844, 8974, 9162, 10051, 11254, 11284, 11296, 12427, 13597, 13623 and 13679, 13643.

Named for the distinguished geologist, Prof. Josiah D. Whitney, of Cambridge.

## Tribe CIONINI.

This tribe of Curculioninæ is better represented in the European Tertiaries than in our own, at least in generic forms. In Europe we find the genera *Gymnetron*, one species at Brunstatt, *Nanophyes*, one species at Rott, and *Cionus* at Aix, where Serres recognizes but does not describe two species (*Oustalet*, however, in his study of the Aix Coleoptera, does not recognize the genus). In America we have only two species of the first named genus, *Gymnetron*, one found at Florissant, the other at Green River.

## GYMNETRON Schönherr.

*Gymnetron* is almost exclusively a European and Mediterranean genus, abundant in forms, the single known American species being of European origin. It has been found in the European Tertiaries at Brunstatt, and in this country two species occur at Florissant and at Green River; the European Tertiary species, *G. rotundicollis* Förster, has only a general resemblance to ours, and is of about the size of our *G. lecontei*.

*Table of the species of Gymnetron.*

Rostrum only as long as the prothorax .....	<i>antecurrens</i> .
Rostrum longer than the head and prothorax together .....	<i>lecontei</i> .

## GYMNETRON ANTECURRENS.

## Pl. vi, Fig. 14.

A single specimen seems to resemble not a little our well known *G. teter* Fabr., but is more coarsely marked. The head is fully twice as high as long, not heavily, but almost coarsely punctate; the eye large, oval, transverse, pointed both above and below, as far removed as possible from the prothorax; beak almost straight, very slender, as long as the prothorax. Prothorax coarsely and densely punctate, tapering a little from the base, somewhat more than half as high again as long. Under surface coarsely, heavily punctate, but less densely than on the thorax. Elytra with sharply defined, slender striae with faint signs of punctuation, the interspaces flat with feeble indications of shallow punctuation.

Length, excluding rostrum, 3<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 0·7<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 1·65<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, No. 4496.

GYMNETRON LECONTEI.

*Gymnetron lecontei* Scudd., Bull. U. S. Geol. Geogr. Surv. Terr., iv, 767 (1878); Tert. Ins. N. A., 471-472, Pl. VIII, Fig. 26 (1890).

Named for the late Dr. John L. LeConte, of Philadelphia, whose works on the Rhyneophora of this country have formed the substantial basis of the present monograph.

It is doubtful if this be a *Gymnetron*; its depth of body is too great, in that respect, at least, resembling rather a *Mononychus*. No further specimens have been obtained.

Green River, Wyoming.

Tribe CRYPTORHYNCHINI.

This tribe, so well developed in the recent American fauna, is relatively very unimportant in the Tertiaries. In Europe the genera *Acalles* and *Chalcodermus*, with one species each at Rott and at Kutschlin, are all that have been recognized, excepting three species of *Cryptorhynchus* at Aix, Rott, and Brunstatt. In America we have also three genera, but as many as seven species, four of them referred to *Cryptorhynchus*, in equal numbers from the Lacustrine and the Gosiute faunas; one, from the Roan mountains to *Rhyssomatus*, and two, from Florissant, to an extinct genus, *Rhyssosternum*.

RHYSSOMATUS Schönherr.

An American genus especially abundant in the tropics, but of which North America possesses five species, mostly confined to the southern states. A single species has been found fossil in the Roan mountains, Colorado.

RHYSSOMATUS TABESCENS.

Pl. XI, Fig. 9.

A single elytron from the Roan mountains is so different from anything else yet found in tertiary deposits that I venture to describe and provision-

ally to refer it here. Unfortunately it is not complete, but it is apparently about two and a third times longer than broad, tapers rather rapidly in the apical third by the strong curvature of the outer margin, has a rectangular apex, and is furnished with ten series of impressed punctate striae, the puncta rather large, rather deep, but not sharp, and the interspaces smooth and alternately flat and strongly arched so as then to form dull carinae, a feature reminding one somewhat of *Rhyssomatus*.

Length of elytron, 4.6<sup>mm</sup>; breadth, 2<sup>mm</sup>.

Roan mountains, western Colorado, from the richest beds at summit of bluffs facing head of East Salt creek. One specimen, No. 1026, U. S. Geological Survey.

RHYSOSTERNUM (*ῥυσσός, στέρνον*), gen. nov.

Having the general aspect of *Rhyssomatus* (to which the late Dr. LeConte called my attention), but with an unusually long beak, prominent postocular lobes, and altogether different sculpturing of the elytra; it would appear, however, to belong in the same group. Body ovate, somewhat elongate. The beak is longer than the head and thorax together, sometimes more than twice as long as the prothorax, and strongly arcuate. The antennae are not very clearly preserved, but the funiculus and club together are fully two-thirds as long as the beak, and apparently the first joint of the former is long, while the succeeding are much shorter and subequal, the final ones half as broad again as the second. The prothorax is much higher than long, with prominent postocular lobes, due largely to a deep angular rounded emargination at the middle of the sides; its surface is sinuately and longitudinally strigose, as in *Rhyssomatus*. The elytra are simply but very distinctly punctato-striate, without carination; the tenth stria is abbreviated.

Two species are known, both from Florissant.

*Table of the species of Rhyssosternum.*

Beak more than twice as long as the prothorax, reaching the end of the metasternum; puncta of the elytral striae distinctly longitudinal.....	<i>longirostre.</i>
Beak less than twice as long as the prothorax, reaching the end of the mesosternum; puncta of the elytral striae distinctly circular.....	<i>eternabile.</i>

## RHYSOSTERNUM LONGIROSTRE.

Pl. VI, Fig. 20.

Head almost concealed within the prothorax, densely and by no means finely punctate; the eye moderately large, transversely oval; beak longitudinally striate, slender, and equal, gently arcuate in apical half, beyond strongly arcuate, nearly as long as the elytra, and when folded against the breast reaching the end of the metasternum. Prothorax rather more than one-half as high again as long, tapering with a full and uniform curve from the base, at apex as high only as long; surface uniform, densely and coarsely punctate, the puncta so disposed and confluent as to form deep sinuate or verniculate longitudinal strigæ, clothed also with short stout hairs. Under surface punctate, but much more coarsely and heavily on the thoracic than on the abdominal segments. Elytra sharply and deeply punctato-striate, the puncta more or less longitudinal; interspaces flat, faintly punctulate, and clothed with hairs like the thorax; tibiæ rather stout and slightly arcuate.

Length, excluding rostrum, 5.8<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 3.3<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 3<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Three specimens, Nos. 3836, 7516, 8691.

## RHYSOSTERNUM ÆTERNABILE.

Pl. VI, Fig. 19.

Head much as in the preceding species; the eyes mostly concealed by the postocular lobes; beak somewhat striate longitudinally, moderately slender and equal, somewhat and equally arcuate throughout, longer than head and prothorax together, and when folded against the breast reaching the end of the mesosternum. Prothorax apparently about half as high again as long, tapering as in the other species, at apex rather higher than long; the surface irregularly punctate, the puncta confluent, so as to form wavering longitudinal strigæ, differing from the preceding species mainly in the more perfect confluence of the punctures and the sharpness of the intervening ridges. Under surface precisely as in *R. longirostre*. Elytra not very deeply striate, but the striæ with deep circular puncta, usually separated by fully their own diameter.

Length, excluding rostrum, 6.8<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 2.4<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 3.25<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. One species, No. 13674.

#### CRYPTORHYNCHUS Illiger.

A very numerous genus, with two or three hundred species, spread very widely, but more numerous in America than in all the rest of the world. Europe has only a single species, also found in North America, which possesses besides about fifteen species, all of which occur east of the Rocky mountains only.

Three species are recorded from the European Tertiaries, one each at Rott, Aix, and Brunstatt, but none of them have any special relationship with the four forms from the American Tertiaries, of which two come from Florissant, two from the Gosiute fauna. These species are placed in this genus rather as typical of the group whose name it bears than in any strict sense. They agree in having a general resemblance to the typical members of this group, with a recurved rostrum, rather small eyes, and no prominent postocular lobes; the abdominal segments seem to be of nearly uniform length.

#### *Table of the species of Cryptorhynchus.*

Punctuation of the thorax very delicate, hardly perceptible.....	<i>durus</i> .
Punctuation of the prothorax moderately coarse; the puncta about 0.045 <sup>mm</sup> in diameter; all the striae equally impressed.	
Head short, less (or rarely more) than one-third as long as the prothorax; rostrum as long as head and prothorax together.....	<i>kerri</i> .
Head relatively long, generally half as long as the prothorax; rostrum shorter than head and prothorax together.....	<i>profusus</i> .
Punctuation of the prothorax very coarse, the puncta about 0.06 <sup>mm</sup> in diameter; the striae unequally impressed.....	<i>annosus</i> .

#### CRYPTORHYNCHUS DURUS.

Pl. XI, Fig. 8.

Body long obovate. Head not very short, about one-half the length of the prothorax, apparently quite smooth; the eyes moderately large, scarcely oval, and transverse; rostrum rather stout, gently arcuate, not quite so long



as the prothorax. Prothorax very faintly and apparently very finely punctate, but almost smooth, slightly tapering, the dorsal outline gently arcuate, fully half as high again as long. Elytra feebly and finely punctato-striate, the punctuation a little wider than the striae, the interspaces flat, and with feeble signs of exceedingly delicate punctuation.

Length, excluding rostrum, 3.8<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 0.7<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 1.5<sup>mm</sup>.

Roan mountains, western Colorado, from the richest beds at crest of bluff overlooking head of East Salt creek. One specimen, Nos. 1031 and 1032, U. S. Geological Survey.

CRYPTORHYNCHUS KERRI.

Pl. VI, Fig. 21.

Body ovate. Head short, the length rarely more than one-third that of the prothorax, finely and closely punctate; the eyes small, a little oval and transverse; beak slender, gently arcuate, about as long as head and prothorax together. Prothorax densely and rather coarsely punctate, slightly tapering, well rounded, about half as high again as long. Under surface of thorax punctate, like the prothorax. Elytra rather heavily and uniformly punctato-striate, the striae deeply and uniformly impressed, the interspaces flat, with very feeble signs of shallow punctuation.

Length, excluding rostrum, 2.8<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 0.8<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 1.6<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Twelve specimens, Nos. 476, 1789, 6148, 7647, 8105 and 9475, 8487, 8534, 8718, 9084, 11260, 11304, 13638.

Named in memory of the talented geologist, the late Prof. W. C. Kerr, of North Carolina.

CRYPTORHYNCHUS PROFUSUS.

Pl. VI, Fig. 18.

Body ovate. Head moderately long, the length usually about half the length of the prothorax, finely and closely punctate; the eyes moderately large, transversely oval, longer than the breadth of the rather slender rostrum, which is gently arcuate and a little shorter than head and thorax together. Prothorax densely and rather coarsely punctate, rapidly tapering with a full curve, nearly twice as high or broad as long. Elytra consider-

ably broader at base than the thorax, with the same sculpturing as in the preceding species, with which I had at first associated it, but from which it seemed best to separate it on account of the relatively shorter prothorax and snout.

Length, excluding rostrum, 2·8<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 0·7<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 1·5<sup>mm</sup>; width at base of prothorax, 1·1<sup>mm</sup>; at middle of elytra, 1·6<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Seven specimens, Nos. 475, 1222, 2148, 3322, 5386, 5655, 8624 and 9104.

CRYPTORHYNCHUS ANNOSUS.

Pl. XI, Fig. 10.

*Cryptorhynchus annosus* Scudd., Bull. U. S. Geol. Geogr. Surv. Terr., II, 86-87 (1876); Tert. Ins. N. A., 471, Pl. VII, Fig. 3 (1890).

Better specimens of what appear to be this species, though coming from different localities from the type, show that the body is of a compact elongate oval form, the head very short, apparently smooth or only finely punctate, with a moderate-sized circular eye, the rostrum completely concealed on a side view. The thorax is nearly half as high again as long, uniformly and profusely punctate, as described. The elytra are no broader at base than the thorax, giving a gently uniform arcuation to the dorsal curve, long, narrow, gently tapering to an acuminate apex.

Length of body, 3·2<sup>mm</sup>; elytra, 2·2<sup>mm</sup>; height, 1·4<sup>mm</sup>.

Roan mountains, western Colorado, from the richest beds at top of bluff overhanging head of East Salt creek. One specimen, No. 947, U. S. Geological Survey. White river, Colorado, from the lowest shales next the bed of the river, about 3 miles from the Utah border. One specimen, No. 549, U. S. Geological Survey. The original was from Green River, Wyoming.

Tribe CEUTHORHYNCHINI.

This tribe of Curculioninae is very similarly represented in the older European and American Tertiaries; for in America we have a single species of *Celiodes* and 5 of *Ceuthorhynchus*, all from Florissant, excepting one species of the latter genus from the Roan mountains; while in

Europe one species of *Cœliodes* is recorded from Aix, and 4 of *Ceuthorhynchus* from Brumstatt and Rott; but besides these a recent species of *Mononychus* has been found in the peat of Jarville, France.

*CÆLIODES* Schönherr.

The species of this genus, 40 or 50 in number, living on trees and shrubs, are widely distributed, mainly in the Old World, but a dozen are found in the New World, and principally in North America. One species has been found fossil at Aix, in Provence, and I place here a single species from Florissant from its general resemblance to *C. acephalus* Germ., although the eye does not appear to be at all covered by postocular lobes, and the antennæ are longer and the funicle apically slenderer than in *Cœliodes*. It certainly appears to be very nearly allied to it, but has a much longer prothorax.

*CÆLIODES PRIMOTINUS*.

Pl. XI, Fig. 11.

Body very stout, regularly and strongly arcuate above. Head shallowly and rather finely punctured; eyes rather large, circular, and situated low down; beak very obscurely and finely punctured, equal except for a slight constriction just beyond the base, rather stout, a little arcuate next the base, but beyond straight, nearly as long as head and prothorax together; antennæ with the scape hardly attaining the eyes, the funicle and club together almost equaling the length of the beak, the funicle equally slender throughout excepting for the last joint, which with the club forms a broad oval mass. Thorax rapidly tapering, nearly twice as high as long, coarsely and rather closely punctate. Under surface of body with similar but closer puncta. Elytra striate, with feeblest possible signs of punctuation. Legs short.

Length, excluding rostrum, 3.25<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 1.2<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 1.85<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, No. 8031.

## CEUTHORHYNCHUS Germar.

A prolific genus with a couple of hundred species, almost exclusively confined to the Old World. We have, however, nearly twenty species in North America, widely distributed. Four species have been found in the European Tertiaries and five in the American, almost confined to and somewhat characteristic of the Gosiute fauna, only one of the species occurring elsewhere. The European species mostly occur at Brunstatt, *C. obliquus* Förster being very close to our *C. compactus*, but the species from Rott bears no special resemblance to any of the American species.

*Table of the species of Ceuthorhynchus.*

Base of elytra scarcely or not at all wider than the thorax.

Body twice as long as broad, the general form relatively long oval.

Prothorax nearly or quite twice as high as long; rostrum shorter than head and thorax together.

Prothorax fully twice as high as long, vermiculate; rostrum stout. *evinctus*.

Prothorax nearly twice as high as long, punctate; rostrum relatively slender..... *clausus*.

Prothorax hardly more than half as high again as long; rostrum longer than head and thorax together..... *auratus*.

Body much less than twice as long as broad, the general form relatively short oval..... *compactus*.

Base of elytra much wider than base of thorax..... *degravatus*.

## CEUTHORHYNCHUS EVINCTUS.

Pl. XI, Fig. 13.

Head broad but short and not very full, not very finely but densely punctate; eyes large, very broad ovate, transverse, midway in height; rostrum stout, gently and regularly arcuate, a little longer than the prothorax, finely and feebly striate. Prothorax without postocular lobes, fully twice as high as long, roundly but feebly tapering from the base, beneath very full, the surface coarsely vermiculate. Under side of thorax very coarsely and somewhat sparsely but distinctly punctate, of the abdomen feebly punctate. Elytra with alternate costae and sulci, the latter deeply and distantly pierced with more or less longitudinal puncta.

Length of fragment, excluding rostrum, 3·1<sup>mm</sup>; probable length, excluding rostrum, 3·6<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 1·25<sup>mm</sup>; height, 1·75<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, No. 764, U. S. Geological Survey.

CEUTHORHYNCHUS CLAUSUS.

Pl. VII, Fig. 2.

Body very regularly ovate. Head large and full, fully half as long as the prothorax, sharply and rather finely and densely punctate; eyes rather large, circular, midway in height; rostrum moderately stout, a little arcuate, longer than the prothorax, but distinctly shorter than head and prothorax together, apparently smooth. Prothorax without postocular lobes, nearly twice as high as long, regularly but not rapidly tapering from the base, coarsely punctate. Under side of body similarly but much more feebly punctate, the femora lightly punctate. Elytra striate and very coarsely and very feebly punctate in the interspaces.

Length, excluding rostrum, 2·75–3·25<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum (of smaller individual), 0·8<sup>mm</sup>; height of body of same, 1·5<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Two specimens, Nos. 6662, 11308.

CEUTHORHYNCHUS DURATUS.

Pl. VII, Fig. 3.

Body regularly ovate, about twice as long as broad. Head short but full, less than one-third as long as the thorax, sharply and finely punctate; eyes rather large, circular, midway in height; rostrum moderately stout, a little arcuate, longer than head and thorax together, apparently smooth. Prothorax with no sign of postocular lobes, about half as high again as long, regularly but not rapidly tapering, with little fullness, the surface coarsely and rather densely punctate, most coarsely on the lower part of the sides. Under surface of body punctate like the lower sides of the prothorax, the femora more or less punctate. Elytra punctato-striate, with feeble punctation in the interspaces.

Length, excluding rostrum, 3<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 1·3<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 1·5<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Three specimens, Nos. 432, 9237, 13609.

*CEUTHORHYNCHUS COMPACTUS*.

Pl. vii, Fig. 8.

Body short ovate, much less than twice as long as broad. Head small, the sculpturing obscure; eyes moderately large, circular; beak slender, considerably arcuate, slightly longer than head and thorax together, perhaps striate. Prothorax nearly twice as high as long, rapidly tapering from the base, with little fullness, coarsely punctate. Elytra striate, perhaps punctato-striate, with feeble punctuation in the interspaces. Tibiæ more or less arcuate.

Length, excluding rostrum, 2.5<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 0.9<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 1.5<sup>mm</sup>. Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, No. 12435.

*CEUTHORHYNCHUS DEGRAVATUS*.

Pl. xi, Fig. 12.

Body compact and stout, the head small and apparently smooth; the eye small, oval, transverse; rostrum slender and gently arcuate, but broken in the only specimen seen, so that its length can not be determined. Prothorax nearly one-half higher than long, without postocular lobes, tapering with considerable fullness, the surface coarsely but very feebly punctate. Elytra much broader at base than the thorax, with apparently impunctate or very feebly punctate striae, the interspaces very broadly rounded, and with feeble and very delicate punctuation.

Length, excluding rostrum, 3<sup>mm</sup>; width of base of thorax, 1.2<sup>mm</sup>; of elytra, 1.75<sup>mm</sup>.

Roan mountains, western Colorado, from the richest beds at crest of bluff overlooking head of East Salt creek. One specimen, No. 950, U. S. Geological Survey.

## Tribe BARINI.

This tribe is far better developed in the American than in the European Tertiaries. In Europe there have been recognized only two species of Baris, one (undescribed) at Aix, the other at Brunstatt; while in America we have no less than four genera and eleven species, making this one of

the most important tribes of Curculioninæ in the American Tertiaries. These genera are *Baris*, with four species, from Florissant; *Aulobaris*, with one species, from Florissant, and three from the Gosiute fauna; *Centrinus*, with two species, one each from Florissant and Green River; and a new generic type, *Catobaris*, with a single species, from Florissant.

#### BARIS Germar.

A genus exceedingly rich in species, of which over two hundred and fifty are catalogued. Although represented to a certain degree in nearly every part of the globe, America, possessing about three-fourths of the species, must be regarded as its proper home. By far the larger part are found in South and Central America, and the sixteen or seventeen species which North America possesses are found largely in the Southern states. The genus is not unknown in the Tertiaries. Long since Serres indicated its presence at Aix, in Provence, and Foerster describes one species, *Baridium naviculare* from Brunstatt, Alsatia; while at Florissant, Colorado, no less than four species occur. Excepting *B. divisa*, all the species are very much stouter than the Brunstatt form, which has a so much stouter rostrum as to make it doubtful if all can be placed in the same genus. The species we have entered here are placed in this genus merely as typical of the group, but one, *B. hartani*, seems more strictly in place than the others. It is altogether probable that, were their characters fully known, they would have to be separated.

#### Table of the species of *Baris*.

Body fully twice as long as broad. Eyes relatively long oval, nearly or quite twice as high as long.	
Larger species; thorax tapering rather gently; elytra slender, rather pointed at tip, more than two and a half times longer than broad.....	<i>divisa</i> .
Smaller species; thorax tapering very rapidly; elytra broad, rounded apically, hardly more than twice as long as broad .....	<i>hartani</i> .
Body less than twice as long as broad. Eyes relatively short oval, at the most half as high again as long.	
Punctuation of thorax delicate; that of elytra coarse, wider than normal striæ, which are not evident.....	<i>matura</i> .
Punctuation of thorax coarse; that of elytra inconspicuous, confined to the limits of the distinct striæ.....	<i>imperfecta</i> .

## BARIS DIVISA.

Pl. VII, Fig. 4.

Body oval, slightly more than twice as long as broad, the dorsum very regularly arched. Head with the surface sculpture obscure; eyes transversely oval, moderately large; beak slender, striato-punctate, regularly and considerably arcuate, as long as head and prothorax together. Prothorax a little more than half as high again as broad, with entire margins, tapering rather gently with a tolerably full curve; the surface uniformly rather densely and coarsely punctate. Femora punctate. Elytra slender, with series of very coarse slightly longitudinal puncta larger than on the thorax, marking the course of the striae, which are otherwise generally obscure.

Length, excluding rostrum, 2.55<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 0.85<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 1.3<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, No. 7674.

## BARIS HARLANI.

Pl. VII, Fig. 5.

Body subovate, slightly more than twice as long as broad, the dorsum arched more rapidly in front and behind than in the middle. Head and rostrum apparently smooth, the latter moderately stout and equal, gently arcuate, rather shorter than head and prothorax together; eyes transversely oval, rather large. Prothorax almost twice as high as broad, rapidly tapering from the base with full curve above, the front margin without postocular lobes, the surface densely and rather coarsely punctate. Elytra broad, with well rounded, though slightly angulate extremities, hardly more than twice as long as broad, punctato-striate, the striae distinct. Under surface punctate like the thorax but less deeply.

Length of body, excluding rostrum, 2.3<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 0.7<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 1.1<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Two specimens, Nos. 9141, 13604.

This insect is named in honor of one of the pioneers in American zoology and geology, Richard Harlan, of Pennsylvania.



## BARIS MATURA.

Pl. VII, Figs. 10, 11.

Body stout oval, less than twice as long as broad, the dorsum very regularly and considerably arched. Head very finely and closely punctulate; eyes pretty large broad oval; rostrum as long as the prothorax, equal, gently arcuate, finely punctate. Prothorax nearly twice as broad as long, full, tapering from the base, not very rapidly, the surface delicately and closely punctate but not so delicately as the head. Femora punctate. Elytra twice as long as broad, with well rounded apex, the surface covered with series of large, slightly longitudinal puncta, so much too large for the striæ, which they nearly conceal, that each row is separated from its neighbor by scarcely more than the width of the puncta.

Length, excluding rostrum, 2.35<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 0.55<sup>mm</sup>; breadth of body, 1.3<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Three specimens, Nos. 2419, 7014, 11734.

## BARIS IMPERFECTA.

Pl. VII, Fig. 1.

Body stout oval, less than twice as long as broad, the dorsum well arched, with an independent and considerable arcuation of the elytra. Head very finely and closely punctate; eyes nearly circular, very large, nearly twice the diameter of the rostrum; the latter slender, gently arcuate, equal, a little longer than the prothorax. Prothorax half as high again as long, without postocular lobes, tapering but little, coarsely and densely punctate; under surface of thorax similarly but less densely punctate. Elytra well arched, about twice as long as broad, with rounded, scarcely produced apex, punctato-striate, the punctures slight and the striæ deep.

Length, excluding rostrum, 2.4<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 0.65<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 1.35<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Three specimens, Nos. 2416, 9108, 14249.

## AULOBARIS LeConte.

The three or four species of this genus known belong to North America, and are southern in distribution. It is interesting to find as many species fossil, one at Florissant, the others at the Roan mountains and on the White river, Colorado.

*Table of the species of Aulobaris.*

Rostrum as long as the prothorax.	
Prothorax finely punctate	<i>damnata.</i>
Prothorax coarsely punctate	<i>anicilla.</i>
Rostrum shorter than the prothorax.	
Body ovate, well arched; eyes transverse oval	<i>circumscripta.</i>
Body elongate, hardly arched; eyes circular	<i>comminuta.</i>

## AULOBARIS DAMNATA.

## Pl. VII, Fig. 7.

Body very regularly ovate, slightly more than twice as long as broad, the dorsal curve very regular and considerable. Head scarcely less densely and less coarsely punctate than the thorax, the eye moderately large, broadly transversely oval, its longer axis about equal to the diameter of the beak; funicle and club of antennae together very much shorter than the rostrum; this straight at base, bent or incurved in middle, equal, moderately slender, and as long as the prothorax, feebly punctate. Prothorax nearly twice as high as long, rapidly tapering, tolerably full, with no postocular lobes, densely and rather finely punctate. Elytra broad, well rounded apically, punctato-striate, the punctures not very distinct.

I have placed this species in this modern genus because the antennae seem to agree best with it; the funicle shows the first and second joints of equal length, the succeeding vague, the last three of equal length but slightly increasing width and very short, the club elongate oval and hardly half as wide again as the apical joints of the funicle.

Length, excluding rostrum, 3.4<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 0.65<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 1.4<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, No. 1515. Princeton College collection.

## AULOBARIS ANICILLA.

Pl. XII, Fig. 1.

Body pretty regularly ovate, largest in the middle of the elytra. Head twice as high as long, well rounded, feebly punctate; eyes rather small, subcircular; rostrum as long as the prothorax, slightly arcuate, especially at base and tip, slender and equal; antennal scrobes gently oblique, straight, not quite attaining either extremity of the rostrum. Prothorax uniformly and coarsely punctate, fully half as high again as long, somewhat tapering, and rather full, without postocular lobes. Elytra only as broad at base as the prothorax, well arched, apically acuminate, deeply and heavily punctato-striate. Under surface of body as coarsely but not so densely punctate as the thorax. Legs moderately long, the femora stout fusiform.

Length, excluding rostrum, 3·7<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 1<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 1·85<sup>mm</sup>.

Roan mountains, western Colorado, from the richest beds at crest of bluffs overlooking East Salt creek. Four specimens, Nos. 935 and 937, 936 and 938, 1011 and 1012, 1062 and 1063, U. S. Geological Survey. From shales in the Indian trail at crest of ridge near the preceding. One specimen, Nos. 317 and 326, U. S. Geological Survey.

## AULOBARIS CIRCUMSCRIPTA.

Pl. XII, Fig. 5.

Body elongate oval as seen laterally, largest in the middle of the elytra. Head apparently smooth, with a small, transversely oval eye; rostrum considerably shorter than the prothorax, moderately stout, a little arcuate, equal. Prothorax about half as high again as long, hardly tapering, full, rather coarsely and heavily punctate. Elytra slightly broader at base than the prothorax, rather long, well arched, apically acuminate, and rather sharply and deeply punctato-striate. Legs not very long, the femora hardly thickened.

None of the specimens are very well preserved, or if so, are fragmentary. One small stone about 3<sup>cm</sup> square has three specimens upon it.

Length, excluding rostrum, 4<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 0·75<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 1·5<sup>mm</sup>.

Roan mountains, western Colorado, from the richest insect beds at crest of bluff overlooking head of East Salt creek. Four specimens, Nos. 294,

939 and 940, 1044, 1058, U. S. Geological Survey. White river, Utah, from the very highest beds next Colorado boundary. One specimen, No. 707, U. S. Geological Survey.

AULOBARIS COMMUNITA.

Pl. XII, Fig. 9.

The form is slender and parallel-sided. All the specimens are somewhat obscure, not permitting a very close description. The head is longer than in the other species, and the eyes small and subcircular; beak short and stout, considerably shorter than the prothorax, hardly arcuate. Prothorax considerably more than half as high again as long, tapering a little, hardly full, punctate. Elytra long, but little arched, punctato-striate. Legs rather long, the tibiae very slender.

Length, excluding rostrum, 3.5<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 0.6<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 1.25<sup>mm</sup>.

White river, Utah, from the highest elevation next the Colorado border. Two specimens, Nos. 702, 703, U. S. Geological Survey. The same locality, from blocks on the river bank that had fallen from cliffs. One specimen, No. 397, U. S. Geological Survey.

CENTRINUS Schönherr.

A strictly American type with numerous species, of which about half occur in North America, mostly in the Southern States. Two species occur in our Tertiaries, one at Florissant, Colorado, the other at Green River, Wyoming.

*Table of the species of Centrinus.*

Dorsal curve considerable; apex of elytra subacuminate; eyes obliquely oval. *obnuptus*.  
Dorsal curve slight; apex of elytra broadly rounded; eyes transversely oval. *diruptus*.

CENTRINUS OBNUPTUS.

Pl. II, Fig. 2; Pl. VII, Fig. 6; Pl. XII, Fig. 2.

Body ovate, about twice as long as broad, the dorsal curve regular and considerable. Head fully half as long as high, minutely punctate; eyes obliquely oval, moderately large, situated low; beak slender, equal, gently

and regularly arcuate, slightly longer than the prothorax; antennæ apparently inserted just beyond the middle of the beak, the scape reaching the eyes, the funicle and club together about three-fourths as long as the beak, the last three joints with the faintly delimited club forming a gradually thickening mass with joints of subequal length. Prothorax hardly half as high again as long, a little full, tapering somewhat rapidly, with no postocular lobes, the surface densely and not coarsely punctate. Under surface of the body more sparsely and coarsely punctate. Femora punctate. Elytra two and a half times longer than broad, apically subacuminate, delicately punctato-striate, the striae tolerably sharp and deep.

The structure of the antennæ shows that it can not be strictly placed in *Centrinus*, for the apical joints of the funicle pass insensibly into the club.

Length of body, excluding rostrum, 5.3<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 1.4<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 2.4<sup>mm</sup>. The specimen measured is the slenderest.

Florissant, Colorado. Seven specimens, Nos. 2219, 4304, 6474, 7224, 7643, 8507, 13648.

#### CENTRINUS DIRUPTUS.

##### Pl. XII, Fig. 3.

Body elongate ovate, about twice as long as broad, tapering much in front, the dorsal curve slight and regular. Head less than half as long as high, with not very fine punctuation; eyes transversely oval, very large, the longer diameter twice the width of the rostrum; funicle and club of antennæ together much shorter than the beak, the funicle six-jointed; rostrum slender, equal, gently arcuate, a little longer than the prothorax. Prothorax about half as high again as its middle length, without postocular lobes, much longer above than below, not very full, tapering considerably, coarsely and irregularly punctate, giving it a scabrous appearance, much subdued on the under surface of the body, which is similarly marked. Elytra a little more than twice as long as broad, obscurely punctato-striate, the apex broadly rounded.

Length, excluding rostrum, 5<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 1.1<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 2.5<sup>mm</sup>.

Green River, Wyoming. One specimen, No. 250, Dr. A. S. Packard.

CATOBARIS (*κατρω*, Baris, nom. gen.) gen. nov.

Among the Barini from Florissant is a single species which from its form it is impossible to place in any of the known genera and for which, consequently, the above name is proposed. It is of a pretty large size for the group, with parallel sides, the head and prothorax together forming a bullate mass, which is broadest and subangulate just behind the front margin of the prothorax, where it is fully as broad as the elytra, though at base it is much narrower. There are no postocular lobes. The beak is unfortunately broken in the only specimen known, but it is rather slender, and the antennae, part only of which are preserved, are evidently short, have rather a stout ovate club, and the terminal joint of the funicle is cuneiform. The femora are nearly as long as the breadth of the body and very much expanded, while the tibiae, or some of them at any rate, are arcuate.

## CATOBARIS CENOSA.

## Pl. XII, Fig. 4.

Head very broad and short, well rounded in front, feebly punctate; eyes rather small, round-oval, transverse; beak rather slender, regularly and gently arcuate, broken in the single specimen known, but at least half as long as the prothorax, somewhat striate. Prothorax half as broad again as long, with strongly arcuate subangulate sides, the angulation in the middle of the anterior half, hardly four-fifths the width of the elytra at base, the front margin gently arcuate, opening forward, the surface densely, rather coarsely, and uniformly punctate. Elytra about two and a half times as long as broad, equal, rounded subacuminate at tip, apically parted to show the pygidium, the humeri well rounded, the surface striate with faint signs of punctuation in the striae, the interspaces flat and unmarked. Femora feebly and finely punctate.

Length, excluding rostrum, 3.3<sup>mm</sup>; breadth, 1.8<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, No. 11278.

## Subfamily BALANINÆ.

As the only fossil species of this family have been referred to the genus *Balaninus*, the reader is referred to that genus for general remarks concerning them.

## BALANINUS Germar.

The genus *Balaninus* comprises nearly fifty species, most of which belong to the northern hemisphere; in America, where eight species occur, none are found south of the United States. A couple of species have been found fossil in Europe, one at Aix and one at Kutschlin, while in America no less than six species occur and are found exclusively at Florissant, so that the genus may be regarded as very characteristic of the Lacustrine fauna. The Kutschlin species, *B. geinitzi* Deichmüller, seems to be not far removed from our *B. minusculus*.

The species here referred to *Balaninus* differ from modern types in the brevity of the rostrum, which nevertheless is longer than in nearly all other fossil Rhynchophora. Whether or not males only have been found can hardly be told, but in no case does the rostrum nearly equal the body in length, and in some it is only half as long.

*Table of the species of Balaninus.*

Rostrum only about half as long as the body, or less.	
Rostrum much longer than head and prothorax together.	
Basal half of rostrum considerably arcuate.....	<i>unicularis</i> .
Basal half of rostrum nearly straight.	
Larger species with coarse markings; rostrum gently arcuate.....	<i>restrictus</i> .
Smaller species with fine markings; rostrum strongly arcuate.....	<i>minusculus</i> .
Rostrum no longer than head and prothorax together.....	<i>femoratus</i> .
Rostrum about two-thirds as long as the body.	
Larger species, with regularly and moderately arcuate rostrum.....	<i>duttoni</i> .
Smaller species, with strongly arcuate rostrum, bent in the middle so that the two ends are nearly at right angles.....	<i>flexirostris</i> .

## BALANINUS ANICULARIS.

Pl. VII, Fig. 16.

Body stout. Head very short; eye moderately small, circular, touching the prothorax; beak regularly and considerably arcuate, about half as long as the body, moderately slender; antennae with the first joint of the funicle slightly shorter than the second, the whole funicle and ovate club together a little shorter than the beak. Thorax nearly twice as high as long, rather rapidly tapering and rounded, the surface densely and rather finely punctate. Elytra a little less than twice as long as broad, with deeply impressed, rather finely punctate striae, the interspaces apparently flat and very faintly, rather finely, and distantly punctate. Legs rather stout.

Length, excluding rostrum, 8.5<sup>mm</sup>; of rostrum, 4.5<sup>mm</sup>; height, 4<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Three specimens, Nos. 409, 7645, 10874.

## BALANINUS RESTRICTUS.

Pl. II, Fig. 25.

A single somewhat imperfect specimen is all there is at hand to represent this species. The body is stout, the head very short; eyes of medium size, circular, slightly separated from the front margin of the prothorax; beak about half the length of the body, slender, somewhat arcuate, but mostly at and beyond the middle. Prothorax apparently about half as broad again as long and tapering, but to how great a degree can hardly be seen, the surface somewhat densely and rather finely punctate, with some indications of transverse wrinkling. Elytra apparently fully twice as long as broad, with surface sculpture much as in *B. anicularis*, but with more distinct and slightly coarser striae. Fore legs very long, the femora stout, but the tibiae very slender, the lobes of the third tarsal joint very long and slender.

Length, excluding rostrum, 7<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 3.4<sup>mm</sup>; breadth of body, 4<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, No. 8768.



## BALANINUS MINUSCULUS.

Pl. VII, Fig. 12.

Body stout, head not very short, nor very broad; eye small, circular, situated at the base of the beak, distant from the margin of the prothorax by nearly its own diameter; beak moderately slender, regularly and gently arcuate throughout, scarcely half as long as the body; antennæ, including the funiculus and rather slender club, about four-fifths as long as the beak. Prothorax nearly twice as high as long, tapering very rapidly with rounded sides, densely and finely punctate. Elytra about twice as long as broad, with deeply and sharply impressed, scarcely punctate striæ, the interspaces flat and nearly or quite smooth. Legs rather long, the femora rather heavily clavate, the tibiæ rather slender, the lobes of the third tarsal joint rather small and slender.

Length, excluding rostrum, 4.5<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 2<sup>mm</sup>; height, 2.25<sup>mm</sup>.

This is the smallest fossil species.

Florissant, Colorado. Two specimens, Nos. 11253 and 13628, S. H. Scudder; No. 763, U. S. Geological Survey.

## BALANINUS FEMORATUS.

Pl. VII, Fig. 15; Pl. XII, Fig. 6.

The body is moderately stout, rapidly tapering in front, the head relatively small; eyes moderately large, circular; beak regularly and gently arcuate, slightly incurved at tip, no longer than head and prothorax together; antennæ, with the joints of the funicle very long and slender, the second joint apparently double the length of the first, the whole funicle and club together longer than the rostrum. Prothorax fully half as high again as long, regularly and rapidly tapering, the surface densely and not very finely punctate. Elytra fully twice as long as broad, with distinctly but finely punctate striæ. Hind femora very long and apically, abruptly, and considerably clavate, as long as the width of the body; other femora not so long, but similarly though less conspicuously clavate; all the tibiæ straight and slender, the lobes of the last tarsal joint rather small.

Length, excluding rostrum, 3.9<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 1.3<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 2.2<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Three specimens, No. 966, U. S. Geological Survey; Nos. 3022 and 3024, R. D. Lacey; No. 8623, S. H. Seudder.

BALANINUS DUTTONI.

Pl. VII, Fig. 14.

Body rather stout. Head short, but broad at base; eyes moderately small, subcircular, touching the margin of the prothorax; beak nearly two-thirds as long as the body, very slender, arcuate moderately and almost equally throughout, but especially in the apical two-thirds; antennae with the first and second joints of the funicle of equal length, the whole funicle and small elongate oval club together about two-thirds as long as the rostrum. Prothorax about half as high again as long, rapidly tapering with rounded sides, the surface densely and not very finely punctate, appearing in reverse as crowded bead-like lenticles, showing next the base a tendency to connect in transverse, more or less irregular rugae. Elytra barely twice as long as broad, with deeply and sharply impressed, rather coarse striae, having more or less distinct longitudinal punctures scarcely widening the striae; interspaces flat or scarcely arched, with distant, very faint, minute puncta. Legs pretty long, with stout clavate femora and slender tibiae.

Length, excluding rostrum, 9-9.5<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 5.5<sup>mm</sup>; height, 4.5<sup>mm</sup>; breadth of thorax, 5<sup>mm</sup>; of base of elytra, 6<sup>mm</sup>.

This is the largest of our fossil species.

Florissant, Colorado. Three specimens, Nos. 7324, 8528, 11263.

This species is dedicated to Capt. C. E. Dutton, U. S. Army, my honored colleague on the U. S. Geological Survey.

BALANINUS FLEXIROSTRIS.

Pl. VII, Fig. 9.

Form moderately stout; the head and prothorax longer in proportion to the elytra than in the other species. Head not short, broad, and large, transversely microscopically striate behind the eye; eye very large, transverse, broad ovate, separated from the front margin of the prothorax by

more than half its shorter diameter, the facets distinctly visible with a power of 14 diameters, or about 0.02<sup>mm</sup> in diameter; rostrum very strongly arcuate, most strongly in the middle, so that the two extremities are nearly at right angles to each other, very slender, and fully two-thirds as long as the body; funicle and slender elongate pointed ovate club of antennæ together about half as long as the rostrum, the first joint of the funicle slightly longer and considerably stouter than the second. Prothorax large and stout, scarcely half as high again as long, tapering moderately with rounded sides, the surface densely and not very finely punctate. Elytra about twice as long as broad, with deep and sharp, moderately slender, faintly punctate striae, the interspaces flat and very sparsely and faintly rugulose. Legs moderately long, the tibiae not very slender, the third tarsal joint with rather large and rather slender lobes.

Length, excluding rostrum, 6<sup>mm</sup>; rostrum, 4.25<sup>mm</sup>; height, 2.6<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, Nos. 12035 and 12765.

### Family CALANDRIDÆ.

This family was not very well represented in America in Tertiary times, its proportion of species to the whole body of Rhynchophora standing somewhat below the present proportion. One of its existing subfamilies, the Rhiniinae, represented in America to-day by only a single species, is unknown in both the European and American Tertiaries, but the other two subfamilies occur in each country, and in proportions not greatly differing from those now existing, though in both countries the Cossoninae appear to stand a little above, the Calandrinae a little below, their present numerical importance. The total number of fossil species known is sixteen, of which the larger portion come from America.

### Subfamily CALANDRINÆ.

Of the three tribes into which the existing American species of this subfamily fall, the Rhynchophorini alone are not represented in Tertiary deposits; the other two are found both in Europe and America, but with more species in the latter. The Sphenophorini are as now, but by no means to the same extent as now, the most numerous.

## Tribe SPHENOPHORINI.

Three species of this tribe have been discovered in the Tertiary deposits of Europe and four in America. All of the former, found at Oeningen and at Rott, have been referred to *Sphenophorus*. In America two of the species, from Florissant, belong to *Scyphophorus*, while each of the other two, one from Florissant and the other from the Roan mountains, is regarded as the type of a distinct genus.

*Table of the genera of Sphenophorini.*

Prothorax prolonged in front to form a hood-like covering to the head. . . . .	<i>Sciabregma</i> .
Prothorax normal.	
Elytra apically truncate, exposing a large pygidium; antennæ of usual stoutness . . . . .	<i>Scyphophorus</i> .
Elytra not apically truncate, the exposed pygidium small; antennæ exceptionally small and slender . . . . .	<i>Oryctorhinus</i> .

SCIABREGMA (*σκιὰ, βρέγμα*), gen. nov.

This name is proposed for what is certainly a remarkable form of *Calandridæ*, or, indeed, of *Rhynchophora*, in which the upper anterior portion of the prothorax is produced to form an overarching frontal guard to the head, nearly or quite as long as the rest of the prothorax itself. There are many *Rhynchophora*, which, from the emargination of the sides of the prothorax to uncover the otherwise partly eclipsed eyes, appear, on a side view, to show a tendency to some forward projection of the upper portion, but on viewing them above, nothing of the kind appears. Here, however, the front is prolonged to an excessive distance, and curves downward in addition, thoroughly protecting the head, but in no way interfering with the drooping beak. A similar development is seen in some exotic *Curculionidæ*, as *Plagyecorymus*, *Anchoinus*, and *Pileophorus*.

It appears to resemble most the *Sphenophorini*, though the needed characteristic parts to determine this are not preserved. The head is short, the beak gently curved, nearly or quite as long as the body of the prothorax, slender, growing gradually stouter at the base; the eyes are small and circular. The prothorax, including the frontal projection, is coarsely rugose.

The elytra are long and slender, heavily ridged, and granulated. The mesosternum is apparently rather long, the insertion of the legs appearing to be equidistant.

A single species is known, from western Colorado.

SCIABREGMA RUGOSA.

Pl. XII, Fig. 8.

Head rather short, but otherwise pretty large, apparently smooth with some curving ridges around the eyes; what are possibly the traces of an antenna show a slender scape fully two-thirds as long as the beak and a funicle, less distinct, perhaps as long as the scape. Prothorax very rugose, made up of large, rather crowded granulations, showing some tendency to a longitudinal arrangement, especially at the sides and on the arcuate frontal process; sides of front margin nearly vertical, a little oblique, at a little less than a right angle with the lower margin of the frontal process; elytra with alternating close series of tubercular ridges and plain sulcations, the tubercles corresponding in weight to the rugosities of the prothorax, the whole surface also marked faintly with irregularly and indiscriminately scattered, shallow, tolerably coarse punctures. Femora stout, especially at the distal extremity, subequal, about as long as the body of the prothorax, the surface with faint scattered small granules.

Length, 7<sup>mm</sup>; breadth, as seen laterally, 1.9<sup>mm</sup>; length of rostrum, 1.25<sup>mm</sup>.

Roan mountains, western Colorado, uppermost layers. One specimen, No. 91, U. S. Geological Survey.

SCYPHOPHORUS Schönherr.

An American type with few species, found within or near the tropics. Three species are recorded from the United States, but were regarded by Le Conte as "rather opinionative than actual." It has never before been found fossil, but I place a couple of species in this genus, though with some doubt, principally on account of the much more gradual forward tapering of the thorax and the lack of any expansion of the base of the rostrum.

There can, however, be no doubt of their close relationship to *Scyphophorus*, the living species of which are parasitic on *Yucca*. I can not discover in literature any indication that *Yucca* has ever been found fossil anywhere.<sup>1</sup> Both the species occur at Florissant, and may perhaps be regarded as characteristic of the Lacustrine fauna.

*Table of the species of Scyphophorus.*

Thorax broadest beyond the base, half as long as the abdomen..... *levis*  
 Thorax broadest at the base, only one-third as long as the abdomen..... *fossionis*.

SCYPHOPHORUS LEVIS.

Pl. II, Fig. 26.

Head smooth; rostrum as seen from above extending as far in front of the head as the length of the head, with no basal enlargement. Thorax large, scarcely so broad at base as the elytra, tapering, with rounded sides, narrowing from the middle of the basal half and therefore much more conical than in living species, the surface rather coarsely, faintly, and distantly punctate. Elytra regularly striate, but as if made by a series of confluent longitudinal punctures, the reverse showing a faintly broken ridge, the appearance of which is exaggerated on the plate; interspaces perfectly smooth without trace of punctures. Last (exposed) abdominal segment moderately coarsely and closely punctate.

Length, excluding snout, 11.5<sup>mm</sup>; of elytra, 5.5<sup>mm</sup>; breadth, at base of elytra, 5<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, No. 11779.

SCYPHOPHORUS FOSSIONIS.

Pl. VII, Fig. 13.

Body long oval, largest in the middle of the elytra. Head apparently smooth; rostrum, as seen from above, two-thirds as long as the thorax, not only with no basal expansion, but apparently slightly larger apically than basally; club of antennae very short, stout oval, the three final joints of the funicle subequal, short, subpyriform, together a little longer than the club. Thorax not very large, the sides continuing without interruption the forward tapering of the body, and tapering, therefore, from the base, the apex half

<sup>1</sup> But see Third Annual Report Missouri Botanical Garden. 1892, p. 160.

as broad as the base, the surface apparently faintly punctate. Elytra terminating above the middle of the third abdominal segment, regularly striate, the striae rather broad, feeble, and impunctate, the interspaces slightly roughened.

Length, excluding snout, 9.35<sup>mm</sup>; elytra, 5.35<sup>mm</sup>; breadth at base of elytra, 3.35<sup>mm</sup>; greatest breadth, 4<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, No. 14438.

ORYCTORHINUS (*ὄρυκτορῖνος, ῥίσις*) gen. nov.

The general appearance of this insect, with its long metasternum, throwing the insertion of the hind legs well behind the middle of the body, makes it clear that it belongs to this family. Its great size, and the exposure of the pygidium, bring it into the subfamily Calandrinæ, and the shape of the mesothoracic and metathoracic epimera requires that it should be referred to the Sphenophorini. That it can not be referred to any existing genera of this group—at least any regarding which I have been able to obtain information—is clear: for though the mesothoracic epimera are externally truncate, they are narrowed and rounded at the outer anterior angle, much reducing the breadth of the truncation, and, besides, the club of the antennæ is oval and not wedge-shaped, in both features showing a decided affinity to the Calandrini. The antennæ are unusually small and slender, the entire length of the funicle and club combined being hardly more than twice the width of the rostrum, and the scape being no longer than the distance of the insertion of the antennæ beyond the base of the rostrum. The anterior coxæ are separated by a little less than half the width of the coxal cavities, that is, not very narrowly; the mesothoracic coxæ by a little less than the entire width of the coxal cavities; and the metathoracic coxæ by a very little more, a feature which appears to be quite exceptional.

I know of only a single species, from Florissant.

ORYCTORHINUS TENUIROSTRIS.

Pl. XII, Fig. 10.

A large species, one of the largest of the Rhynchophora, represented by a single specimen presenting a dorsal or ventral aspect, both surfaces

showing at the same time. The head is short and basally broad; the rostrum very slender, reaching forward so as to show nearly as long as the pronotum. Pronotum subrugulose, the granulations faint, and obscure next the middle; on the sides moderately large and distant, between the two smaller, more numerous, and showing a tendency to a transverse arrangement. Elytra with numerous equidistant striae, apparently about twenty in number.

Length of body, excluding rostrum, 13<sup>mm</sup>; breadth of same, 6<sup>mm</sup>; length of rostrum in advance of head, as seen from above, 2.2<sup>mm</sup>; breadth, 0.55<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, No. 474.

#### Tribe CALANDRINI.

A species of Calandra, according to Pictet, was recognized by Serres at Aix, and alone represents this tribe in the European Tertiaries. In America two species found in the Gosiute fauna, and consisting of elytra only, are referred to Calandrites.

#### CALANDRITES (Calandra, nom. gen.) gen. nov.

Under this head I place a couple of species represented only by elytra which seem from their elongate form and the character of their markings to be not far removed from the much smaller species of the old genus Calandra, though it is certainly possible that they may belong in a very different group. They both belong to rather large species, and agree in having ten punctured striae.

Both come from the Roan mountains, Colorado, and Green River, Wyoming.

#### *Table of the species of Calandrites.*

Elytral striae relatively broad and shallow, the punctures dull and coarse.... *defessus*.  
Elytral striae relatively sharp and deep, the punctures fine and deep..... *cinerarius*.

#### CALANDRITES DEFESSUS.

Pl. XII, Fig. 15.

None of the specimens preserved are very perfect or well preserved, but together they show that the elytron was about two and a third times



longer than broad, laterally arcuate, there being a considerable emargination of the middle of the outer border, the humeral angle not rounded, the striae rather feebly impressed and moderately broad, the puncta coarse, blunt, not very deep, and circular, but growing smaller and sharper toward the apex; the interspaces are but little arched.

Length, 5.9–6.2<sup>mm</sup>; breadth, 2.4–2.7<sup>mm</sup>.

Roan mountains, western Colorado, from the richest beds at top of bluff rising at head of East Salt creek. Three specimens, Nos. 146, 185, 302, U. S. Geological Survey. Green River, Wyoming, from the bluffs behind the town. One specimen, No. 871, U. S. Geological Survey.

#### CALANDRITES CINERATIUS.

Pl. XII, Fig. 12.

The specimens are all composed of single detached elytra, which are about two and a third times longer than broad, laterally arcuate, but with only a slight emargination of the outer border (though some show more than others), the humeral angle well rounded; the striae are rather sharp, narrow, and rather deeply impressed, the interspaces broadly arched, and the puncta small, deep, and circular, becoming finer at the apex.

Length, 5.5–6.3<sup>mm</sup>; average, 5.8<sup>mm</sup>; breadth, 2.3–2.6<sup>mm</sup>; average, 2.5<sup>mm</sup>.

Roan mountains, western Colorado, from the richest beds at summit of crest overlooking head of East Salt creek. Eight specimens, Nos. 49, 140, 151, 167, 206, 1019 and 1020, 1041, 1054, U. S. Geological Survey. From near the same beds. Four specimens, Nos. 72, 130, 957, 1053, U. S. Geological Survey. Green River, Wyoming, from the bluffs behind the town. One specimen, No. 756, U. S. Geological Survey.

#### Subfamily COSSONINÆ.

Although the Rhyncolini holds the middle place in point of numbers among the existing tribes of Cossoninæ in America, it is unrepresented both in the European and American Tertiaries. The Dryophthorini and Cossonini, very unequally represented now in America, are both known in our Tertiaries by a couple of species, but only one of them (and the richest, the Cossonini) has been recognized in Europe, where three species occur.

## Tribe DRYOPHTHORINI.

This tribe has been recognized in a fossil state only in America, where in our western Tertiaries at Florissant two species occur, each referred to a distinct and extinct genus.

*Table of the genera of Dryophthorini.*

Many, probably seven, joints in the funicle of the antennæ.....*Spodotribus*.  
 Few, not more than three, joints in the funicle of the antennæ.....*Lithophthorus*.

SPODOTRIBUS (*σποδοός, τριβω*), gen. nov.

This insect, which seems to belong in the Dryophthorini, differs from either of the groups included therein by Le Conte and Horn. The metasternum is apparently long and the funicle of the antennæ is composed of numerous, probably seven, joints; the eyes, too, are situated almost upon the beak, and are composed of relatively few lenses, but are not prominent, and the head has the slightest possible constriction behind the eyes, a little in advance of the middle. The body is elongate. The head is of exceptionally great length, though only half as long as high, subconical, with rounded contours; the beak is as long as the prothorax, moderately stout, equal, and very gently curved; the antennæ are inserted at three-fifths the distance from the base, have a slender scape reaching nearly to the eyes, a funicle of apparently seven, so far as can be seen equal and quadrate, joints, together as long as the scape, and an elongate oval club, several times longer than broad and fully twice as broad as the funicle; the eyes are rather small, short oval, obliquely transverse, the front margin overlapping the base of the beak. The prothorax is cylindrical, even, higher than long; the legs rather slender and not long, and the elytra ridged; the pygidium is apparently covered.

A single species, from Florissant, has come to light.

## SPODOTRIBUS TERRULENTUS.

Pl. VII, Fig. 17.

Both head and beak are very finely granulate, the granulations of the former showing a tendency to a transverse arrangement, and on the sides

becoming converted into fine carinæ, giving it a combed appearance; the constriction consists of a deeper but fine sulcation, which is farther from the beak above than below; the prothorax is more coarsely, very closely, and uniformly granulate, becoming finely rugulose anteriorly on the lower sides; the elytra are ridged, but not heavily, and also transversely subrugulose and rather finely and sparsely punctate.

Length, excluding beak, 5.4<sup>mm</sup>; length of beak, 1.35<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 1.8<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. Two specimens, Nos. 6915, 11310 and 13673.

LITHOPHTHORUS (*λίθος, φθειρά*), gen. nov.

A genus of Dryophthorini, remarkable for the small number of joints in the funicle of the antennæ, there being but two or at most three, while no living Cossoninæ appear to have less than four. It has much the general aspect of a Gononotus, but with a shorter and straighter rostrum, and no rounded protuberances on the prothorax, though the sculpturing is in general similar. Head very short; the beak is about two-thirds as long as the prothorax, pretty stout and scarcely curved, with a transverse ridge just behind the eyes: these are small, superior, as high as the width of the middle of the beak, with a nearly straight posterior margin; antennæ inserted somewhat before the middle of the beak, the scape slender but enlarged at tip to nearly double its previous size, long enough just to fail of reaching the eyes; funicle shorter than the scape, composed of only two or at most three obovate joints, the club long oval, slender, composed of three joints, the last minute. Prothorax coarsely sculptured but even, except for some narrow, sinuate, lateral, longitudinal carinæ, as in Gononotus. Elytra apparently subcostate. Middle and hind coxæ both equally and widely separated. Mesosternum not very short, side pieces narrow. Abdominal segments exactly as in Gononotus.

A single species has occurred, very large for a member of this tribe, at Florissant.

## LITHOPHTHORUS RUGOSICOLLIS.

Pl. II, Fig. 20.

Although the head is almost perfectly smooth and glistening, with only scattered dots of granules behind the rather prominent transverse ridge or fold behind the eye, the beak is coarsely rugose, almost as coarsely so as the prothorax where the crowded granulations are larger and more prominent above than on the sides; a sinuate or bent slender longitudinal ridge traverses the pronotum near the lower base of the elytra; the latter besides the costae have crowded longitudinal series of granulations, and the whole under surface of the body appears to be similarly but less conspicuously granulate, especially less so on the abdominal segments.

Length, exclusive of beak, 4.75<sup>mm</sup>; breadth, as preserved on a partially side view, 2.5<sup>mm</sup>; length of beak beyond front of eyes, 1<sup>mm</sup>; breadth of same, 0.3<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, No. 5251.

## Tribe COSSONINI.

All the fossil species of this tribe, three in Europe and two in America, are referred to the genus *Cossonus*. The European species come from Oeningen and Aix; the American from Florissant and the Roan mountains.

## COSSONUS Clairville.

The numerous species of this genus are spread all over the globe, but America claims much the largest share of them and especially North America. In the United States only nine species are known, which are widely distributed but mostly in the middle section of the country from Atlantic to Pacific.

To this genus I provisionally refer two fossil species which are certainly not congeneric but whose structure is as yet too imperfectly known to permit a closer determination.

Three species from the European Tertiaries have formerly been referred to this genus, but have no very close affinities with ours. Two of them, the species from Oeningen, *C. meriani* Heer and *C. spielbergii* Heer, are

considerably larger than either of those described below or than the Aix species, *C. marionii* Oust., which is midway in size between ours; but all of them, and notably the Aix species, have a much longer beak than either of ours. In general, but in a vague way, our *C. gabbii* most nearly resembles *C. spielbergii*; our other species can hardly be compared with any one of the European fossils, all of which, it seems to me, require renewed examination. The Aix species in particular with its long and slender snout and very arched body can hardly be regarded as a *Cossonus*.

*Table of the species of Cossonus.*

Body more than four times as long as high, contracted at base of elytra; beak less than twice as long as broad; eyes oblique, anterior.....	<i>rutus</i> .
Body less than three times as long as high, not contracted at base of elytra; beak fully twice as long as broad; eyes transverse, median.....	<i>gabbii</i> .

COSSONUS RUTUS.

Pl. XII, Fig. 7.

A rather stout-bodied form with short and stout beak. Head and prothorax together forming without the beak a perfect half-oval, the beak about as long as the head and hardly twice as long as broad; eyes moderately large, more than half as long as the breadth of the beak, round-oval, oblique, the facets almost exactly 0.02<sup>mm</sup> in diameter; head smooth. Prothorax fully half as high again as long, bluntly subrugose and very finely, faintly, and shallowly punctate. Elytra very finely and bluntly scabrous, broadly arched with faintly granulate, slightly elevated, slender carinae, the pygidium apparently covered.

Length exclusive of beak, 4<sup>mm</sup>; height, 1.5<sup>mm</sup>; length of beak, 0.55<sup>mm</sup>.

Roan mountains, western Colorado, uppermost layers. One specimen, Nos. 945 and 946, U. S. Geological Survey.

COSSONUS GABBII.

Pl. XII, Fig. 11.

A slender, regular, oblong obovate form with rather short beak. Head moderately large, regular, apparently with the same sculpture as the pro-

thorax but less pronounced; eyes small, broad oval, less than half as long as the breadth of the beak, transverse, set far back; beak somewhat longer than the head, somewhat more than twice as long as broad. Prothorax scarcely so long as high, not arched, coarsely and rather faintly punctate. Elytra not arched, poorly preserved but apparently shallowly striate, covering the pygidium. Femora rather slender, rather longer than the snout.

Length exclusive of beak, 3.5<sup>mm</sup>; height, 0.75<sup>mm</sup>; length of rostrum, 0.5<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, No. 2311.

This species resembles in general form, proportions and size our *C. impressifrons* Boh.

Named in memory of an industrious geologist and paleontologist, the late Mr. W. M. Gabb.

### Family SCOLYTIDÆ.

No family of Rhynchophora is so much more poorly represented in Tertiary deposits than in the living fauna as the present. This must doubtless be accounted for in large measure by the habits of these insects, living as they do beneath the bark of trees, and therefore less exposed than the members of the other families to such accidents as would precipitate them to the bottom of lakes and ponds. In our own country they form less than 3 per cent of the Tertiary Rhynchophorous fauna, while in the existing fauna they compose more than 15 per cent of the whole. The Platypodinae are represented in the European Tertiaries by a couple of amber species of *Platypus*, but are not found in our rocks, while the Scolytinae have the meager and equal number of five species in the Tertiary deposits of either continent.

### Subfamily SCOLYTINÆ.

Of the three tribes into which the modern American species of this subfamily are divided, the least important, the Scolytini, have not been found fossil in America, though a species of *Scolytus* was recognized by Serres at Aix, in Provence. On the other hand, the Tomicini, relatively and abso-

lutely so numerous in the living American fauna, have not been found in the European Tertiaries, though two species of *Dryocetes* have been recognized in the American rocks. The remaining group, the Hylurgini, is found in the Tertiaries of both worlds, but has more species in Europe than in America.

#### Tribe TOMICINI.

A couple of species of *Dryocetes* from Green River are the only fossils of this tribe known, whether in America or Europe, a number exceedingly small in comparison with its present development in America.

#### DRYOCETES Eichhorn.

A genus of small beetles, less than two dozen in number, of which about three are North American, and one South American. It has been found fossil only at Green River, Wyoming, whence two species are known.

##### *Table of the species of Dryocetes.*

Punctures of elytra arranged to some extent in longitudinal series.....	<i>impressus</i> .
Punctures of elytra not distinctly serial anywhere .....	<i>carbonarius</i> .

#### DRYOCETES IMPRESSUS.

*Trypodendron impressus* Scudd., Bull. U. S. Geol. Geogr. Surv. Terr., II, §3 (1876).

*Dryocetes impressus* Scudd., Bull. U. S. Geol. Geogr. Surv. Terr., IV, 767-768 (1878); Tert. Ins. N. A., 470, Pl. VIII, Fig. 28 (1890).

Although several specimens of this species were at hand in preparing the original description, not a single one has since been found.

Green River, Wyoming.

#### DRYOCETES CARBONARIUS.

*Dryocetes carbonarius* Scudd., Bull. U. S. Geol. Geogr. Surv. Terr., IV, 768 (1878); Tert. Ins. N. A., 470-471, Pl. VIII, Fig. 6 (1890).

This species has not been found since the original specimen was obtained.

Green River, Wyoming.

## Tribe HYLURGINI.

This tribe is represented in the European Tertiaries by two species of *Hylesinus*, found at Aix and Brunstatt, an undescribed species of *Hylurgus* recognized by Serres at Aix, and an amber species referred to *Hylesinites* by Germar. In America a species of *Hylesinus* occurs at Florissant, one of *Polygraphus* at the Roan mountains, and borings referred provisionally to *Hylastes* in the interglacial beds at Scarborough, Ontario.

## POLYGRAPHUS Erichson.

A northern genus with only two species, one belonging to the Old World, the other to the New. The single fossil species referred below to this genus can certainly, from its much stouter form, not properly fall here, and is placed here only because it does not appear to be very distant from it. No fossil species has ever before been referred to this genus.

## POLYGRAPHUS WORTHENI.

## Pl. XII, Fig. 13.

A dorsal view of a single specimen showing prothorax and elytra is all that is preserved. The prothorax tapers rapidly forward, with rounded sides and a strongly convex front, giving a paraboloid curve to the front of the body; it shows a very faint median longitudinal impression and is pretty uniformly punctate, the puncta showing a tendency to a longitudinal arrangement, being more distant from those at either side than from those in front and behind; there are besides some finer punctuations on the disk. Elytra more than half as long again as their combined breadth, broadest in the middle and then rapidly tapering so as to make the form of the body pretty regularly long oval; the elytra are more distantly punctate than the prothorax, but the puncta are slightly larger and arranged in tolerably regular serial rows, in all about a dozen rows, separated by twice the diameter of the puncta, the puncta of the same row similarly separated.

Length, 3<sup>mm</sup>; breadth, 1.75<sup>mm</sup>.

Roan mountains, western Colorado. One specimen, No. 959, U. S. Geological Survey.

Named in memory of the Illinois paleontologist, the late Prof. A. H. Worthen.



## HYLESINUS Fabricius.

An abundant genus with thirty or forty species widely distributed, with about half a dozen species found in the United States. Three species have been found fossil in Europe, two at Aix and one at Brunstatt, and a single species in America at Florissant. The Aix species are not so far away from ours, but the species here described is referred to this genus only on account of its general appearance, though the great size of the head alone would seem properly to exclude it.

## HYLESINUS EXTRACTUS.

Pl. I, Fig. 22.

The head is large, tumid, nearly half as large as the prothorax, smooth. Prothorax rectangular as seen laterally, a fourth higher than long, the surface closely and rather coarsely granular. Elytra more than twice as long as the prothorax, the outer margin flexed and margined precisely as in *H. aculeatus* Say, the surface less coarsely granular than the prothorax, with faint signs of longitudinal striae, not shown in the figure.

Length, 2·7<sup>mm</sup>; height, 1·2<sup>mm</sup>; length of tegmina, 1·8<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, No. 5647.

## HYLASTES Erichson.

A genus almost confined to boreal regions in the two worlds, and of which we have nine species in the United States and Canada. The fossil species placed here hesitatingly is known only by the burrows of the insect under the bark of juniper.

## HYLASTES ? SQUALIDENS.

*Scolytidae* sp., Scudd., Can. Ent., XVIII, 194-196 (1886).

*Hylastes* ? *squalidens*, Scudd., Tert. Ins. N. A., 468-469, Pl. I, Figs. 23-25 (1890); Contr. Can. Pal. II, 28-30 (1892).

The borings of a beetle in a twig of juniper found in interglacial beds. No further light has been thrown upon them than is given in my Tertiary Insects.

Near Scarboro, lake Ontario, Canada.

## Family ANTHRIBIDÆ.

In the American Tertiaries this family is unusually well developed, its proportional representation being considerably above what exists to-day. The relative numbers of the different tribes are similar to what we now find, and all the tribes are present except the Xenorhestini, which is the smallest to-day. The numbers of the Tropiderini, however, are above their present proportion, and those of the Aræocerini below it. In the European Tertiaries neither the Tropiderini nor the Xenorhestini occur, while the actual numbers in the other groups are precisely as in the American rocks. The total number of European fossil species is scarcely more than half that of the American.

## Tribe TROPIDERINI.

This tribe is wholly wanting in the European Tertiaries, but is very well represented in ours, having five species of four genera, of which two from Florissant, with one species each, represent extinct types, while the others are referred to *Tropideres*, one species each from Florissant and Green River, and *Hornisens* from Green River.

SAPERDIRHYNCHUS (Saperda, nom. gen., *ῥύγχος*), gen. nov.

This striking genus of Anthribidæ does not fall in any of the groups now recognized as living in North America, but rather belongs to one allied to our *Ischnoceri* termed *Discotenides* by Lacordaire: for the immensely long antennæ are inserted on the sides of the rostrum, the antennal scrobes are circular and terminal, the rostrum is at base smaller than the head, the eyes are rounded and not longitudinal, and the prothoracic ridge is prebasal.

This group, as defined by Lacordaire in 1866, consisted of only three genera, two of which were found in islands of the South Pacific ocean, the third, *Discotenes*, in Brazil. The present form is not very close to that genus, having a much shorter thorax, and antennæ of different construction, somewhat resembling *Cerambyrhynchus*, a genus of another group found only in the Pacific islands. The following are some of the details of the structure of the fossil type.

Head much longer than high; rostrum nearly twice as long as the rest of the head, the front border arcuate; antennal scrobes subcircular, sharply defined, separated from the tip by less than their own width. Antennæ fully half as long again as the body, slender, first joint globose, second of similar length but smaller, and shaped like the apical portion of the succeeding third to ninth joints, which are elongate, subequal, apically clubbed, the enlarged apex of the ninth forming with the two succeeding, which are half as long again as broad, an elongate oval club about twice as stout as the stem of the middle joints. Eyes small, oval, transverse. Prothorax apparently quadrate, slightly tapering, scarcely so broad as long. Elytra considerably longer than head and prothorax together, gently arched. Legs slender, the front pair similar to the others.

A single species occurs at Florissant.

*SAPERDIRHYNCHUS PRISCOTITILLATOR.*

Pl. 1, Fig. 12.

Head (including also at least the basal half of rostrum, prothorax, and elytra) uniformly, finely, closely, and rather delicately granulate, the granules circular except on the elytra, where they show a tendency to become longitudinal, the cause perhaps of their presenting a pectinate appearance, though this is more probably due to the linear arrangement of the long recumbent hairs, which lie in series about a fiftieth of a millimeter apart; the elytra also show faint moderately narrow ridges about one-fifth of a millimeter apart more clearly on one stone than on the other. Antennæ clothed sparsely with recumbent hairs half as long as the width of the joints; the joints are better shown on the vertical than on the oblique antenna on the plate.

Length of body, 7.5<sup>mm</sup>; of head and rostrum, 3<sup>mm</sup>; of elytra, 4.5<sup>mm</sup>; of antennæ, 12<sup>mm</sup>; of one of the middle joints of antennæ, 1.6<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, Nos 6000 and 6001.

*TROPIDERES* Schönherr.

One of the most extensive genera of the family, having about fifty species, of which nearly half are found in America, the others in various

quarters of the globe. In the New World it is most abundant in the West India islands, and only a couple of species occur in the United States east of the Mississippi. Two species are found fossil in our Tertiaries—one at Florissant, Colorado, the other at Green River, Wyoming.

*Table of the species of Tropideres.*

Large species, reaching a length of 6<sup>mm</sup>; head minutely punctate ..... *vastatus*.  
 Moderate-sized species, little exceeding 4<sup>mm</sup> in length; head smooth..... *remotus*.

TROPIDERES VASTATUS.

Pl. II, Fig. 13.

A single specimen, not very clearly preserved, lying upon its side, represents this species. It is clearly related very closely to *Tropideres*, if it does not belong to the genus in the restricted sense in which it is used by LeConte. It seems to have been moderately stout, uniformly black, and uniformly, densely, and very delicately granulose, or shallowly punctate, it is hard to say which. The beak is moderately stout, shorter than the head; it is badly represented in the plate, having an appearance wholly unlike a *Tropideres*; the antennæ not much longer than the beak, the club composed of three subequal joints, fully twice as broad as the preceding, together forming an oval mass about two and a half times longer than broad; the eye is round oval, entire, transverse, and moderately prominent. The prothorax is largest, though but slightly, at the prebasal ridge, and tapers forward remarkably little; the elytra have rather finely punctured striæ, so closely crowded as to give the striæ the appearance in the cast of nearly continuous ridges.

Length, 6<sup>mm</sup>; height, 2.75<sup>mm</sup>; length of antennæ, 1.6<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, No. 12429.

TROPIDERES REMOTUS.

Pl. XII, Fig. 14.

A single specimen, in which, unfortunately, the antennæ are not preserved, seems to belong here. The head is smooth, twice as broad as long, with rather small, circular, prominent eyes; the beak a little broader than

long, slightly enlarged apically, with rather stout mandibles. The prothorax is considerably broader than long, at base a little narrower than the elytra, tapering forward slightly, the front margin truncate, the prebasal ridge exceedingly slight and straight, the surface roughened. Elytra fully two and a half times longer than broad, tapering a little on the apical half, the apex subacuminate, the striæ very fine and slight, with slight traces of feeble punctuation.

Length, 4.25<sup>mm</sup>; breadth, 1.8<sup>mm</sup>.

Green River, Wyoming. One specimen, No. 27, L. A. Lee.

STIRADERES (*στειρα, δέρη*), gen. nov.

An insect is placed in this new generic category which appears by its general aspect, moderately short antennæ, and entire eyes to belong to the group Tropideres. It is mainly to be distinguished for the position of the prebasal prothoracic ridge, which is rectilinear and situated so far from the base as to be slightly in advance of the middle of the prothorax, a character which certainly occurs in none of our genera, and is apparently unique. The beak is unfortunately not well preserved, but is apparently short, not greatly longer than the large, broad-oval, obliquely longitudinal, prominent eyes. The antennæ are a little longer than the head and prothorax together, rather stout, the middle joints not more than twice as long as broad, scarcely larger at apex than at base, the three apical joints quadrate or even broader than long, hardly broader than the preceding, the last very bluntly rounded at tip, almost truncate.

A single species is known and comes from Florissant.

STIRADERES CONRADI.

Pl. I, Fig. 6.

A single specimen is preserved on a side view. The head, including the rostrum, with the prothorax and the sides of the metasterna, are not very deeply nor closely punctate (the puncta showing in the specimen, which is a reverse, as granulations); antennæ, at least on the apical joints, much more finely punctate, but with similar sparseness and shallowness; joints of antennæ nearly half as broad as the width of the eye, the apical

joints not shown on the plate. Elytra with punctate striæ, the puncta deep, circular, separated from each other by two or three times their own diameter.

Length, 5.6<sup>mm</sup>; height, 2.5<sup>mm</sup>; length of antennæ, 2<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, No. 10910.

This insect is named in memory of that versatile and industrious naturalist, the late T. A. Conrad, of Philadelphia.

#### HORMISCUS Waterhouse.

This is a genus with only three known species, found respectively in our southern and western states, the Galapagos islands, and in Colombia. A single fossil species from Green River, Wyoming, is referred here.

#### HORMISCUS PARTITUS.

*Hormiscus partitus* Scudd., Tert. Ins. N. A., 467, Pl. VIII, Fig. 17 (1890).

No further specimens have been found.

Green River, Wyoming.

#### Tribe BASITROPINI.

If the *Tophoderes* described by Heyden from Rott belongs here, this tribe is equally represented in the European and American Tertiaries. In Europe, besides the species mentioned, an amber species (undescribed) has been referred by Berendt to *Anthribus*, and three species have been referred to *Anthribites*, two from Oeningen, and one, known only by borings, from Niederlausitz. In America we have a species of *Anthribus* from Florissant, one of *Brachytarsus* from Green River, and three of *Cratoparis*, one from Florissant and two from Green River.

#### ANTHRIBUS Geoffroy.

The species of this typical genus of the family, not numerous, are found in both worlds, and mainly in the northern hemisphere. We possess but a couple of species found in the Atlantic States. A single fossil species from Florissant, Colorado, is placed here.

## ANTHREBUS SORDIDUS.

Pl. III, Fig. 27.

A single, unfortunately rather poorly preserved specimen seems to fall in the Basitropini and probably in or very near the restricted genus Anthrebus. The head appears to be quite smooth, but to be ornamented above with a large black impressed triangle, the apex forward; the eyes are moderately large and transverse, the beak shorter than the head, apically narrowed as seen from the side, the antennæ nearly half as long as the body and coarse, but unfortunately too poorly preserved to show the joints; nor, indeed, is there any apical enlargement to a club, so that probably they are broken. The prothorax is well rounded, the surface very faintly, very sparsely punctate, the ridge completely basal. Elytra faintly striate.

Length, 5<sup>mm</sup>; height at thorax, 1.5<sup>mm</sup>; length of (probably incomplete) antennæ, 2.3<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, No. 2675.

## CRATOPARIS Schönherr.

South America is the principal home of this genus, though species are found in almost all parts of the world. In our country we have but two species, found in the Atlantic States. The discovery of no less than three species in our Tertiaries, one at Florissant, Colorado, and two at Green River, Wyoming, may perhaps be looked upon as an indication of a subtropical climate where they occur.

*Table of the species of Cratoparis.*

Elytra less than 4 <sup>mm</sup> in length .....	<i>arcessitus.</i>
Elytra more than 4.5 <sup>mm</sup> in length:	
Elytral striae feebly punctate .....	<i>elusus.</i>
Elytral striae deeply and heavily punctate .....	<i>repertus.</i>

## CRATOPARIS ARCESSITUS.

Pl. I, Fig. 11.

The cast of a single specimen, showing in relief what should be in depression, and presenting a side view, is the sole relic of this species. The head is nearly smooth, with very faint and feeble delicate punctures, as well

as equally faint, longitudinal, wavy rugulae, the rostrum exceedingly short and blunt. The prothorax, represented as too short anteriorly on the plate, is more coarsely but shallowly and rather closely punctate, the puncta very evenly distributed, as is also the case on the metasternum. The tegmina are each about three times as long as broad, as exposed to view, with eight or more equidistant punctate striae (granulate ridges on this cast), the puncta following each other closely, rather larger than on the prothorax; counting from the outer edge, the third and sixth striae meet near the tip of the tegmina in an acute angle. The elytra are also covered with suberect hairs about half as long as the width of the interspaces between the elytra. The legs are slender, moderately short, the femora very slightly swollen, the second joint of the tarsi very simple and not at all swollen.

Length of specimen as preserved, 5<sup>mm</sup>; probable length in a natural position, 5.5<sup>mm</sup>; of elytra, 3.65<sup>mm</sup>; height of body, 2<sup>mm</sup>.

Florissant, Colorado. One specimen, No. 185.

#### CRATOPARIS? ELUSUS.

*Cratoparis? elusus* Scudd., Bull. U. S. Geol. Geogr. Surv. Terr., iv, 768-769 (1878); Tert. Ins. N. A., 467, Pl. VIII, Fig. 40 (1890).

No new specimens have been found which throw any further light on the affinities of this insect. It is extremely doubtful whether this be an anthribid; it is more probably a curculionid allied to *Rhysosternum*.

Green River, Wyoming.

#### CRATOPARIS REPERTUS.

*Cratoparis repertus* Scudd., Bull. U. S. Geol. Geogr. Surv. Terr., iv, 768 (1878); Tert. Ins. N. A., 466-467, Pl. VIII, Fig. 4, (1890).

Nothing more is known of this species than when first described.

Green River, Wyoming.

#### BRACHYTARSUS Schönherr.

The genus belongs to Europe and America, and especially the latter, where we find eight species in the United States, widely distributed, while one is found in South America. A fossil insect from Green River, Wyoming, is referred here with some doubt.



## BRACHYTARSUS PRISTINUS.

*Brachytarsus pristinus* Seudd., Bull. U. S. Geol. Geogr. Surv. Terr., II, 87 (1876); Tert. Ins. N. A., 466, Pl. VII, Fig. 26 (1890).

Nothing can be added to the original description.  
Green River, Wyoming.

## Tribe ARÆOCERINI.

A single species of this tribe has been found fossil in Europe and one in America, in each case referred to *Choragus*. The European occurs at Rott, the American at Green River.

## CHORAGUS Kirby.

The minute species of this genus, few in number, are divided between Europe and America. Heyden has described a fossil species from Rott on the Rhine, and one very different species has occurred at Green River, Wyoming.

## CHORAGUS FICTILIS.

*Choragus fictilis* Seudd., Tert. Ins. N. A., 465-466, Pl. VIII, Fig. 9 (1890).

The original single specimen is all that is known.  
Green River, Wyoming.

SYSTEMATIC LIST OF SPECIES, WITH THEIR DISTRIBUTION AND ABUNDANCE.

[The figures represent the number of specimens found at the locality.]

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<b>RHYNCHITID.E.</b>							
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Mastentes rupis .....	12	III:30	1				
Mastentes saxifer .....	13	VIII:4	1				
Auletes wymani .....	13	IV:4	1				
Engnamptus grandævus .....	14	IV:9				3	
Engnamptus decensatus .....	15					1	
Rhynchites subterraneus .....	15	IV:12	1				
<b>ISOTHEIN.E.</b>							
<i>Isotheini.</i>							
Paltorhynchus narwhal .....	18	I:9, 10, 18	4				
Paltorhynchus rectirostris .....	19	IV:8	1				
Paltorhynchus bisulcatus .....	19	VIII:3		2			
Isothea allenii .....	20	IV:2; VIII:1	1				
Trypanorhynchus corruptivus .....	22	IV:7	5				
Trypanorhynchus depratus .....	22	IV:5, 10	3				
Trypanorhynchus sedatus .....	22	II:23	1				
<i>Toxorhynchini.</i>							
Docirhynchus terebrans .....	24	IV:6	3				
Docirhynchus enlex .....	25	VIII:2	1				
Teretrum primum .....	26	IV:3	1				
Teretrum quiescens .....	26	VIII:6				1	
Toxorhynchus minusculus .....	27	IV:1	7				
Toxorhynchus oculatus .....	27	IV:11	1				
Stegaus barrandei .....	28	VIII:5		1			

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<b>OTIORHYNCHIDÆ.</b>							
<i>Brachyderini.</i>							
<i>Epicaerus exanimis</i> .....	31	.....	.....	7	2	45	.....
<i>Epicaerus saxatilis</i> .....	32	.....	.....	2	.....	29	.....
<i>Epicaerus effossus</i> .....	32	.....	.....	3	1	c. 50	.....
<i>Hormorus saxorum</i> .....	33	II:4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
<i>Trigonoscutta inventa</i> .....	31	II:3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
<i>Tenillus firmus</i> .....	35	VIII:8	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
<i>Ophryastini.</i>							
<i>Ophryastes compactus</i> .....	36	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
<i>Ophryastes petrarum</i> .....	37	VIII:10	.....	1	1	.....	.....
<i>Ophryastes grandis</i> .....	37	VIII:7	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
<i>Ophryastes</i> sp. ....	38	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
<i>Ophryastites absconsus</i> .....	39	IX:1	3	.....	.....	.....	.....
<i>Ophryastites cinereus</i> .....	39	VIII:12	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
<i>Ophryastites digressus</i> .....	39	IX:2	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
<i>Ophryastites dispersitius</i> .....	40	IX:3	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
<i>Exomias obdurefactus</i> .....	40	IX:4	.....	6	.....	.....	.....
<i>Phyxelis dilapsus</i> .....	41	VIII:11	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
<i>Phyxelis excissus</i> .....	42	VIII:16	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
<i>Phyxelis evigoratus</i> .....	42	VIII:13-15	.....	1	2	.....	.....
<i>Phyxelis eradicatus</i> .....	43	VIII:17, 18	.....	2	1	.....	.....
<i>Otiorynchini.</i>							
<i>Otiorynchus perditus</i> .....	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<i>Otiorynchus subteractus</i> .....	45	IX:8	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
<i>Otiorynchus tumbæ</i> .....	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
<i>Otiorynchus flaccus</i> .....	45	IX:5	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
<i>Otiorynchites absentivus</i> .....	46	IX:13	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
<i>Otiorynchites tysoni</i> .....	47	IX:12	.....	1	.....	1?	.....
<i>Otiorynchites fossilis</i> .....	47	VIII:9	.....	.....	.....	.....	*1
<i>Otiorynchites commutatus</i> .....	48	IX:9	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
<i>Neoptocus</i> ? sp. ....	48	IX:6	.....	1	1	.....	.....
<i>Tanymecini.</i>							
<i>Tanymecus seculorum</i> .....	49	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
<i>Cyphini.</i>							
<i>Entimus primordialis</i> .....	50	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
<i>Syntomostylus rudis</i> .....	50	IX:10	.....	1	2	.....	.....
<i>Artipus</i> ? <i>receptus</i> .....	51	IX:7	.....	.....	1	.....	.....

\* Fossil, Wyoming.

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<i>Evotini.</i>							
<i>Lachnopus recuperatus</i> .....	52	II:8, 12	3				
<i>Lachnopus humatus</i> .....	53	II:11	2				
<i>Evopes veneratus</i> .....	54	I:15, 24	7				
<i>Evopes ocnobatus</i> .....	55	II:7, 15	4				
<i>Omilens evanidus</i> .....	55	II:14	2				
<i>Phyllobiini.</i>							
<i>Phyllobius antecessor</i> .....	57	IX:16		1			
<i>Phyllobius carcerarius</i> .....	57	IX:11			2		
<i>Phyllobius avus</i> .....	58	IX:17			1	2	
<i>Scythropus subterraneus</i> .....	59	IX:14		4	7	6	
<i>Scythropus somniculosus</i> .....	60	IX:18		1			
<i>Scythropus abacus</i> .....	60	IX:15			1		
<i>Promecopini.</i>							
<i>Endomus robustus</i> .....	62	III:2, 4	11				
<i>Endomus pinguis</i> .....	63	II:9	3				
<i>Eucryptus sectus</i> .....	64	III:9	2				
<i>Endiagogus terrosus</i> .....	64			2	1	1	
CURCULIONIDÆ.							
SITONINÆ.							
<i>Sitona exitiorum</i> .....	67	IV:13	4				
<i>Sitona fodinarum</i> .....	67	X:5				3	
<i>Sitona paginarum</i> .....	68	X:1		3		1	
ALOPHINÆ.							
<i>Centrom moricollis</i> .....	70	I:8	2				
<i>Limalophus compositus</i> .....	71	X:2			1	2	
<i>Limalophus contractus</i> .....	72	X:3				6	
<i>Geralophus antiquarius</i> .....	74	III:16, 17	24				
<i>Geralophus occultus</i> .....	74	III:6, 21-24	24				
<i>Geralophus saxuosus</i> .....	75	I:5; III:10, 11; IV:14	5				
<i>Geralophus fossicinus</i> .....	75	II:16, 17, 24; III:19, 20	13				
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<i>Geralophus discensus</i> .....	77	IV: 15-17	1				
<i>Coniatus evisceratus</i> .....	78	III: 1, 5	6				
<i>Coniatus refractus</i> .....	79	x: 4		1	1		
APIONINÆ.							
<i>Apion smithii</i> .....	81	V: 2	4				
<i>Apion pumilum</i> .....	82	V: 17	2				
<i>Apion confectum</i> .....	82	V: 3; X: 9	4				
<i>Apion curiosum</i> .....	83	V: 5	2				
<i>Apion exanimale</i> .....	84	V: 1	1				
<i>Apion evestigatum</i> .....	84	x: 8		1			
<i>Apion refractum</i> .....	85	V: 7	1				
CURCULIONINÆ.							
<i>Phytonomini.</i>							
<i>Lepyros ? evictus</i> .....	88	x: 10					1
<i>Listronotus muratus</i> .....	88						1
<i>Hylobiini.</i>							
<i>Pachylobius delecticus</i> .....	90	x: 14			1		
<i>Pachylobius compressus</i> .....	90	x: 11		10			1
<i>Pachylobius deprædatus</i> .....	91	x: 12		4			
<i>Hylobius provectus</i> .....	92						2
<i>Hylobius packardii</i> .....	92	x: 13					1
<i>Hylobius laeoei</i> .....	92	x: 15	1				
<i>Laccopygus nilesii</i> .....	94	I: 16, 17	1				
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<i>Cleonus subjectus</i> .....	95	VI: 7; XI: 2	1				
<i>Cleonus externus</i> .....	96	I: 13, 20	7				
<i>Cleonus primoris</i> .....	97	XI: 7	1				
<i>Cleonus foersteri</i> .....	97	XI: 4	1				
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CURCULIONINÆ—continued.							
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<i>Gypidius curvirostris</i> .....	100	VI:1	1				
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<i>Procas verberatus</i> .....	103	XI:5	1				
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<i>Anthonomus evigilatus</i> .....	112	V:9, 12	3				
<i>Anthonomus debilitatus</i> .....	112	V:15	2				
<i>Anthonomus concussus</i> .....	113	V:4, 13	9				
<i>Anthonomus arctus</i> .....	113	V:16	4				
<i>Anthonomus corruptus</i> .....	114	V:18	2				
<i>Anthonomus reventus</i> .....	114	V:10, 14	7				
<i>Anthonomus defossus</i> .....	115	V:6, 11	14				
<i>Anthonomus soporus</i> .....	116	XI:1		1	1	6	
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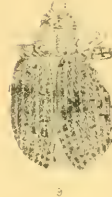
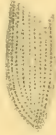
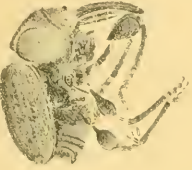




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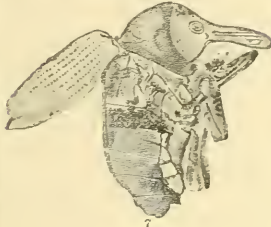
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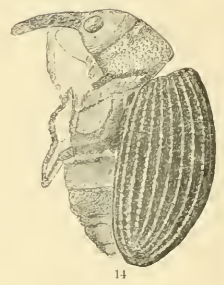
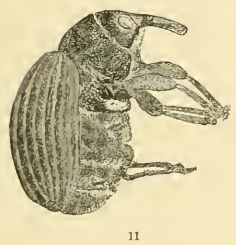
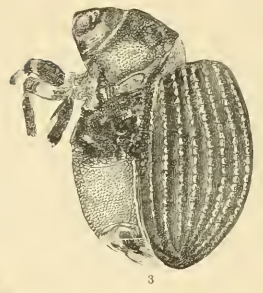






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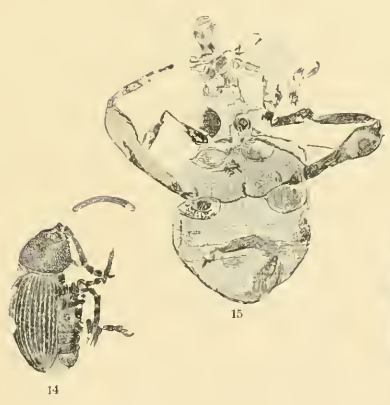






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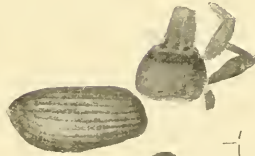
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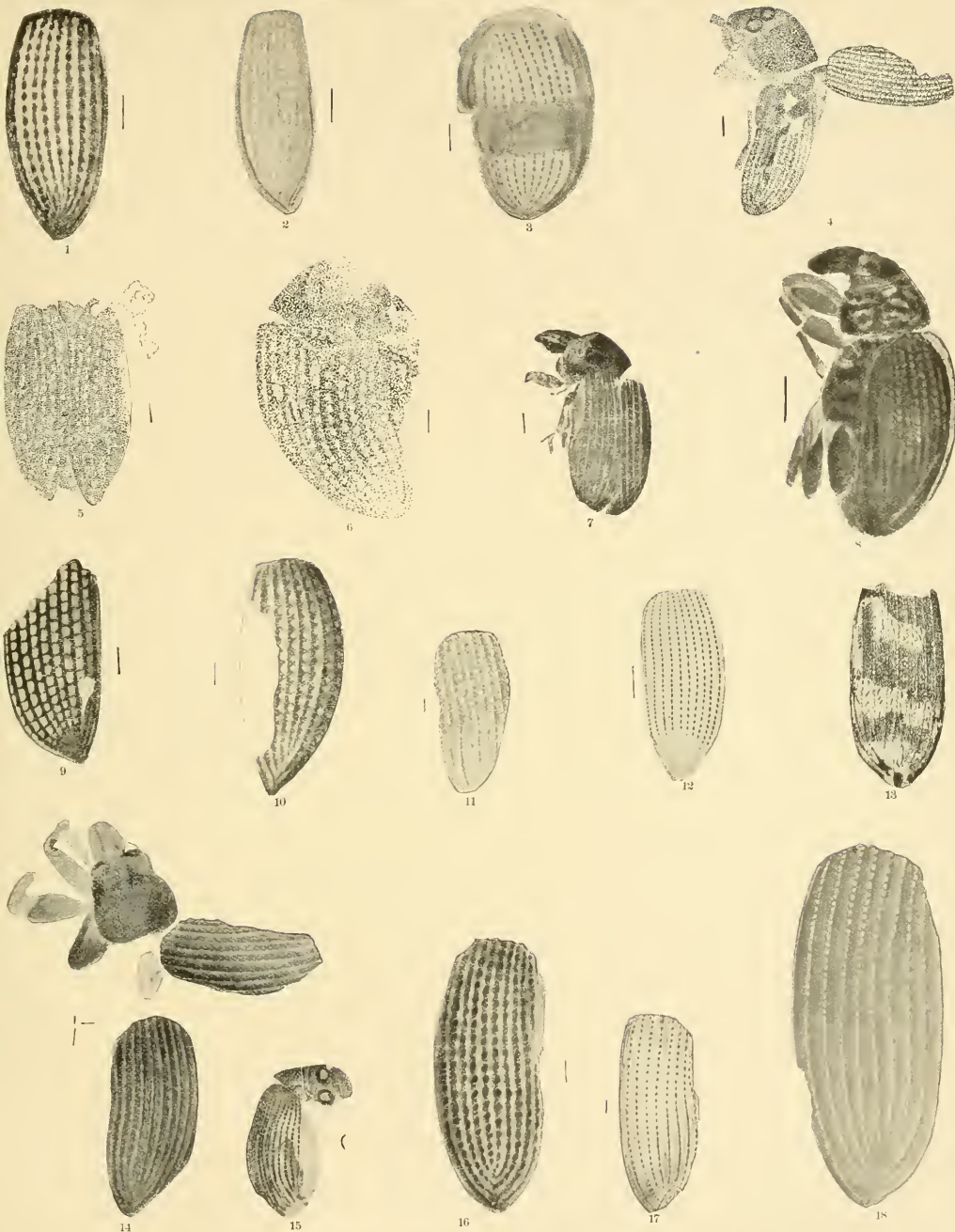






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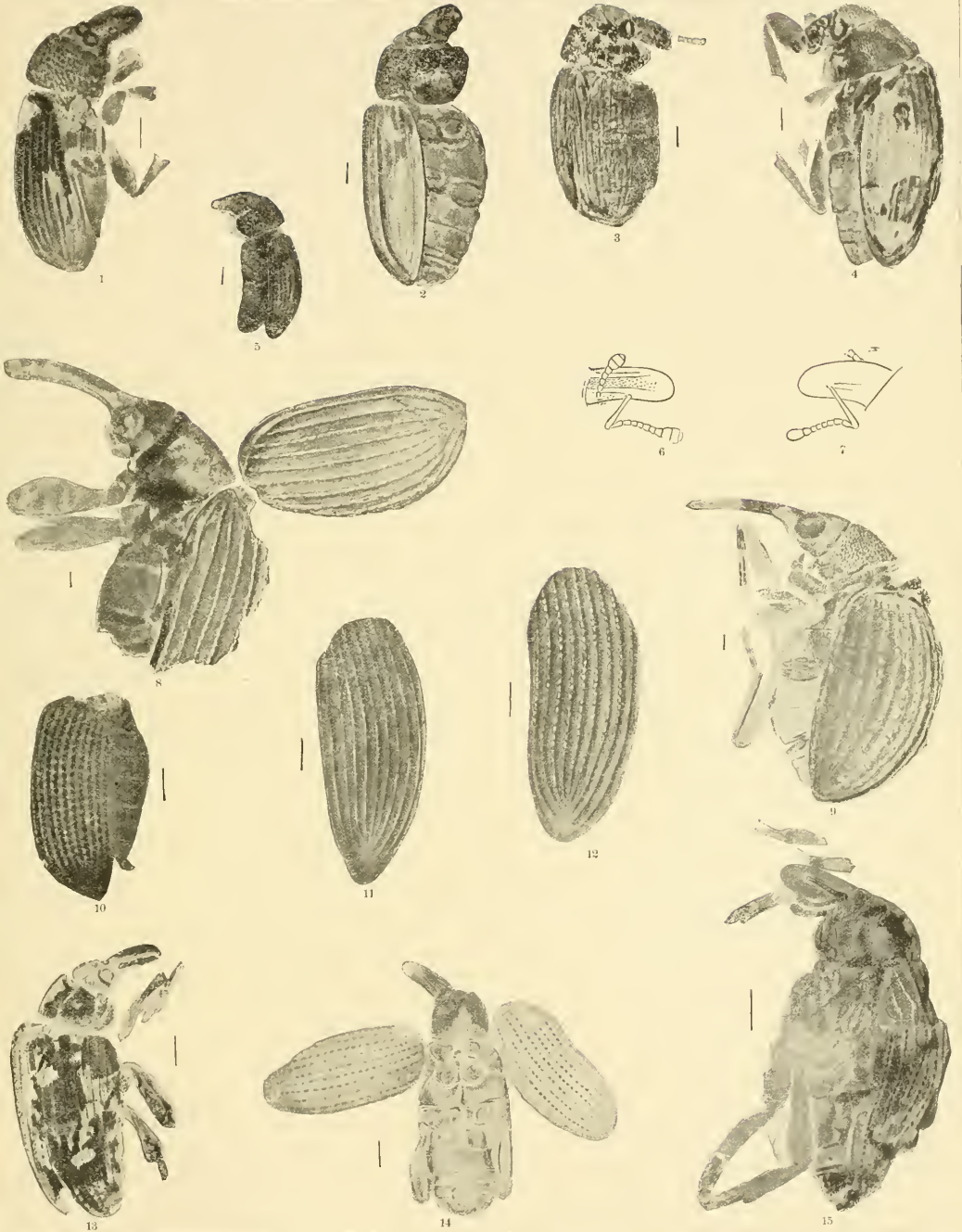




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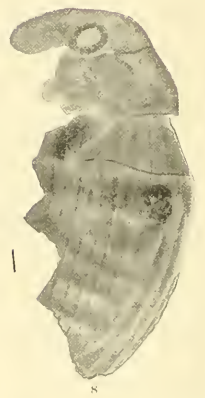
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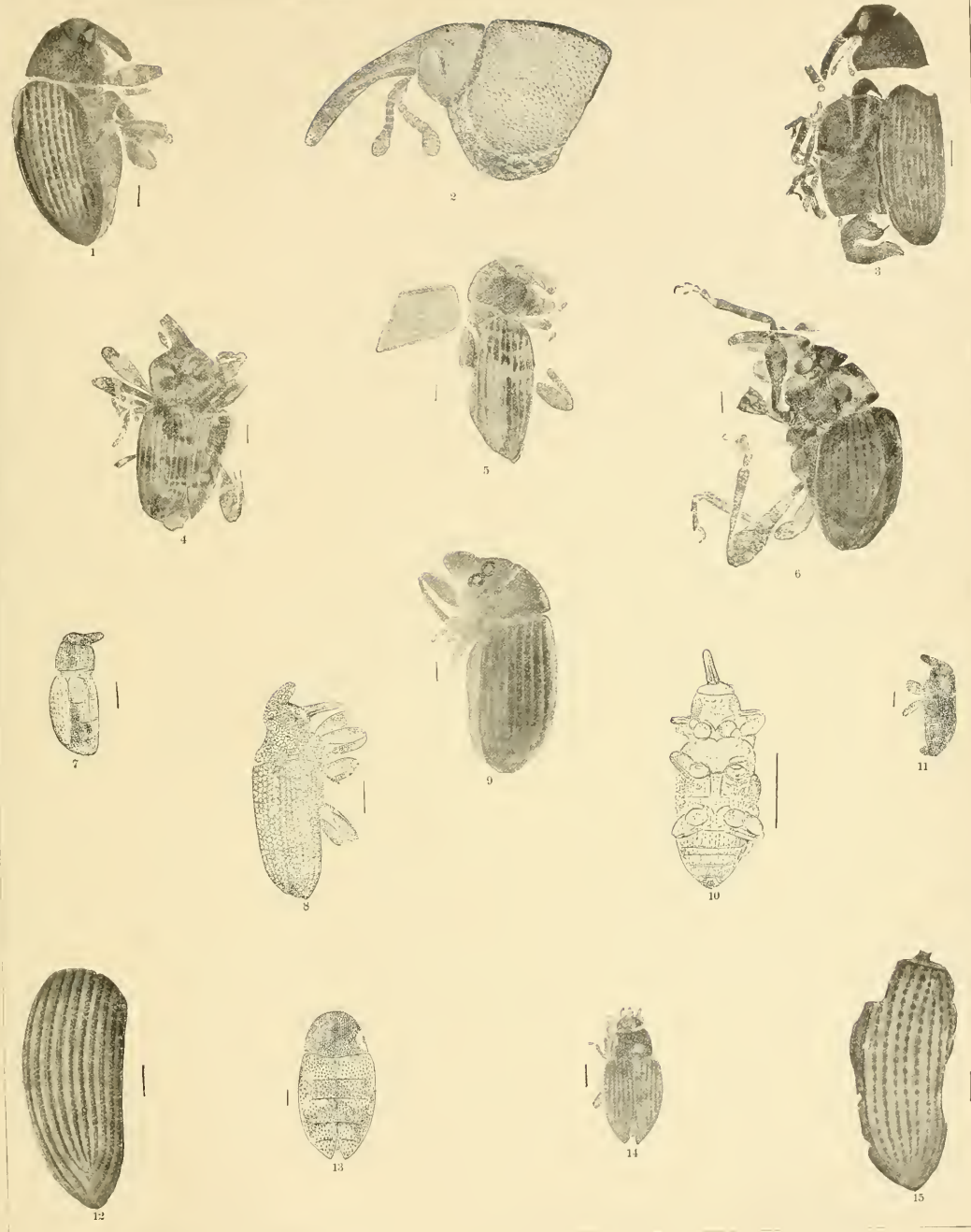


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