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INTRODUCTION

This small collection of Brachyura from the Dutch East Indies includes several rather uncommon forms and those described as new each exhibit some very distinctive characters. A number of the species are unfortunately each represented by only one or two specimens, often of very small size, so that it has not always been possible to identify them with certainty.

I have intentionally given a rather large number of text-figures in proportion to the text for three reasons. (1) I have wished as far as possible to fill in gaps by illustrating certain characters of specific importance that are not described or figured in sufficient detail in earlier works. (2) I consider that the male pleopods are of specific importance in many, though not in all genera. (3) I have found it necessary, as far as available time and material would permit, to revise *a*) the genus *Phymodius*, *b*) the classification of the subfamily *Eumedoninae* and *c*) the genus *Xenocarcinus*.

The classification followed is that given by Balss in Kükenthal and Krumbach's « Handbuch der Zoologie » (1927, vol. 3, pt. 1, pp. 1014-1025). I have, as a rule, omitted all reference to the names of the subfamilies partly because,

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in the *Xanthidae* especially, they require some revision. I have placed the genus *Daira* at the end of the list of genera in the section *Hyperolissa* because I am not quite sure of its true position. It is very near to *Actaea* but appears to have certain affinities with the *Menippinae*, especially as regards the male pleopods.

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(¹) A number of specimens had been sent to Dr. Balss who identified most of them; those that were not later sent to me are indicated as *e. g.* « 7 ex » instead of ♂, ♀ or immature specimens.
