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In the present contribution two new genera are instituted. One of them, *Exodromidia*, based on Studer's *Dromidia spinosa*, appeals for attention by the fact that the hitherto undescribed male proves to be furnished with rudimentary appendages on four segments of the pleon. The other, *Leontocaris*, is remarkable among the Hippolytidae for the very unsymmetrical constitution of the second trunk-legs, making them according to the old classical idiom a pair that is not a pair. A species here added to the Dromiidean genus *Dynomene* will be found to have peculiarities not unworthy of notice. The new prawns, *Penaeus caeruleus* and *Sergestes gloriosus*, are not in general structure exceptional members of their respective genera. The *Penaeus*, however, has one very unusual character. In the ordinary preservative media which tend to bleach most crustaceans this species, at any rate for many months, retains unchanged the fascinating tints of blue with which it is adorned when living. The *Sergestes* for its part appears to surpass all congeneric rivals in the abundance of its luminous organs. Several species are discussed which do not claim to be new. The object has been in these cases either to throw some new light on the organisation of the species themselves, or to enable those engaged in the modern studies of variation and zoothalassography to test the accuracy of the identifications offered. It should be borne in mind that when all the available figures and descriptions relating to a particular genus have been compared, it is still often far from easy to determine whether a specimen in hand can or cannot be referred to any of them. Characters perhaps have been detected which in the abstract would entitle it to rank as a distinct species. But the decision may be rendered uncertain by various considerations. Some of the earlier descriptions may be manifestly imperfect, of

some the exactness may be seriously open to question, and, apart from these manufactured complications, there is one supplied by nature ready made, when, as in the case of *Neolithodes*, it allows an individual animal in the course of a lifetime to exhibit far greater differences of habit than are commonly required for establishing two valid species.

## CRUSTACEA MALACOSTRACA.

### BRACHYURA GENUINA.

#### OXYRRHYNCHA.

#### Fam. **Mamaiidae.**

1895. *Maiinae*, Alcock, Journ. Asiat. Soc. Bengal, Vol. LXIV., Pt. 2, pp. 166, 236.  
 1898. *Majinae*, Ortmann, Bronn's Thierreich, Vol. V., Pt. 2, Lieferung 52, p. 1168.  
 1899. *Maiinae*, Alcock, Deep-sea Brachyura of the "Investigator," p. 55.  
 1902. *Maiidae* (part), Stebbing, South African Crustacea, Pt. 2, p. 2.

Alcock divides the family Maiidae in the larger sense into four sub-families, Inachinae, Acanthonychinae, Pisinae, and Maiinae. I have heretofore explained that in raising these sub-divisions to the rank of families, the third ought to be called Blastidae. The introduction of the name Mamaiidae in place of Maiidae needs a somewhat fuller justification. The genus *Maja*, with the alternative spelling *Maia*, was established by Lamarck in 1801 (Système des Animaux sans vertèbres, pp. 154, 428), nominally to include the two genera which Fabricius had called *Inachus* and *Parthenope*. But the reference to Herbst which Lamarck gives for the first of these divisions has nothing to do with *Inachus*. It refers the reader to Herbst's description and figure of *Cancer maja*, which is a *Lithodes*. As both *Inachus* and *Parthenope* are still valid, *Maia* on its author's own showing has no standing place, and by no stretching of accepted rules can it be applied to a genus which is distinct from both of them. It is unnecessary, therefore, to insist on the further inconvenience that, as Miss M. J. Rathbun has already pointed out, *Maia*

was used by Brisson, 1760, for a genus of birds, accepted by many ornithologists. (Proc. Biol. Soc., Washington, Vol. XI., p. 160, 1897). For the well-known species *Maia squinado* (Herbst) I propose the generic name *Mamaia*, and this slight alteration will naturally apply to all such higher divisions as have taken their designations from the genus under its earlier name.

### Gen. *Micippa*, Leach.

1817. *Micippa*, Leach, Zoological Miscellany, Vol. III., p. 15.  
 1825. *Micippa*, Desmarest, Consid. gén. Crust., p. 148.  
 1829. *Micippe*, Latreille, Règne Animal, Vol. IV., p. 59.  
 1834. *Micippe*, Milne-Edwards, Hist. Nat. Crust., Vol. I.  
     p. 329.  
 1839. *Micippe*, de Haan, Crust. Japonica, decas quarta, p. 85.  
 1879. *Micippa*, Miers, Journ. Linn. Soc. London, Vol. XIV.,  
     p. 661.  
 1895. *Micippa*, Alcock, Journ. Asiat. Soc., Bengal, Vol. LXIV.,  
     Pt. 2, pp. 167, 238, 248.

Numerous other references will be found in Alcock's work either under the genus or its species. It may be mentioned that Desmarest gives the name correctly as *Micippa*, though by appending a French form of it, *Micippe*, he probably helped to mislead several of his successors. Alcock places this genus in an alliance Periceroida, Miers and Miss Rathbun assign it to a sub-family Micippinae, to which the latter writer (Proc. Nat. Mus., Vol. XVI., p. 65, 1893) allots, besides *Micippa*, the four genera *Criocarcinus*, *Picrocerus*, *Pseudomicippe*, and *Paramicippa*, all of which are placed by Alcock in a separate alliance Stenocionopoda.

The Periceroida are characterised as follows:—"Carapace usually broadened anteriorly by the outstanding orbits; the orbits are either nearly or quite complete above and below, being formed by a strongly-arched supra-ocular cave in close contact with an excavated post-ocular lobe, a process of the basal antennal joint filling in the floor below." *Micippa* is distinguished by having "Carapace oblong; rostrum broadly laminar, vertically or nearly vertically deflexed; orbits complete but shallow." (Alcock, loc. cit., p. 238). In the description of *M. thalia*, however, Alcock points out that in that species "the floor of the orbit is incomplete."

*Micippa thalia* (Herbst).

1803. *Cancer Thalia*, Herbst, Krabben und Krebse, Vol. III., Pt. 3, p. 50, Pl. 58, fig. 3.  
 1839. *Pisa (Micippe) thalia*, de Haan, Crustacea Japonica, decas quarta, p. 98, Pl. G, and *Pisa (Paramicippe) Thalia*, Pl. 23, fig. 3.  
 1843. *Micippe thalia*, Krauss, Südafrik. Crustaceen, p. 51.  
 1884. *Micippa thalia*, Miers, Crustacea of "Alert," p. 198, and var. *haani*, p. 524.  
 1895. *Micippa thalia*, Alcock, Journ. Asiat. Soc. Bengal, Vol. LXIV., Pt. 2, p. 251.

Miers and Alcock supply numerous references and an extensive synonymy, including *Paramicippa sexspinigera*, White, 1847; *Micippe miliaris*, Gerstäcker, 1856; *Micippa haani*, Stimpson, 1857; *Micippe pusilla*, Bianconi, 1869; *Micippa inermis*, Haswell, 1880; together with var. *aculeata*, Bianconi, 1851, and var. *caledonica*, Kossmann, 1877. De Haan (loc. cit., p. 99), no doubt with regard to the name given on his Plate 23, says that the eyes are all but entirely capable of enclosure within the orbits; therefore the species is to be referred not to *Paramicippa*, but to *Micippa*. He notes the absence of the two hindmost denticles of the thorax overlapping the pleon, which Herbst describes and figures. The want of these caused Krauss to say that the specimen which he names *M. thalia*, de Haan, cannot be assigned to *Cancer thalia*, Herbst. Probably on the same account Stimpson renamed de Haan's species *haanii* as distinct from Herbst's *thalia*. The specimen from the Durban Museum, preserved dry, is without these denticles, but has on the surface of the granular carapace the typical arrangement of large vertical spines, "one on either supra-ocular hood, two on the gastric region in the middle line, and two placed obliquely on either branchial region." The broad bifid rostrum is not quite vertically deflexed. The smoothness of the very slender cheliped is in rather striking contrast to the setose character of the carapace and the other legs. The dark coloured finger and thumb, which Alcock describes as minute in the adult female, are in this specimen about half as long as the palm.

The specimen from Natal briefly described by Krauss was only 5.5 lines wide by 6.5 lines in length, or about half an inch square. The Durban Museum specimen, a female, measures 31 mm. at the widest point of the carapace and 32.5 mm. along the median line from the base of the carapace. As in Krauss's

measurement, so here, the lateral spines are not included in the width. A second specimen, also dry, and also a female, is so densely clothed with extraneous growths, that an exact description would not be possible without a removal of its investiture. In this the finger and thumb of the cheliped show a minute denticulation of their inner margins, and are quite four-fifths of the palm in length. The carapace, as well as could be judged, was 41 mm. wide by 43 mm. long.

Aurivillius (K. Svenska Vet.-Akad. Handlingar, Vol. xxiii., p. 52, Pl. 4, figs. 1, 1a, 1889), under the designation "*Micippa haanii*, Stimpson," takes account of the serrate hooking-setæ by help of which this species, like so many other Oxyrrhyncha, attaches extraneous objects to various parts of its organism.

#### Fam. **Blastidæ.**

1899. *Pisinae*, Alcock, Deep-sea Brachyura of the "Investigator," p. 49.  
 1902. *Blastidæ*, Stebbing, South African Crustacea, Pt. 2, p. 2.

#### Gen. **Scyramathia**, A. Milne-Edwards.

1902. *Scyramathia*, Stebbing, South African Crustacea, Pt. 2, p. 5.

The genus has been already discussed, with numerous references, in Part 2 of the present work.

#### *Scyramathia hertwigi*, Doflein.

1900. *Scyramathia hertwigi*, Doflein, in Chun's "Aus den Tiefen des Weltmeeres," fig. on p. 497.  
 1902. *Scyramathia hertwigi*, Stebbing, South African Crustacea, Pt. 2, p. 7, Pl. 6.  
 1903. *Scyramathia hertwigi*, Doflein, in Chun's "Aus den Tiefen," 2nd edition, fig. on p. 172.

Many additional specimens enable me to add one or two notes on this species. As shown in Doflein's figure (1903), the chelipeds of the male in some instances outstrip in length the long and slender second pair of legs.

As is the case with *Scyramathia carpenteri* (Norman), the female appears to rival the male in the size of the carapace and in the size and sharpness of its tabular elevations, while its chelipeds are comparatively short and slender. The finger in these has a rather peculiar bend, and its crenulation is closely adapted to that of the thumb. Both are slender. The pleon of the female is very large, and bulging with a crowd of eggs in specimens of very different sizes. The first segment is wider at the base than distally. The length of the segments increases from the second to the sixth inclusive, and the width increases from the second to the base of the sixth, the sides of which form a broad curve with the telson. The last three segments are much larger than those which precede, the sixth being the largest of all. The median lobe is proximal on the first two and the seventh, distal on the intervening segments, being much narrower than the lateral surfaces on all segments except the first and second.

The long pleopods take a large share in closely investing the great globular mass of eggs, which are deep brownish red in spirit.

Some of the specimens, especially the females, have the carapace overgrown with sponges that entirely disguise them, while the legs and distended pleon are left exposed. The legs of this species are so easily detached that, without special precautions, specimens that are perfect at the outset of a journey are almost sure to be mutilated in transit.

Locality.—Cape Point, N. 50° E., 18½ miles; depth, 180 fathoms; bottom, green sand and black specks, hardish ground. Five separate station numbers are given for this locality, the crab being taken in some abundance at all the five stations. All the females are loaded with eggs.

Since the above was in print, three additional specimens, all egg-laden females, have been sent me, from Cape Point, N. 50° East, 18½ miles. Depth, 180 fms. Bottom, green sand and black specks. These have a truly grotesque appearance, the superimposed sponge being in each case much larger than the crab. In allowing such towers of defence to grow upon their shoulders the crustaceans no doubt know their own business well enough, the protection being efficient and the burden in reality by no means heavy.

#### Fam. Parthenopidae.

1879. *Parthenopinae*, Miers, Journ. Linn. Soc., London, Vol. XIV., p. 668.  
 1895. *Parthenopinae*, Alcock, Journ. Asiat. Soc., Bengal, Vol. LXIV., Pt. 2, p. 258.

The definition of this group given by Miers was scarcely satisfactory, since, in limiting it to species with the carapace triangular or elliptical, it might be thought to exclude the titular genus *Parthenope*. Alcock avoids this by defining the group as one "in which the carapace is sometimes sub-pentagonal or ovate-pentagonal, more commonly equilaterally triangular, and sometimes almost semi-circular or semi-elliptical in outline; in which the cardiac and gastric regions are usually so deeply marked off from the branchial regions on either side as to make the dorsal surface of the carapace trilobed; in which the chelipeds are vastly longer and more massive than the ambulatory legs; and in which the rostrum is either simple or obscurely trilobed."

Gen. *Parthenope*, Fabricius.

1798. *Parthenope* (part), Fabricius, Suppl. Ent. Syst., p. 352.  
1801. *Maja* (part), Lamarck, Syst. Anim. sans vertèbres, p. 154.  
1834. *Parthenope*, Milne-Edwards, Hist. Nat. Crust., Vol. I.,  
p. 359.  
1895. *Parthenope*, Alcock, Journ. Asiat. Soc. Bengal, Vol. LXIV.  
Pt. 2, pp. 258, 279.

This genus to which Fabricius attributed eight species, had been restricted, when Milne-Edwards published the first volume of his history of Crustacea, to the single *Cancer horridus* of Linnaeus. One or two Indian species have since been added to its still scanty register. It is "distinguished from *Lambrus* by the nature of the so-called basal antennal joint, which is relatively long, and nearly reaches to the level of the inferior orbital hiatus; the fingers also are much less turned inwards." (Alcock).

*Parthenope horrida* (Linn.)

1758. *Cancer horridus*, Linn., Systema Naturae, Ed. X., p. 629.  
1788. *Cancer horridus*, Herbst, Krabben und Krebse, Pt. 7  
p. 222, Pl. 14, fig. 88.  
1798. *Parthenope horrida*, Fabricius, Suppl. Ent. Syst., p. 353.  
1834. *Parthenope horrida*, Milne-Edwards, Hist. Nat. Crust.,  
Vol. I., p. 360.  
1895. *Parthenope horrida*, Alcock, Journ. Asiat. Soc. Bengal,  
Vol. LXIV., Pt. 2, p. 279.

Alcock supplies numerous other references for this queer-looking, often-figured species. He cites Herbst with a mark

of interrogation. Herbst's figure is not one of the best, but can hardly refer to any species but the present. Rumph's Plate 9 in his *Amboinsche Rariteitkamer*, 1705, is an effective representation. Its name of Rotskrabbe or rock-crab is explained as indicating its likeness to a piece of coral rock. The name *Cancer spinosus* was used very indefinitely by Rumphius, the present being avowedly the fourth of four very distinct forms to which he applied it. Leach in the *Zoological Miscellany*, Vol. II., Pl. 98, p. 107 (1815), gives a striking coloured figure, but the colouring was probably only from a dried specimen. He describes it as "Horrid Parthenope; shell with the tubercles eaten-impressed; legs spiny, hands and wrists verrucated, abdomen and breast carious. Inhabits the Asiatic Ocean." There is a certain uncouth ruggedness about this rendering of the latin original, which tallies very well with the unconventional appearance of the crab. The animal evidently wishes to be regarded as a miscellaneous piece of corroded or eroded rock and it is taken at its own valuation by the Balani which settle on its humps and in its hollows, on its knobs and spines, without distinction of limbs and carapace. Good figures will be found also in Guérin's *Iconographie, Crustacés*, Pl. 7, fig. 1, and in the special edition of the *Règne Animal, Crustacés*, Pl. 26, fig. 2. These works are undated, but Guérin's plate is quoted in 1834, by Milne-Edwards, who refers to his own volume of that date when explaining Plate 26 of the *Règne Animal*.

Rumphius gives the breadth of the carapace in his specimen as four inches, which exactly corresponds with that of the specimen submitted to me from the Durban Museum. He says that the chelipeds are nine inches long, but neither in his figure nor in the specimen from Natal, do they appear to be much more than seven and a half inches in actual extent, though a length of nine inches may be obtained by measuring round the outer margin. The larger cheliped thickens considerably to the base of the short widely gaping thumb and finger. It is on the right in our specimen, as in the figures given by Rumphius and Herbst, but on the left in those by Leach, Guérin, and Milne-Edwards. The sub-pentagonal form of the carapace is obvious in all, and some minor differences in the representation of it may be due less to variation in the actual specimens than to the disguises caused by extraneous animals settled upon it.

From *Parthenope spinosissima*, A. Milne-Edwards, this species is distinguished by the shape of the carapace, the coarseness of the spines, and the smoothness of the fingers.

## CYCLOMETOPA.

Fam. *Actaeidae*.

1898. *Actaeinae*, Alcock, Journ. Asiat. Soc. Bengal, Vol. LXVII.  
Pt. 2, pp. 78, 137.

Alcock divides the family Xanthidae into two sections, the first comprising the sub-families Xanthinae, Actaeinae Chlorodinae, the second the sub-families Menippinae, Oziinae, Pilumninae and Eriphiinae. For the Actaeinae he gives the following character, "Carapace usually much broader than long, and usually very profusely and profoundly lobulated; the anterolateral border is either divided into four blunt lobes or crenated. The front is about a third the greatest breadth of the carapace, sometimes a little more, sometimes a little less, and is divided into two rather prominent usually round-pointed lobes."

Gen. *Actaea*, de Haan.

1833. *Actaea*, de Haan, Crustacea Japonica, p. 18.  
1834. *Cancer* (part), Milne-Edwards, Hist. Nat. Crust., Vol. I.,  
p. 378.  
1852. *Actaea*, Dana, U.S. Expl. Exp., Vol. XIII., p. 162.  
1861. *Actaea*, Heller, Crust. des rothen Meeres, S.B. Ak.  
Wien, Vol. XLIII., p. 314.  
1865. *Actaea*, A. Milne-Edwards, Nouv. Archiv. du Mus.,  
Vol. I., p. 259.  
1875. *Euxanthodes*, Paulson, Crustacea of the Red Sea, p. 33.  
1876. *Actaea*, Miers, Crustacea of New Zealand, p. 15.  
1877. *Psaumis* (preocc.) Kossmann, Crust. des rothen Meeres,  
Malacostraca, p. 26.  
1882. *Actaea*, Haswell, Catal. Australian Crustacea, p. 43.  
1886. *Actaea*, Miers, Challenger Brachyura, Reports, Vol. XVII.,  
p. 118.  
1898. *Actaea*, Alcock, Journ. Asiat. Soc. Bengal, Vol. LXVII.,  
Pt. 2, pp. 73, 137.  
1900. *Actaea*, M. J. Rathbun, Proc. U.S. Mus., Vol. XXII.,  
p. 286.

This genus is placed by Haswell in the Xanthinae, a sub-family of the Cancridae, by Miers in the Cancrinae, a section of the Cancridae, by Miss Rathbun in the family Pilumnidae, by Alcock in the Actaeinae, a sub-family of the Xanthidae. The last named writer combines with it Dana's *Actaeodes*, and

enumerates seventeen Indian species, to which he supplies a valuable key or synoptic table. As not uncommonly happens when the species of a genus are numerous, the definition varies somewhat with the date, and is so to speak encrusted with alternative characters. Miers in 1876 spoke of the front as "not produced beyond the level of the orbits," but this is unsuitable to the type-species. In 1886 he says, "The post-abdomen in the male is five to seven-jointed." But for this should probably be read, "in the male five, in the female seven-jointed," in accordance with his own earlier statement, and with that of Paulson and Haswell. Alcock more explicitly writes, "Abdomen of the male five-jointed, somites 3, 4, 5 fused." He adds that the species are "small crabs, distinguished by the elaborate lobulation of the carapace, and by the form of the front, which is usually deep-cleft in the middle line to form two prominent round-pointed lobes. In the type species the lobes of the front are irregularly rounded but scarcely seem to be in any sense pointed. The lobulation of the carapace is a more striking than distinctive feature, since unfortunately it is shared by other genera such as *Daira*. The latter genus, however, is well marked by the peculiar notch in the front margin of the third maxilliped's fourth joint.

*Actaea granulata* (Audouin).

1826. *Cancer granulatus*, Audouin, Explication des planches de Savigny, Pl. 6, fig. 2.  
 1833. *Cancer (Actaea) granulatus*, de Haan, Crustacea Japonica, decas prima, p. 18 and (1835) decas secunda, p. 47.  
 1834. *Cancer Savignii*, Milne-Edwards, Hist. Nat. Crust., Vol. I., p. 378.  
 1847. *Actaea carcharias*, White, Proc. Zool. Soc. London, p. 224.  
 1858. *Actaea pura*, Stimpson, Proc. Ac. Sci. Philad., p. 32.  
 1865. *Actaea granulata*, A. Milne-Edwards, Nouv. Archiv. du Mus., Vol. I., p. 275.  
 1875. *Euxanthodes granulatus*, Paulson, Crustacea of the Red Sea, p. 33, Pl. 6, figs. 3, 3a.  
 1876. *Actaea granulata*, Miers, Crustacea of New Zealand, p. 16.  
 1882. *Actaea granulata*, Haswell, Catal. Australian Crustacea, p. 44.  
 1885. *Actaea granulata*, Filhol, Mission de l'Île Campbell, p. 373.  
 1898. *Actaea granulata*, Alcock, Journ. Asiat. Soc. Bengal, Vol. LXVII., Pt. 2, p. 151.

In establishing the genus de Haan mentions two species, first this of Audouin, and secondly *Xantho hirsutissimus*, Rüppell, but the only one which he describes is the present species, which must, therefore, be considered the type of his genus. The carapace, as de Haan and Haswell say, is glabrous, in the sense of being without perceptible hairs, but it is far from smooth, being like much of the chelipeds covered with granulated tubercles, for which Milne-Edwards uses the expression *framboisé* (misprinted *frambroisé*), meaning with a raspberry-like appearance. Haswell speaks of the carapace as narrow, which must be understood as relatively to other species, since it is, as usual, in the genus broader than long. The absence of setæ appears to have suggested the specific name *pura* employed by Stimpson. That author calls attention to the interesting detail that the peduncle of the eye has the anterior margin granulated, and mentions that the fingers of the walking legs are spinulose, with rows of spines. Alcock also observes that on these legs "the tubercles have sharper points and are many of them spiny, especially those on the dactyli." The adpressed surfaces of the joints of the limbs are smooth, but with more or fewer traces of granulation. Alcock notices that "the abdominal terga and the greater part of the sternum are covered with a mosaic of smooth-worn tubercles; the under wall of the carapace as far as the epimeral suture is granular." In our specimen the smoothing of the under wall is conspicuous, but the tubercles of the sternum and the pleon's dorsal surface though small, are not very much worn.

*Actaea carcharias*, White, from Swan River, Australia, is only briefly described by White, who speaks of it as nearly allied to *A. calculosa* (Milne-Edwards). It is not mentioned by Haswell in his Australian Catalogue. Alcock accepts it as a synonym of *A. granulate*, with which he considers *A. calculosa* to be closely related.

Filhol's mention of *Actaea granulata* is not to record its occurrence, but to question the accuracy of its inclusion by Miers in the Fauna of New Zealand, as it was not to be found in any of the New Zealand Museums, nor did the Paris collections possess any example from that locality. He thinks its known distribution in warm waters makes its occurrence in New Zealand improbable.

*Locality*.—The specimen, a male, was taken in a depth of 25 fathoms on a bottom of sand, specks, and shells, Umhloti River Mouth, N.W. by W.  $\frac{3}{4}$  W. The carapace is 20 mm. long, 25.6 mm. broad, and carries several little Balani, one of which is in the left orbit, seriously interfering with any movement of the ocular peduncle.

Fam. **Potamonidae.**

1897. *Potamonidae*, Ortmann, Zool. Jahrb., Vol. X., p. 296.  
 1898. *Thelphusidae*, de Man, Bull. Soc. Philomath. Paris,  
 Ser. 5, Vol. X., p. 36.  
 1899. *Telphusidae*, 'Alcock, Journ. Asiat. Soc. Bengal, Vol.  
 LXVIII., Pt. 2, p. 2.  
 1900. *Potamonidae*, M. J. Rathbun, Proc. U.S. Mus., Vol.  
 XXII., p. 282.

An important key to the genera and numerous species of this family will be found in Ortmann's work above cited. Miss Rathbun gives a key to the West African species, distinguishing the genera *Parathelphusa*, Milne-Edwards, *Erimetopus*, Rathbun, and *Potamon*, Savigny, to which *Potamonautes*, McLeay, and *Geothelphusa*, Stimpson, are assigned as subgenera. De Man in his list of freshwater Brachyura "de l'Inde, de la Birmanie, de la presqu'île de Malacca et de l'Indo-Chine orientale," mentions five species as belonging to *Potamon* (*Potamonautes*), thirteen to *Potamon* (*Potamon*), and eight to *Parathelphusa*.

Gen. **Potamonautes**, McLeay.

1838. *Potamonautes*, McLeay, in Smith's Illustrations of the  
 Zoology of South Africa, Invert., p. 64.  
 1843. *Thelphusa*, Krauss, Südafrik. Crustaceen, p. 37.  
 1884. *Potamonautes*, Miers, Challenger Brachyura, Reports,  
 Vol. XVII., p. 214.  
 1893. *Potamonautes*, Ortmann, Zool. Jahrb., Vol. VII., p. 489.  
 1897. *Potamonautes*, Ortmann, Zool. Jahrb., Vol. X, p. 303.

McLeay, after giving "Fam. Thelphusidae, *Subgenus Thelphusa* Lat. *Th. perlata* M.-Edw. ; adds the remark, "I separate those species of *Thelphusa*, which, like the present, have a transversal crest in front of the shell, and call them *Potamonautes*." Ortmann divides *Potamon*, Savigny, into four interconnected groups, to which he gives the rank of subgenera, naming them *Potamon*, *Acanthothelphusa*, *Geothelphusa*, and *Potamonautes*. The last he distinguishes as having "lateral margins without spines behind the epibranchial tooth, the latter generally prominent; post-frontal crest continuous, almost straight or only at the sides slightly waved." To this may be added from the earlier account by Miers that there are "sometimes one or more lateral teeth developed in front of the epibranchial tooth."

*Potamonautes perlatus* (Milne-Edwards).

1837. *Thelphusa perlata*, Milne-Edwards, Hist. Nat. Crust., Vol. II., p. 13.  
 1838. *Potamonautes perlata*, McLeay, Invert. Zool. S. Africa, p. 64.  
 1843. *Thelphusa perlata*, Krauss, Südafrik. Crustaceen, p. 37.  
 1886. *Thelphusa* (*Potamonautes*) *perlata*, Miers, Challenger Brachyura, Reports, Vol. XVII., p. 215.  
 1893. *Thelphusa* (*Potamonautes*) *perlata*, Ortmann, Zool. Jahrb., Vol. VII., p. 489.  
 1897. *Potamon* (*Potamonautes*) *perlatum*, Ortmann, Zool. Jahrb., Vol. X., p. 303.

Many other references are supplied by Ortmann. Milne-Edwards, who spells the generic name indifferently *Thelphusa* and *Thelphusa*, was not the first naturalist to use *perlatus*, which properly means "carried through," in the barbarous sense of "pearly." In this species the pearls, though very numerous, are excessively small. They are discernible on the orbital margin, the mesially-notched post-frontal ridge, the curved line of the antero-lateral borders, dispersed over the pterygostomiam regions, and lining the upper edges of the endostome. In the chelipeds they run along the two under edges of the fourth joint, and appear on the corresponding ridges in the second pair of legs, but seem to be obsolete in the three following pairs. On the other hand this joint in all the ambulatory legs has a pearly upper ridge, which is continued on to the next joint, where it is flanked by two other ridges in the second and third pairs, but only by a single ridge in the fourth and fifth pairs. The two terminal joints are grooved above. The chelipeds have many little transverse rows of granules on the upper surface of the fourth and fifth joints, and the seemingly smooth surface of the hand is found under a lens to be similarly diversified. The thumb and finger are long, with very unequal teeth along their confronting margins.

A specimen labelled as coming from "East London shore" has the carapace 24 mm. long, with the greatest breadth 30.75 mm.

Another specimen, like the preceding, a male, labelled as coming from "Princess Vlei (fresh water), near Cape Town," has the carapace 29 mm. long, by 39 mm. broad. In this larger specimen the "perlation" on the underside of the carapace is considerably more distinct. There was no other tangible difference between the specimens.

## CATOMETOPA.

Fam. **Carcinoplacidae.**

1827. *Gonoplaciens* (part), Milne-Edwards, Hist. Nat. Crust., Vol. II., p. 56.  
 1852. *Carcinoplacinae*, Milne-Edwards, Ann. Sci. Nat., Zool., ser. 3, Vol. XVIII., p. 164.  
 1852. *Gonoplacidae* (part), Dana, U.S. Expl. Exp., Vol. XIII., pp. 308, 310.  
 1886. *Carcinoplacinae*, Miers, Challenger Brachyura, Reports, Vol. XVII., p. 223.  
 1894. *Carcinoplacidae*, Ortmann, Zool. Jahr., Vol. VII., p. 685.  
 1899. *Carcinoplacidae*, Alcock and Anderson, Ann. Nat. Hist., ser. 7, Vol. III., p. 11.  
 1899. *Carcinoplacinae*, Ortmann, in Bronn's Thierreich, Vol. V., Pt. 2, Lieferung 53, p. 1176.  
 1900. *Pseudorhombilinae*, Alcock, Journ. Asiat. Soc. Bengal, Vol. LXIX., Pt. 2, pp. 286, 292, 297.

Miers pointed out that *Pseudorhombila*, Milne-Edwards, 1837, is the oldest generic name at present included in this group. No doubt in deference to this priority, Alcock adopted the name *Pseudorhombilinae* in place of *Carcinoplacinae*. But it must be observed that de Haan's *Curtonotus* was published some years before *Pseudorhombila*, and is therefore the premier genus in the group, although its original name, being pre-occupied, was cancelled by Milne-Edwards in favour of *Carcinoplax*. The group is distinguished by Alcock from four other sub-families, the *Gonoplacinae*, which have a subquadrate carapace, elongate eyestalks with long narrow orbits, the *Prionoplacinae*, in which the pleon is narrower at base than the interval between the last pair of legs, the *Rhizopinae*, in which the alternative characters seem rather too numerous for a natural family, and the *Hexapodinae*, in which the fifth pair of legs are wanting.

Gen. **Geryon**, Kröyer.

1836. *Geryon*, Kröyer, Naturhist. Tidsskrift, Vol. I., Pt. 1, pp. 13, 20.  
 1852. *Eucrate* (part), Dana, U.S. Expl. Exp., Vol. XIII., p. 310.  
 1856. *Chalaeopus*, Gerstaecker, Arch. Naturg. Jahrg. 22, Vol. I., p. 118.

1874. *Geryon*, Sars, Vid.-Selsk. Forhandl. Christiania for 1873, p. 393.
1879. *Geryon*, S. I. Smith, Trans. Connect. Acad., Vol. V., Pt. 1, p. 35.
1881. *Geryon*, A. Milne-Edwards, C. R. Acad. Sci., Vol. XCIII., p. 879.
1886. *Geryon*, Miers, Challenger Brachyura, Reports, Vol. XVII., p. 223.
1890. *Geryon*, de Man, Notes from the Leyden Museum, Vol. XII., p. 69.
1894. *Geryon*, Ortmann, Zool. Jahrb., Vol. VII., p. 685.
1894. *Geryon*, A. M.-Edwards and Bouvier, Crust. Decap. de l'Hirondelle, fasc. 7, p. 41.
1896. *Geryon*, Caullery, Résult. camp. du Caudan, fasc. 2, p. 494.
1899. *Geryon*, Ortmann, in Bronn's Thierreich, Vol. V., Pt. 2, p. 1176.
1899. *Geryon*, Alcock, Deep-Sea Brachyura of the Investigator, p. 84.
1900. *Geryon*, M. J. Rathbun, American Naturalist, Vol. XXXIV., p. 586.
1900. *Geryon*, A. M.-Edwards and Bouvier, Crust. Decap. Travailleur et Talisman, p. 103.

A. Milne-Edwards and Bouvier place this genus among the Cyclometopa in the family of Galenidae. Alcock follows them with the slight difference that he places it in the sub-family Galeninae, family Xanthidae. Miers, in his "Challenger" report, assigns it to the Catometopa, fam. Ocypodidae, sub-fam. Carcinoplacinae, remarking that it is "very nearly allied both to *Pseudorhombila* and *Pilumnoplax*, and to the Cancroid genus *Galene*: it is distinguished from them by the considerable development of the lateral marginal spines of the carapace, and from *Pseudorhombila*, as figured by Milne-Edwards, by the more slender basal antennal joint, which does not reach the front." Miss Rathbun, Caullery, and Ortmann agree with Miers in arranging the genus among the Catometopa, the first placing it in the fam. Ocypodidae, the other two authors in the fam. Carcinoplacidae, Ortmann further specifying for it the sub-fam. Carcinoplacinae. The species *G. tridens*, Kröyer, and *G. longipes*, A. Milne-Edwards, are evidently very nearly allied, and similarly between *G. quinquedens*, Smith, and *G. affinis*, Milne-Edwards and Bouvier, the relationship is exceedingly close. On the other hand, *G. incertus*, Miers, is only doubtfully included in the genus.

*Geryon quinquedens*, S. I. Smith.

1879. *Geryon quinquedens*, S. I. Smith, Trans. Connect. Acad., Vol. V., Pt. I, p. 35, Pl. 9, figs. 1, 1a, 1b, 2.
1881. *Geryon quinquedens*, S. I. Smith, Pr. U.S. Mus., Vol. III., p. 417.
1882. *Geryon quinquedens* (? part), S. I. Smith, Bull. Mus. Comp. Zoöl., Harvard, Vol. X., p. 6.
1886. *Geryon quinquedens*, S. I. Smith, Rep. U.S. Fish. Comm., for 1885, p. (27).
1894. *Geryon quinquedens*, A. Milne-Edwards and Bouvier, Crust. Decap. de l'Hirondelle, Camp. Sci. Prince de Monaco, fasc. 7, p. 41, figs. B.D. in text.
1900. *Geryon quinquedens*, M. J. Rathbun, American Naturalist, Vol. XXXIV., No. 403, p. 586, fig. in text.

The species is distinguished from *G. affinis* by smaller size, and by the absence of the marked dorsal and ventral channeling of the fingers, which the latter species exhibits in the walking legs. Milne-Edwards and Bouvier further say that in *G. quinquedens* the third, fourth, and fifth segments of the pleon in the male have a tendency to coalescence. That is not borne out by the two specimens of that sex from South Africa. The South African specimens show the obtuse tubercle at the base of the finger of the larger cheliped, which Smith mentions, but which is not mentioned or figured in regard to *G. affinis*. In our specimens there is a fine dorsal denticulation on the fourth, fifth, and proximal part of the sixth joints of the walking legs. Between the right and left chelipeds the hands show little difference as to length or breadth, but the right one is the thicker.

In the largest male the length along the middle of the carapace, therefore not including the frontal teeth, is 53 mm., the breadth between the apices of the hindmost teeth of the antero-lateral margins 66 mm. The length of the right hand is 43 mm. In the largest female the corresponding measurements are 60 mm., 66 mm., 38 mm. S. I. Smith records a series of male specimens in which the length of the carapace varies by successive increments from 30 to 130 mm., the largest intervals being between those which measured respectively 54 and 81, and 94 and 116 mm. The breadth varied from 37 to 152 mm. Milne-Edwards and Bouvier give for *G. affinis* a length of the carapace reaching 133 mm., by a breadth (apparently without the lateral spines) of 153 mm. Thus, either the size cannot be relied on for distinguishing *G. affinis* from *G. quinquedens*, or Professor Smith has included both species under one name. Between these alternatives the greater probability seems to lie with the

decision that only one species is in question, which with great increase of size exhibits some small correlated variations. Concerning a female, in which the carapace was 70 mm. long by 85 mm. broad, Professor Smith remarks that it was carrying approximately 47,000 eggs, the eggs being nearly spherical and about 0.74 mm. in diameter.

*Locality*.—Cape Point Lighthouse, N.E.  $\frac{3}{4}$  E., 29 miles; depth, 470 fathoms; bottom, green sand from hard ground.

Gen. **Carcinoplax**, Milne-Edwards.

1833. *Curtonotus* (preocc.), de Haan, Crustacea Japonica, decas prima, p. 20.  
 1852. *Curtonotus*, Dana, U.S. Expl. Exp., Vol. XIII, p. 310.  
 1852. *Carcinoplax*, Milne-Edwards, Ann. Sci. Nat. Zool., Ser. 3, Vol. XVIII, p. 164.  
 1894. *Carcinoplax*, Ortmann, Zool. Jahrb., Vol. VII, p. 685.  
 1900. *Carcinoplax*, Alcock, Journ. Asiat. Soc. Bengal, Vol. LXIX, Pt. 2, pp. 298, 301.

It should be observed that de Haan included two species in his subgenus, the second of which, *C. vestitus*, has been referred to various genera, and now stands under *Pilumnoplax*, Stimpson. This species, which appears to be involved in some obscurity, is the only one of the two that McLeay and Krauss note as occurring in South African waters. *Carcinoplax serosa*, A. Milne-Edwards, and *C. integra*, Miers, are transferred to Kinahan's genus *Litocheira* by Alcock, who, on the other hand, places Wood-Mason's *Nectopanope longipes* in the present genus.

*Carcinoplax longimanus* (de Haan).

1833. *Cancer* (*Curtonotus*) *longimanus*, de Haan, Crustacea Japonica, decas prima, p. 20.  
 1835. *Cancer* (*Curtonotus*) *longimanus*, de Haan, Crustacea Japonica, decas secunda, p. 50, Pl. 50, fig. 1.  
 1852. *Carcinoplax longimanus*, Milne-Edwards, Ann. Sci. Nat., Zool., Ser. 3, Vol. XVIII., p. 164.  
 1894. *Carcinoplax longimana*, Ortmann, Zool. Jahrb., Vol. VII. p. 688.  
 1900. *Carcinoplax longimanus*, Alcock, Journ. Asiat. Soc., Bengal, Vol. LXIX., Pt. 2, p. 303.

Milne-Edwards in 1837 alludes to de Haan's figure of *Cancer* (*Curtonotus*) *longimanus* as being still unaccompanied by any description, but notes its close apparent proximity to *Pseudorhombila quadridentata* (Latreille). Dana in 1852 accepts the

identity of the genera and gives precedence to *Curtonotus*, but in the same year Milne-Edwards upheld the distinctness of his own genus and substituted *Carcinoplax* for the preoccupied name of de Haan's.

The present striking species is excellently portrayed in de Haan's figure and text, and again thoroughly described by Alcock. At all points the South African specimens prove themselves to be representatives of it, faithfully agreeing with those examined from Japan and the Indian Ocean.

The largest of three specimens, all males, measures in greatest width of carapace 59.5 mm., with a length of 45 mm. The two teeth of the antero-lateral margin behind the extra-orbital tooth, are, as is said to be usual in well-grown samples, all but obsolete.

In general effect the carapace looks like a biscuit or circle of light pastry lightly browned. In detail it is found to be broadly truncate behind, the anterior part being divided between a transversely grooved and sinuously emarginate front, and the two deep orbits each nearly as wide as the front. Alcock describes the orbits as shallow, but as the supra-orbital angle coalesces with the more advanced side of the front, practically the orbits on the inner side are deep. The upper border of the orbit is divided into two parts by a small suture line, the granulation or beading being stronger on the outer than on the inner of the two sections.

In the chelipeds of our largest specimen, that on the right has a fourth joint measuring in full 70 mm., with a hand in extreme length 107 mm., of which the immovable finger occupies 32 mm. The length of the hand in the left cheliped is 100 mm. In a slightly smaller specimen the hand of the right cheliped measures 100 mm., while the fourth joint is 71 mm. All three specimens agree in showing a conspicuous tooth near the end of the fourth joint, one projecting on each side of the short wrist, and, along the inner surface of the gradually-widening palm, a blunt crest ending in a blunt tooth. The teeth of the fingers are numerous and very unequal, the larger ones being more or less adapted for interlocking. One cheliped is slightly longer than the other, with the palm distally a little more widened, producing something of a gap at the base of the closed fingers. The larger cheliped is on the right in two specimens, but in the third, which is smaller, with the palm much less than twice the length of the fingers, it is on the left.

The colour in living animals is stated by de Haan to be "ex roseo caerulescens," which would seem to mean rose-red shaded with blue.

Fam. **Ocypodidae.**

1900. *Ocypodinae*, Alcock, Journ. Asiat. Soc. Bengal, Vol. LXIX., Pt. 2, p. 343.

Alcock divides the fam. Ocypodidae, in the larger sense, into three sub-families, Ocypodinae, Scopimerinae, and Macrophthalminae.

Gen. **Uca**, Leach.

1814. *Uca*, Leach, Edinb. Encycl., Vol. 7, p. 430.  
 1815. *Uca*, Leach, Trans. Linn. Soc., London, Vol. XI., pp. 309, 323.  
 1816. *Uca*, Leach, Encycl. Brit., Ed. 5, Suppl., Art. Annulosa, p. 413.  
 1817. *Gelasimus*, Latreille, Nouveau Dict. Hist. Nat., Vol. XII., p. 517. (Also *Gelasima*.)  
 1820. *Gelasimus*, Latreille, Dict. Sci. Nat., Vol. XVIII, p. 286. (*Gelasima*, p. 287.)  
 1825. *Gelasimus*, Desmarest, Consid. gén. Crust., p. 122.  
 1893. *Gelasimus*, Stebbing, History of Crustacea, Internat. Sci. Ser., Vol. LXXIV., p. 88.  
 1897. *Uca*, M. J. Rathbun, Proc. Biol. Soc. Washington, Vol. XI., p. 154.  
 1897. *Uca*, Ortmann, Zool. Jahrb., Vol. X., pp. 335, 346.  
 1900. *Gelasimus*, Alcock, Journ. Asiat. Soc. Bengal, Vol. LXIX., Pt. 2, p. 350.

However much one may regret the loss of the long-used name *Gelasimus*, it seems impossible to retain it. Beyond dispute the *Uca* of Leach is the earlier. Desmarest, on whom Alcock appears to rely for upholding *Gelasimus*, admits that Latreille's definition of that genus exactly applies to the crustaceans Leach intended to place in his *Uca*. Leach referred to it *Cancer uka*, Shaw (Naturalist's Miscellany, 1802), and as this is distinct from *Cancer Uca*, Linn. (see Rathbun, loc. cit.), he was justified in renaming the species. He called it *Uca una*. Upon this evidence Desmarest declares that Leach erroneously referred to his genus the "*uca-una* de Pison et de Marcgrave," two authors of the pre-Linnean period to whom Leach makes no allusion whatever. Since the species which he actually referred to his genus really belonged to it, the validity of the genus would not have been destroyed, even if he had given an additional reference that was inappropriate. But he never did give the imaginary references which disquieted Desmarest,

though he subsequently added to the synonymy the "calling crabs" of Herbst and Bosc. Latreille at the first institution of *Gelasimus* attributed the genus to Buffon, though in 1820 he claims it as his own. He gave no reference for the name to any part of Buffon's works, and no such reference has since been discovered.

*Uca arcuata* (de Haan).

1835. *Ocypode* (*Gelasimus*) *arcuata*, de Haan, Crustacea Japonica, Decas secunda, pp. 26, 53, Pl. 7, fig. 2.  
 1837. *Gelasimus arcuatus* (?), Milne-Edwards, Hist. Nat. Crust., Vol. II, page 52.  
 1843. *Gelasimus arcuatus*, Krauss, Sudafrik. Crustaceen, pp. 14, 39.  
 1882. *Gelasimus arcuatus*, Haswell, Catal. Australian Crust., p. 92.  
 1894. *Gelasimus arcuatus*, Ortmann, Zool. Jahrb., Vol. VII., p. 755.

Further references to H. and A. Milne-Edwards, Miers, Kingsley, and de Man, will be found in Haswell's and Ortmann's works above cited. H. Milne-Edwards in 1837 observes that de Haan's figure much resembled *G. platydactylus*, but that the description of de Haan's species was still unpublished. That, however, was a mistake, if we may trust the date "Decas Secunda, 1835" printed at the foot of p. 25 in de Haan's work, of which the Decas Tertia is in like manner dated 1837, at p. 65. Ortmann expresses a doubt whether the specimens from non-Japanese localities assigned to this species by various authors really belong to it. Krauss speaks with tolerable confidence of the form to which he assigns the name, and which he found represented by swarms in the Bay of Natal. He says that the hands are bright red, the carapace and pleon grey-blue, agreeing pretty well with the mud in which they burrow. He states that the breadth is fourteen lines and the length eight. De Haan's measurement, "Thorax latus et longus 10", must be due to a slip, since it is in no correspondence with his illustration. A dry specimen, male, from the Durban Museum, measures 25 mm. between the extra-orbital points, with a length of 15.5 mm., the little deflexed rostrum not included. Carapace, pleon, and ambulatory limbs are as figured by de Haan, but the eyes and chelipeds are missing, so that the identification is rather conjectural.

Fam **Varunidae**.

1900. *Varuninae*, Alcock, Journ. Asiat. Soc. Bengal, Vol. LXIX., Pt. 2, pp. 288, 296, 400.

Alcock identifies this group with the Varunacea and Cyclograpsacea part, of Milne-Edwards, and the Grapsinae in part of Dana, Kingsley, Miers, and Ortmann, with the following definition:—"Front moderately or little deflexed, sometimes sublaminar; the sub-orbital crest, which supplements the defective lower border of the orbit, is rather distant from the orbit and usually runs nearly in a line with the anterior border of the epistome; antennal flagellum usually of good length; the external maxillipeds do not often gape widely, though usually there is something of a gap, they are not traversed by any oblique hairy crest, their palp articulates with the middle of the anterior border of the merus [fourth joint], and their exognath is generally broad and is exposed throughout. The male abdomen, though not narrow, rarely covers all the space between the last pair of ambulatory legs."

Gen. **Varuna**, Milne-Edwards.

1830. *Varuna*, Milne-Edwards, Dictionnaire Classique d' Hist. Nat., Vol. XVI., p. 511.  
 1886. *Varuna*, Miers, Challenger Brachyura, Reports, Vol. XVII., p. 265.  
 1900. *Varuna*, Alcock, Journ. Asiat. Soc. Bengal, Vol. LXIX., Pt. 2, p. 400.

*Varuna litterata* (Fabricius).

1798. *Cancer litteratus*, Fabricius, Supplementum Ent. Syst., p. 342.  
 1799. *Cancer litteratus*, Herbst, Krabben und Krebse, Vol. III., Pt. 1, p. 58, Pl. 48, fig. 4.  
 1802. *Grapsus litteratus*, Bosc, Hist. Nat. Crust., Vol. I., p. 203.  
 1830. *Varuna litterata*, Milne-Edwards, Dictionnaire classique d'Hist. Nat., Vol. XVI., p. 511.  
 1835. *Trichopus litteratus*, de Haan, Crustacea Japonica, decas secunda, p. 33.

1837. *Varuna litterata*, Milne-Edwards, Hist. Nat. Crust., Vol. II., p. 95, Pl. 14 bis, fig. 8.  
 1852. *Trichopus litteratus*, Dana, U.S. Expl. Exp., Vol. XIII., p. 336, Pl. 20, fig. 8 a-b.  
 1900. *Varuna litterata*, Alcock, Journ. Asiat. Soc. Bengal, Vol. LXIX., Pt. 2, p. 401.

A great number of additional references will be found in Alcock's work above cited.

A dry specimen, of the female sex, from the Durban Museum, was devoid of chelipeds, but showed the characteristic H on the carapace, to which the specific name is due, and the setose armature of the ambulatory-natatory legs, to which de Haan alluded in the generic name *Trichopus*.

The carapace measured 23 mm. in breadth by 21.5 mm. in length.

#### Gen. **Planes**, Leach.

1825. *Planes*, Leach, in Bowdich's Excursion to Madeira and Porto Santo, p. 15, fig. 2.  
 1837. *Nautilograpsus*, Milne-Edwards, Hist. Nat. Crust., Vol. II., p. 89.  
 1875. *Planes*, G. B. Sowerby, in Leach's Malac. Podophth. Britanniae, Explan. of Pl. 27.  
 1886. *Nautilograpsus*, Miers, Challenger Brachyura, Reports, Vol. XVII., p. 253.  
 1893. *Planes*, Stebbing, History of Crustacea, p. 95.  
 1900. *Planes*, Alcock, Journ. Asiat. Soc. Bengal, Vol. LXIX., Pt. 2, p. 296.

The genus dates only from 1825, not from 1815, the year which Alcock assigns to Plate 27 in Leach's Malacostraca Podophthalmata Britanniae. That work was continued and completed by George Brettingham Sowerby in 1875, Plate 27 being one of the seven additional plates then added. Miers remarks that this genus "is allied in some particulars to *Trapezia* in the Cancroidea, and to *Litocheira*, Kinahan, in the Carcinoplacidae, from both of which it is distinguished by the broader basal antennal joint and the compressed and robust ambulatory legs." He observes that "there is probably but a single species of this genus (the common Gulf-Weed Crab), which occurs nearly everywhere on floating weed in the temperate and tropical seas of the globe, and has been referred to under many different specific names."

From the Grapsidae in restricted sense the genus is separated by having the front very slightly and simply depressed.

*Planes minutus* (Linn.).

1758. *Cancer minutus*, Linn., Systema Naturae, Ed. 10, Vol. I., p. 625.  
 1803. *Grapsus minutus*, Latreille, Hist. Nat. Crust. et Ins., Vol. VI., p. 68.  
 1837. *Nautilograpsus minutus*, Milne-Edwards, Hist. Nat. Crust., Vol. II., p. 90.  
 1875. *Planes linnaeana*, Sowerby, in Leach's Malac. Podophth. Brit., Pl. 27, fig. 1-3.  
 1886. *Nautilograpsus minutus*, Miers, Challenger Brachyura, Reports, Vol. XVII., p. 254.

The "Challenger" collection included specimens from many and distant localities. After enumerating these, Miers says, "Specimens of this genus show a considerable degree of variation in the convexity of the carapace, the development of the antero-lateral marginal tooth, which is sometimes obsolete, in the coloration of the body and limbs, etc., but I cannot find any valid characters for the distinction of the numerous supposed species which have been described by authors." For the synonyms he refers to Kingsley, Proc. Ac. Philad., p. 202, 1880.

In regard to the specimens sent me from South Africa, Dr. Gilchrist wrote, "Five out of six crabs found on a piece of wreckage in False Bay in December last. They have a very characteristic patch of white porcelain-looking colour on the back. As you will see, this patch varies considerably in outline. The rest of the animal was of an uniform reddish colour, which seems to me to be turning somewhat black in the spirit."

The largest of the five measures 19 mm. down the centre of the carapace, the greatest breadth being 18.5 mm.

Another specimen, found on the shore at False Bay, had originally a pretty and delicate lilac blue tint, according to a coloured drawing of it, which Dr. Gilchrist kindly sent me. Since Miers speaks of specimens being found attached to *Ianthina*, the suggestion may be hazarded that this species is sometimes coloured to be in unison with that particular lodging.

Fam. **Sesarmidae.**

1900. *Sesarminae*, Alcock, Journ. Asiat. Soc. Bengal, Vol. LXIX., Pt. 2, pp. 289, 296, 409.

The definition in the work named runs as follows:—

"Front strongly deflexed; the lower border of the orbit commonly runs downwards towards the angle of the buccal

cavern; the external maxillipeds leave a wide rhomboidal gap between them, *an oblique hairy crest traverses them from a point near the antero-external angle of the ischium* [third joint] *to a point near the antero-internal angle of the merus* [fourth joint]. Their palp articulates either at the summit or near the antero-external angle of the merus, and their exognath is slender and either partly or almost entirely concealed. The male abdomen either fills or does not quite fill all the space between the last pair of ambulatory legs. Antennal flagella variable."

Gen. **Sesarma**, Say.

1817. *Sesarma*, Say, Journ. Acad. Nat. Sci. Philad., Vol. I., p. 76.  
 1835. *Pachysoma*, de Haan, Crustacea Japonica, decas secunda, p. 33.  
 1843. *Sesarma*, Krauss, Südafrik. Crustaceen, p. 44.  
 1886. *Sesarma*, Miers, Challenger Brachyura, Reports, Vol. XVII., p. 269.  
 1888. *Sesarma*, de Man, Journ. Linn. Soc. London, Vol. XXII., p. 168.  
 1897. *Sesarma*, M. J. Rathbun, Proc. Biol. Soc. Washington, Vol. XI., p. 89.  
 1900. *Sesarma*, Alcock, Journ. Asiat. Soc. Bengal, Vol. LXIX., Pt. 2, p. 409.

For this genus, which rests essentially on *Cancer quadratus*, Fabricius, 1798, a multitude of other references will be found in the authors above cited.

*Sesarma catenatum*, Ortmann.

1897. *Sesarma catenata*, Ortmann, Zool. Jahrb., Vol. X., p. 334, Pl. 17, fig. 9.

Of the four sections into which de Man in 1888 divided this genus, the present species belongs to the second, defined as "*Sesarmæ* without an epi-branchial tooth behind the external orbital angles, and in which the upper margin of the palm of the anterior legs of the male bears two or more oblique, parallel, minutely pectinated ridges." Ortmann explains that it stands in relationship with *S. quadratum* (Fabricius), *S. erythro-dactylum*, Hess, and *S. melissa*, de Man, "especially the latter, but is at once distinguished by the hairy fingers of the chelae and the peculiarly interrupted, milled ridge on the movable finger." Alcock in 1900 gives *S. melissa* as one of the synonyms of *S. quadratum*.

In Ortmann's specimen the carapace measured 24 mm. in breadth by 18 mm. in length, the front being 15 mm. In a dry specimen from the Durban Museum the measurements are 20 by 15 mm., the front 12.5 mm. A specimen (preserved in formalin) from Kaerbooms River, measures 22 by 17.5 mm., the width of the front being 13 mm. Another specimen from the same locality, and, like all the preceding, of the male sex, is 20.5 mm. broad by 17 mm. long, with a front of 13 mm. A female from the same river is 15 mm. in breadth, 12.5 mm. long, with a front of 9.5 mm. In every case, therefore, the front was considerably more than half the width of the carapace, but the proportion between the several measurements proved to be variable. The four post-frontal lobes are prominent, and there is a rather deep depression behind each orbit. The sides are marked by five oblique striations. In the almost circular pleon of the female, the small terminal segment is deeply immersed in the broad and deep preceding segment.

The chelipeds of the male agree with Ortmann's description: "Upper margin of the palm with two oblique, horn-coloured crenate ridges, which with the tuberculated upper margin itself and another granular (but not horn-coloured) ridge, running somewhat remote from the upper margin on the outer side, enclose a rhombic area; outer surface of the palm tuberculate only towards the upperpart, otherwise smooth; inner surface with some irregular granules, but without vertical ridge; both fingers at the base, near to and on the cutting edge, on both sides of it, beset with thick short hairs; upper rim of the movable finger with four to five longish, longitudinal oval tubercles, each ribbed by many fine transverse bars, so that this finger's upper margin has a milled longitudinal ridge, divided by three to four depressions into four to five oval pieces." To this it may be added that the thick felt of hair occupies a wide space between the bases of the fingers, and that between this hairy mass and the spoon-shaped tips there is a short denticulate margin, in which small denticles are enclosed between others that are more prominent, and of these the proximal are larger than the distal. In the female the fingers close together with scarcely a trace of hair, but with denticles continued up to the bases.

Ortmann speaks of the merus or fourth joint in the ambulatory legs as  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -3 times as long as broad. In the South African specimens the lower proportion prevails. Also in both sexes the second and third pairs of legs have on the back of the penultimate and distal part of the ribbed antepenultimate joints a close felting of short hairs, which is not mentioned by Ortmann. In the corresponding joints of the fourth and fifth legs there

are a few little stiff setæ, such as are arranged in lines on the fingers of all the ambulatory limbs, but only the penultimate joint of the fourth legs shows a trace of the felting.

The dimensions and localities have been already mentioned. Dr. Ortmann's specimen was nominally from New Zealand, but he warns the reader that the habitat assigned could not be entirely trusted.

### Fam. **Plagusiidae.**

1852. *Plagusinae*, Dana, U.S. Expl. Exp., Vol. XIII., pp. 333, 368.  
 1876. *Plagusiinae*, Miers, Catal. Crust. New Zealand, p. 45.  
 1880. *Plagusiinae*, Kingsley, Proc. Ac. Sci. Philad., pp. 189, 223.  
 1899. *Plagusiinae*, Ortmann, in Bronn's Thierreich, Vol. V, Pt. 2, Lieferung 53, p. 1178.  
 1900. *Plagusiinae*, Alcock, Journ. Asiat. Soc. Bengal, Vol. LXIX., Pt. 2, pp. 289, 297, 436.

Alcock's definition is as follows:—"The front is cut into lobes or teeth by the antennular fossae, which are visible in a dorsal view as deep clefts; the lower border of the orbit curves down into line with the prominent anterior border of the buccal cavern; the external maxillipeds do not completely close the buccal cavern, but they do not leave a wide rhomboidal gap, they are not traversed by any oblique hairy crest, their palp articulates near the antero-external angle of the merus, and their slender exposed exognath has no flagellum. The antennal flagella are short. The male abdomen fills all the space between the last pair of legs."

### Gen. **Plagusia**, Latreille.

1806. *Plagusia* (part), Latreille, Genera Crust. et Ins., Vol. I., p. 33.  
 1829. *Plagusia* (part), Latreille, Regne Animal, Vol. IV., p. 51.  
 1835. *Grapsus* (*Plagusia*), de Haan, Crustacea Japonica, decas secunda, p. 31.  
 1837. *Plagusia* (part), Milne-Edwards, Hist. Nat. Crust., Vol. II., p. 90.  
 1843. *Grapsus* (*Plagusia*), Krauss, Südafrik. Crustaceen, p. 42.  
 1852. *Plagusia*, Dana, U.S. Expl. Exp., Vol. XIII., p. 368.

1876. *Plagusia*, Miers, Catal. Crust. New Zealand, p. 45.  
 1900. *Plagusia*, Alcock, Journ. Asiat. Soc. Bengal, Vol. LXIX., Pt. 2, p. 426.  
 1900. *Plagusia*, M. J. Rathbun, Proc. U.S. Mus., Vol. XXII., pp. 277, 281.

The genus originally included a species for which de Haan instituted his *Acanthopus*, using a pre-occupied name, for which Miers in 1876 substituted *Leiolophus*. In the latter, the fourth joint of the maxillipeds is much narrower than the third, instead of being equal to it in breadth. *Leiolophus*, as Miss Rathbun has discovered, is superseded by *Percnon*, Gistel, 1848.

*Plagusia capensis*, de Haan.

1835. *Grapsus (Plagusia) capensis*, de Haan, Crustacea Japonica, decas secunda, pp. 31, 58.  
 1837. *Plagusia tomentosa*, Milne-Edwards, Hist. Nat. Crust., Vol. II., p. 92.  
 1838. *Plagusia tomentosa*, McLeay, Zool. South Africa, Invert., p. 66.  
 1843. *Plagusia tomentosa*, Krauss, Südafrik. Crustaceen, p. 42, Pl. 2, fig. 6 (front part of carapace).  
 1846. *Plagusia chabrus*, White, Ann. Nat. Hist., Vol. XVII., p. 497.  
 1852. *Plagusia tomentosa*, Dana, U.S. Expl. Exp., Vol. XIII., p. 370.  
 1878. *Plagusia chabrus*, Miers, Ann. Nat. Hist., Ser. 5, Vol. I., p. 152.  
 1882. *Plagusia chabrus*, Haswell, Catal. Austral. Crust., p. 111.  
 1886. *Plagusia chabrus*, Miers, Challenger Brachyura, Reports, Vol. XVII., p. 273, Pl. 22, fig. 1d (cheliped).

In describing his *Plagusia dentipes*, de Haan says that in the third and fourth legs the femur (or fourth joint) is armed on the anterior carina with five strong equal teeth, and that the median process of the front in the carapace is dentate, with six short teeth. From this he distinguishes *P. capensis* as having the femora in question armed on the anterior margin with ten unequal teeth, and the median process of the front granulate on the margin. While engaged on that part of his History of Crustacea, which appeared in 1837, Milne-Edwards was still unaware of these two descriptions, though acquainted with de Haan's figure of *P. dentipes*. Krauss, who gives references both to Milne-Edwards and to de Haan, does not explain why

he adopts the later name in preference to *capensis*. But he remarks that *P. tomentosa* (which he identifies with *P. capensis*) is extraordinarily near to *P. dentipes*, adding, however, to de Haan's discriminating marks, the want of granules on the sides of the carapace. Miers also notices in 1886 that the South African specimens which he has examined have the branchial regions smooth or nearly so. This is also the case with the specimens submitted to my investigation. It has indeed never been proposed to amalgamate *P. capensis* with *P. dentipes*, but many authors have made it a synonym of *P. chabrus* (Linn.), which in 1764, and for long afterwards, was laconically described as enjoying "thorace hirtio suborbiculato mutico, manibus ovatis muricatis," and as living in the Indian Ocean. The specific name *chabrus* is hard to explain, unless it is a mistake for *scaber*. On the obscurity of the definition Herbst comments in 1788, an epoch when obscure definitions were far from uncommon. Moreover, though *P. capensis* is recorded from New Zealand, Tasmania, New South Wales, and Chili, as well as from South Africa, it has not been recorded from the Indian Ocean, which Linnaeus gives as the habitat of *P. chabrus*.

In this species the broad centre of the trifold front has in the male an apse-like border of tubercles, within which are planted two denticles transversely, while the apparently rounded apex is deflexed beyond the tubercles to a rather narrow truncate terminal line. There is also a low tubercle behind each lateral division of the front, as noted by Dana.\*

In the female specimen the tubercles being less developed let it be seen that the median piece of the front which carries them has the sides somewhat sinuous.

In the chelipeds the last five joints have ridges of teeth or tubercles, those on the hands being longitudinal, some nine in number. Three or four on the movable finger become smooth and coalesce towards the apex. The broad fourth joint of the ambulatory limbs has three tolerably smooth ribs on the outer surface, and the anterior margin cut into a rather indefinite number of very unequal teeth. The remaining joints are strongly ribbed, and in common with the fourth joint have lines of conspicuous pubescence. The fingers have the concave margin armed with spines, successively larger towards the apex.

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\* In Dana's work, p. 370, the words *non multispinosus* over *P. tomentosa* are an obvious mis-print for *multispinosus*.

Fam. **Hymenosomatidae.**

1858. *Hymenosomidae*, Stimpson, Pr. Acad. Philad., p. 108 (54).  
 1886. *Hymenosominae*, Miers, Challenger Brachyura, Reports,  
 Vol. XVII., pp. 275, 279.  
 1898. *Hymenosomidae*, Ortmann, in Bronn's Thierreich, Vol.  
 V., Pt. 2, p. 1168.  
 1900. *Hymenosomidae*, Stebbing, Proc. Zool. Soc. London,  
 p. 520.  
 1900. *Hymenosomidae*, Alcock, Journ. Asiat. Soc. Bengal,  
 Vol. LXIX., Pt. 2, pp. 285, 291, 295, 385.

Ortmann transfers this family from the Catometopa to the Oxyrrhyncha, considering that the sternal position of the male genital orifices is outweighed by other features, the form of the second antennae, the presence of a rostrum, and the longitudinal position of the first antennae. Alcock, considering this transfer to be a decided mistake, although holding that the true position of the family is still doubtful, thus defines it:—"Small marine and estuarine Catometopes having a curious superficial resemblance to some of the Oxyrrhynch crabs of the Inachine sub-family, a resemblance heightened by the fact that the epistome is sometimes nearly as long as broad. The palp of the external maxillipeds articulates near the antero-external angle of the merus, but as the antero-internal angle of the merus is sometimes truncated the true relations of the palp are often not quite clear; the exognath is slender and partly or entirely concealed. There are no orbits, and the eyes are exposed and little retractile. (Carapace thin, flat, triangular or sub-orbicular, not very well calcified, usually produced to form a horizontal rostrum. Antennular fossae shallow and ill defined. Antennal peduncle slender. Buccal cavern square, the ischium [third joint] of the external maxillipeds well developed). Male openings sternal."

Gen. **Hymenosoma**, Desmarest.

1825. *Hymenosoma* (part), Desmarest, Consid. gén. Crustacés,  
 p. 163.  
 1829. *Hymenosoma*, Latreille, Règne Animal, Ed. 2, Vol. IV.,  
 p. 63.  
 1837. *Hymenosoma*, Milne-Edwards, Hist. Nat. Crust., Vol. II.,  
 p. 35.

1838. *Hymenosoma* (sub-gen. *Leachium*), McLeay, in Smith's Illustr. Zool. S. Africa, p. 68.  
 1843. *Hymenosoma*, Krauss, Südafrik. Crust., p. 51.  
 1886. *Hymenosoma*, Miers, Challenger Brachyura, Reports, Vol. XVII., p. 279.

The genus has been commonly assigned to Leach, but neither Desmarest nor any of his successors has given a reference to the place of publication. Leach probably only gave the name in manuscript. It is appropriate to the membranaceous character of the integument. Alcock distinguishes three types in the family, in one of which, exemplified by *Hymenosoma*, "there is no epistome and the external maxillipeds almost encroach on the bases of the antennules, which appendages are not connected by the front." Miers says, "Scarcely any trace exists of an epistome." Of the third maxillipeds Miers says that they are not arcuated, and have the third and fourth joints well developed, the fourth usually obliquely truncated, and bearing the following joint near its antero-external angle, at the distal extremity. The pleon of the male, he states, is very narrow, six-jointed, its base rarely occupying the whole width of the sternum between the last ambulatory legs.

Targioni Tozzetti, in Crost. Brachiuri of the Magenta, pp. 179, 184, speaks of the pleon in the male of *H. laeve* as seven-jointed, but that is perhaps an error. Latreille affirms that in this genus the number of the pleon segments varies, but never exceeds six. Tozzetti supposed that only males were known, probably being unaware that Krauss refers to the females of *H. orbiculare* as being smoother and much smaller than the males.

*Hymenosoma geometricum*, Stimpson.

1858. *Hymenosoma geometricum*, Stimpson, Pr. Ac. Philad., p. 108 (54).  
 1877. *Hymenosoma geometricum*, Targioni Tozzetti, Crost. Brachiuri Magenta, p. 182.  
 1886. *Hymenosoma orbiculare*, var (?) *geometricum*, Miers, Challenger Brachyura, Reports, Vol. XVII., p. 280.

Stimpson, who obtained both species together in Simon's Bay, says that his *H. geometricum* is tolerably near to *H. orbiculare*, but with the third joint of the third maxillipeds much more slender, scarcely shorter than the fourth joint; the hepatic region armed behind the angle of the orbit with a

small sharp lateral tooth or spine; length of the male carapace 0.318 of an inch, and its breadth at the bases of the chelipeds the same. For *H. orbiculare*, which was abundant, he refers us simply to Desmarest, *Consid. gén. Crust.*, p. 163, Pl. 26, fig. 1, and Milne-Edwards, *Hist. Nat. Crust.*, Vol. II., p. 36.

The figure of the maxillipeds by Desmarest gives the third joint decidedly shorter than the fourth, but in his *Atlas of Crustacea to the Règne Animal of Cuvier*, Pl. 35, fig. 1, Milne-Edwards allots the advantage in length to the third joint. In both figures the stem of the exopod appears to fall considerably short of the apex of the fourth joint. In the specimen from False Bay which I have examined, the two joints are equal in length, including in the measurements the rather large tooth at the inner apex of the third, and the much smaller tooth at the outer apex of the fourth joint. The stem of the exopod reaches at least to the end of the last named tooth. The fourth joint in this species is transversely, not at all obliquely, truncate, so far agreeing more nearly with Desmarest's figure than with Milne-Edwards'. Of the pair of maxillipeds the two members are set widely apart.

Milne-Edwards in his description of *H. orbiculare* includes two spiniform teeth on each side of the epistome, one formed by the anterior extremity of the lateral margin of the buccal cavern, the other by the external orbital angle.

In the False Bay specimens there are two such teeth of considerable size, but the smaller, slenderer one, belonging to the buccal margin, lies so immediately beneath the other (which is a little granular at the base) that it may easily be overlooked. The still smaller but conspicuous hepatic (or subhepatic) tooth, which marks Stimpson's species, is neither mentioned nor figured by Desmarest and Milne-Edwards for *H. orbiculare*. There is also in our specimens a distinct, upturned angle on each side of the base of the rostrum, which those authors neither allude to nor represent. On the other hand, the regional markings to which the specific name *geometricum* probably refers, are well shown in Desmarest's figure of the earlier species. The ocular peduncle narrows from the base to the slightly bulging cornea.

Writers prior to Stimpson may have included two distinct forms under one name. We cannot, therefore, be sure that Krauss is really referring to *H. orbiculare*, when in the *Südafrik. Crust.*, p. 51, he declines to confirm Desmarest's statement that the hands are smooth, "for the males," he says, "have long-haired chelipeds and legs; the much smaller females on the contrary chelipeds less hairy and almost smooth legs." The

females among our specimens have the palms of the chelipeds less inflated than those of the males, and with a less decided cavity between the bases of the closed thumb and finger, but there is little difference in hairiness. In both sexes the plumose setæ feather the long fingers of the walking legs almost to their tips.

The narrow, strongly-bent pleon of the male has a transverse setigerous ridge on the second and third segments. The fourth is wider at the base than the third, then narrows to the fifth, which is shorter than the tapering rounded-ended sixth.

A female, laden with eggs, has a carapace 9 mm. long by 8 mm. broad. In the largest male the carapace measured 8 mm. in length with a breadth of 7 mm. The length and breadth of *H. orbiculare* is given by Desmarest as about an inch. Krauss describes the specimens from Table Bay as 8·7 lines long by 7·4 broad.

*Locality*.—False Bay, Roman Rock, N.W.  $\frac{3}{4}$  N.,  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile; depth, 18 fathoms; bottom, sand and shells.

#### OXYSTOMATA.

References have already been given in earlier parts of these investigations to the discussion of this tribe by Alcock in 1896. In 1898 Ortmann adopts Alcock's classification (Bronn's Tierreich, Vol. V., Part. 2, Lieferung 52, p. 1156. In 1900 Miss Rathbun gives the following definition:—

“Carapace with the antero-lateral margins arcuate or orbiculate; sometimes subglobose or more or less oblong, with sub-parallel margins. Epistome much reduced. Buccal frame more or less triangular, produced and narrowed forward, with the margins anteriorly convergent. Six to nine pairs of branchiae. Efferent channels opening at the middle of the endostome, which is produced forwards. The afferent channels open either behind the pterygostomial regions and in front of the chelipeds, or at the anterolateral angles of the palate. First antennae folded longitudinally or obliquely. The genital organs of the male are exerted, either from the bases of the fifth pair of legs, or from the surface of the sternal plastron.” (The American Naturalist, Vol. XXXIV., No. 402, p. 515.)

The families included are the Calappidae, Matutidae, Leucosiidae, and Dorippidae, the first three having the “legs normal in size and position,” whereas the Dorippidae exhibit the “last two pairs of legs much reduced in size, and having a peculiar position in the dorsal plane of the body.”

Fam. **Matutidae.**

1838. *Matutidae*, McLeay, in Smith's Illustrations of the Zoology of South Africa, Invert., p. 70.
1841. *Matutoidea*, de Haan, Crustacea Japonica, decas quinta, p. 126.
1852. *Matutidae*, Dana, U.S. Expl. Exp., Vol. XIII., pp. 390, 391.
1877. *Matutidae*, Miers, Trans. Linn. Soc. London, Zool. Ser. 2, Vol. I., Pt. 5, p. 241.
1896. *Matutinae*, Alcock, Journ. Asiat. Soc. Bengal, Vol. LXV., Pt. 2, p. 139.
1898. *Matutinae*, Ortmann, Bronn's Thierreich, Vol. V., Pt. 2, Lieferung 52, p. 1163.
1900. *Matutidae*, Rathbun, American Naturalist, Vol. XXXIV., No. 402, pp. 515, 516.

The *Matutidae* are distinguished from the *Calappidae* by their "maxillipeds closing the buccal cavern; the palp hidden," and from the *Leucosiidae* by having their "afferent branchial openings in front of the bases of the chelipeds."

Gen. **Matuta**, J. C. Fabricius.

1798. *Matuta*, Fabricius, Supplementum Ent. Syst., p. 369.
1817. *Matuta*, Leach, Zool. Miscellany, Vol. III., p. 12.
1838. *Matutinus* (sub-gen. *Matuta*), McLeay, Smith's Zool. S. Africa, Invertebrates, p. 70.
1881. *Matuta*, de Man, Notes Leyden Museum, Pt. 3, p. 109.
1893. *Matuta*, Stebbing, History of Crustacea, Internat. Sci. Ser., Vol. LXXIV., p. 126.
1896. *Matuta*, Alcock, Journ. Asiat. Soc., Bengal, Vol. LXV., Pt. 2, pp. 139, 153.

For numerous references in addition to those supplied in connection with the specific discussion, and for a full treatment of the characters distinctive of the family and genus, Alcock's work should be consulted. Among other features of the genus it may be noted that "on removal of the external maxillipeds a deep undivided efferent canal is seen in the roof of the endostome, which groove is closed below by an elongate lamellar process of the first pair of maxillipeds." Also "the four ambulatory legs have the form of swimming-paddles, the two terminal joints being broadened and compressed—in the first and last pairs of legs enormously so." Curiously Rüppell and

Krauss agree in maintaining that this form has deluded their predecessors into supposing that the species of *Matuta* were swimming crabs. Rüppell even supposes that no crabs properly deserve that appellation, but he feels sure that the sharp, flattened feet in *Matuta* are only to enable the creatures to slip easily into the sand. Ortmann, however (Bronn's Thierreich, Vol. V., Pt. 2, p. 1232, 1899) assures us that he has himself seen *Matuta* swimming, shooting laterally through the water after the fashion of the Portunidae.

*Matuta lunaris* (Forskäl).

1775. *Cancer lunaris*, Forskäl, Descr. Anim. in Itinere orientali, p. 91, No. 44.
1781. *Cancer victor*, Fabricius, Species Insectorum, Appendix, p. 502.
1783. *Cancer lunaris*, Herbst, Krabben und Krebse, Heft 2-5, p. 140, Pl. 6, fig. 44.
1783. *Cancer victor*, Herbst, Krabben und Krebse, Heft 2-5, p. 143.
1793. *Cancer victor*, Fabricius, Ent. Syst., Vol. II., p. 449.
1798. *Matuta victor*, Fabricius, Supplementum Ent. Syst., p. 369.
1799. *Cancer lunaris*, Herbst, Krabben und Krebse, Vol. III., Heft 1, p. 43, Pl. 48, fig. 6.
1802. *Matuta victor*, Bosc, Hist. Nat. Crust., Vol. I., p. 225, Pl. 4, fig. 3.
1802. *Matuta appendiculata*, Bosc, Hist. Nat. Crust., Vol. I., p. 225.
1806. *Matuta victor*, Latreille, Genera Crust. et Insect., Vol. I., p. 42.
1817. *Matuta lunaris*, Leach, Zool. Miscellany, Vol. III., p. 13, Pl. 127, figs. 3-5.
1830. *Matuta Lessueri*, Rüppell, Beschreibung 24 Kurzschwänzigen Krabben, p. 7, Pl. 1, fig. 3.
- 1837.\**Matuta victor*, Milne-Edwards, Atlas du Règne Animal, Ed. 3, Crust., Pl. 7.
1837. *Matuta victor*, Milne-Edwards, Hist. Nat. Crust., Vol. II., p. 115, Pl. 20, figs. 3, 6.
1838. (*Matutinus*) *Matuta Victor*, McLeay, Smith's Zool. S. Africa, Invertebrates, p. 70.
1841. *Matuta victor*, de Haan, Crustacea Japonica, decas quinta, p. 127.
1843. *Matuta victor*, Krauss, Südafrik. Crust., pp. 16, 52.
1852. *Matuta lunaris*, Dana, U.S. Expl. Exp., Vol. XIII., p. 395 (together with *M. victor*).

\* Or earlier, but not later, as the plate is quoted by Milne-Edwards in his Hist. Nat. Crust., Vol. II.

1875. *Matuta victor*, Paulson, Crustacea of the Red Sea (in Russian), p. 75.
1877. *Matuta victrix*, Miers, Trans. Linn. Soc. London, Zool. ser. 2, Vol. I., Pt. 5, p. 243, Pl. 39, figs. 1-3.
1886. *Matuta victrix*, Miers, Challenger Brachyura, Reports, Vol. XVII., p. 295.
1896. *Matuta victor*, Alcock, Journ. Asiat. Soc. Bengal, Vol. LXV., Pt. 2, pp. 158, 160.
1899. *Matuta victor*, Nobili, Ann. Mus. Genova, Ser. 2, Vol. XX., (40), Nov., p. 21.

Herbst refers to the Species Insectorum, Vol. II., Appendix, p. 502 (1781) for the first mention of *Cancer victor*, Fabricius. In my own copy of that work there is no such Appendix, and after Herbst no one but Miers appears to give the reference. In 1793 Fabricius identifies his species with Forskäl's, from whom, therefore, he ought to have adopted the name *lunaris*, a name dating back to the work of Rumphius in 1705 (p. 11, Pl. 7, letter S). Rumphius explains that in Amboina it was known as the full moon's crab, as being best caught by the light of the full moon. Herbst in his third volume, re-describing and re-figuring *C. lunaris* from fine specimens, declares that the *C. lunaris* and *C. victor* of his first volume are one and the same species, which he was led to separate because Fabricius originally described a specimen from which the legs were missing. He plainly states that his new specimens were from the East Indies, yet Bosc, re-naming the species *Matuta appendiculata*, with a reference to "Herbst. Canc. tab. 48, fig. 5" (by error for fig. 6), says "On ignore son pays natal." Milne-Edwards on the other hand, while making Herbst's earlier *C. lunaris* a synonym of *Matuta victor*, assigns the name *Matuta lunaris* to the object of Herbst's later figure and description. In this latter respect he is followed by Miers, neither author taking any account of Forskäl; but Herbst's second *lunaris* will be a preoccupied name, if the species really be distinct either from Forskäl's species or from Herbst's own first *lunaris*. In 1817 Leach, Zool. Miscell., Vol. III., distinguished four species of *Matuta* as *lunaris*, *peronii*, *lesueurii*, and *banksii*, suppressing the name *victor*, as Rüppell explains, on account of its vagueness. A similar vagueness has since been charged against Leach's own marks of discrimination. But in 1830 Rüppell adopted the name "Matuta Lessueri (Leach)" for a Red Sea form, which did not exactly agree with any of Leach's descriptions, although Rüppell says, "It is tolerably near to his M. Lessueri; but it is unmistakably that species which Forskäl described, p. 91, no. 44." Krauss

found Rüppell's species common in the bay of Natal, and at low tide on sand banks at the mouth of the Umlaas. In calling it *M. victor* he follows de Haan, whom he praises for uniting the known forms of *Matuta* into one species, divisible into six varieties. The same name, Miers says, was adopted by Alphonse Milne-Edwards in 1874 for "all the species of earlier authors, every intermediate degree being found between forms which at first might appear distinct." Miers himself, instead of tamely yielding to such a blessed simplification, three years later allotted to the genus nine species, five of which are brand new. He made *victor*, *peronii*, *lesueurii*, and doubtfully Latreille's *doryphora*, synonyms of his own *M. victrix*, to which he gave Herbst's first *lunaris* as a variety *crebrepunctata*, encouraging it with the hope of rising some day to the status of a distinct species. For Leach's *C. lunaris* he accepted the name *Matuta picta*, Hess, with *M. planipes*, Desmarest (not Fabricius), as an additional synonym. As already mentioned he retained Herbst's second *lunaris* as an independent species under that name, and to this he attached no synonyms. In 1886, however, under the influence of Hilgendorf and de Man, his views of the genus exhibit a considerable change. He had in the meantime withdrawn his identification of Herbst's second *lunaris* in favour of another new species, *M. laevidactyla*, and established a species *M. inermis*, which is really very distinct in appearance from all those previously known. Unfortunately, in his latest recension he does not definitely say whether his *M. lunaris* (Herbst) refers to Herbst's earlier or later account, or to both those accounts. But he identifies it with "*Matuta planipes*, Fabricius (fide Hilgendorf)," a species which was published after Herbst's first, but before his second *lunaris*. From his *M. victrix*, var. *crebrepunctata*, Miers withdraws the reference which he had earlier made to the description and figure given by Herbst in 1783 (not 1790, as stated by Miers).

From the interminable discussion of minute differences, as to the importance of which distinguished authors neither agree one with another nor always with themselves, it seems safe to conclude that most of the specific names which have been coined for this genus may be dispensed with. In that case the name *lunaris* given by Forskäl has evident priority. In any case the opinion of Rüppell that the species which he took in the Red Sea is identical with that which Forskäl took in the same sea appears well grounded, and that Krauss was justified in identifying his crabs from Natal with Rüppell's species, need not be doubted.

Of three specimens preserved dry from the Durban Museum, the largest measured 49 mm. between the lateral spikes of the carapace, by a length of 47 mm. The spike on the left side measured 14.5 mm., that on the right was imperfect. A second specimen, also a male, was only slightly smaller. The third, a female, measured 42.5 mm. between the spikes, with a total breadth of 63 mm., by a length of 40 mm. The transversely-grooved ridge or milling, as Alcock appropriately calls it, on the outer surface of the movable finger, so conspicuous a feature in the male chela, is entirely wanting in the female specimen. The two obliquely-grooved ridges or stridulating areas on the inner side of the palm are common to both sexes, the external surface of the hand being also nearly the same in both.

For two specimens of the same species, male, from Borneo, I am indebted to Dr. Charles Hose, D.Sc., and for a female specimen from Singapore, to my nephew, Mr. C. J. Saunders.

I had completed the above discussion before remembering that Alcock had subjected the genus to a most elaborate revision, with the result that he acknowledges five species, *M. inermis*, Miers; *M. banksii*, Leach; *M. miersii*, Henderson; *M. victor*, Fabricius; and *M. lunaris*, Herbst, with a reserve in favour of *M. planipes*, Fabricius, in case Hilgendorf's identification applies only to Herbst's second *lunaris*, and not also to his first. That the South African specimens agree with Alcock's description of *M. victor* is clear, but neither under that heading nor any other does Alcock happen to mention either Forskäl's *Cancer lunaris* or Rüppell's *Matuta Lessueri*. From Forskäl's description it may be worth quoting two of the characters, "frontis lobis tribus, medio marginato," and, following an account of the chelæ, "pedum reliquorum omnium plantae et carpi flavi, compresso-dilatati (sic enim commodius remigat animal)." Whatever may be thought of the claims of Leach's *M. banksii* and Henderson's *M. miersii*, to specific distinction, I think it certain that the species recognised by Hilgendorf, Alcock and others, as *M. victor*, Fabr., ought to be called *M. lunaris* (Forskäl), and that under no circumstances can Herbst's name be used as author of a valid *M. lunaris* distinct from Forskäl's.

#### BRACHYURA ANOMALA.

1900. *Brachyura anomala*, Stebbing, South African Crustacea,  
Pt. 1, p. 22.  
1902. *Brachyura anomala*, Stebbing, South African Crustacea,  
Pt. 2, p. 18.

It may be recalled that in Alcock's classification this division includes two tribes, the Dromiidea and Homolidea, the Dromiidea comprising three families, Homolodromiidae, Dromiidae, and Dynomenidae.

Tribe DROMIIDEA.

Fam. Dynomenidae.

1892. *Dynomenidae*, Ortmann, Zool. Jahrb., Vol. VI., p. 541.  
 1898. *Dynomenidae*, Ortmann, in Bronn's Thierreich, Vol. V, Pt. 2, p. 1155.  
 1899. *Dynomenidae*, Alcock, Journ. Asiat. Soc. Bengal, Vol. LXVIII., Pt. 2, pp. 123, 127.  
 1899. *Dynomeninae*, A. M.-Edw. and Bouvier, Crust. Decap. de l'Hirondelle, fasc. 13, p. 9.  
 1901. *Dynomenidae*, Alcock, Catal. Indian Decap. Crust., Pt. 1, pp. 31, 34, 74.

To distinguish this family from the other two Alcock gives the following marks :—"Only the last pair of legs reduced in size and subdorsal. Lateral borders of carapace well defined. The appendages of the sixth abdominal somite are represented as in the *Dromidae*. Epipodites are present on the chelipeds and next two pairs of legs. According to A. Milne-Edwards and Bouvier the gill plumes are 20 on either side."

Gen. *Dynomene*, Latreille.

1825. *Dynomene*, Latreille, in Desmarest, Consid. gén. Crust., pp. 133 (footnote), 442.  
 1829. *Dynomene*, Latreille, Règne Animal, éd. 2, Vol. IV., p. 69.  
 1901. *Dynomene*, Alcock, Catal. Indian Decap. Crust., Pt. 1, pp. 34, 74.

In the work referred to Alcock supplies a full synonymy for the six species known to him at that time, namely, *D. hispida*, Desmarest; *D. ursula*, Stimpson; *D. praedator*, A. Milne-Edwards; *D. pugnatrix*, de Man; *D. filholi*, Bouvier; and *D. pilumnoides*, Alcock. He distinguishes the only two genera at present included in the family thus :—

"Carapace flattish, broader than long, pilose—*Dynomene*.  
 Carapace convex, longer than broad, spinose—*Acanthodromia*."

The species here added to *Dynomene* is therefore distinguished from the other species of that genus, and makes some approach to *Acanthodromia*, by the fact that its carapace is by no means flattish.

*Dynomene platyarthrodes*, n.sp.

## Plate XVII.

Almost the whole exterior of this species presents a coating, more or less dense, of peculiar club-shaped setae. The inflated distal part of these varies much in thickness, and the length of the pedicel is sometimes considerable, but sometimes so evanescent that there is nothing apparent but a little globular wart. In marginal fringes plumose setae are mingled with the others.

The broadly triangular front is very strongly deflexed. It has a tubercle on its tip, and a not very conspicuous elevation at each side, between which and the upper orbital tooth there is formed a cavity. From the tooth the orbit curves round to a small tooth on the lower side, a large interval between this and the front being filled by the first and second antennae. The very prominent and inflated gastric region appears to be continuous with the cardiac, but separated by a depression from the intestinal region. It is longitudinally grooved. Wide and deep depressions separate the median inflation from the inflated hepatic regions, which are themselves separated by a sulcus from the less swollen branchial areas. In contrast with the dorsal surface the under surface of the carapace is flattened, an irregularly-toothed ridge line running from the outermost tooth of the endostome at first transversely, then curving round and losing itself before reaching the branchial sulcus. The sternal sulci of the female, starting from between the bases of the fourth and fifth legs, almost meet on a slight elevation far up between the chelipeds.

The pleon of the ovigerous female is trilobed, very strongly curved, bulging so as to exhibit the first three segments in a dorsal view. The telson, which is flatter than the preceding segments, is considerably broader than long, its apex angled but not produced.

The eyes in the dried specimen are dark reddish-brown, the pedicels not elongate. The first antennae have an irregularly quadri-lateral first joint, distally widened, the two following joints comparatively smooth and cylindrical. The second antennae have the basal joint mimicking as usual a little chela with immovable fingers; the second joint, as in *Dynomene filholi*, Bouvier, is marked by the large lobe at the outer angle; the two following joints are small; the flagellum reaches a little beyond the orbit. In the second maxillipeds the sixth and seventh joints are notably broader than the fifth. In the third maxillipeds, the third joint has a very thick, longitudinal brush of setæ, and external to this the masticatory edge, bordered with a dozen spaced little horny tubercles.

The legs are not elongate, successively smaller, all more or less flattened, and (except the last pair) three-sided, the chelipeds with two sharp edges, the three following pairs with three sharp edges to several of the joints. The fingers of the chelipeds are broad, closing tightly together, with the teeth few and broad—not acute.

In the fourth legs the small sixth joint has a spine at the apex, with which the small, curved finger can antagonise. The fifth legs alone are sub-dorsal. They are very slight, the fifth and sixth joints much narrower than the fourth, the finger minute.

The small plates, representing the uropods, attached to the sixth pleon segment are not concealed, except in so far as they are covered by a mass of clubbed setæ. They are somewhat pod-shaped, and not very rigidly fixed.

The carapace measures 21 mm. in length, by a breadth of 26 mm.

*Locality*.—Cape Point, N.E. by E., 36 miles. Depth, 650–700 fms.

The specific name refers to the broad flattened surfaces exhibited by the limb joints.

The single female specimen, having become dry through the breakage of a bottle in transit, a complete examination was not feasible. Nevertheless, the points of agreement with *Dynomene filholi* in regard to the adornment and the character of the front, the orbits, and antennae, encourage me to believe that the genus is correctly assigned.

#### Fam. **Dromiidae**.

1902. *Dromiidae*, Stebbing, South African Crustacea, Pt. 2, p. 49.  
 1902. *Dromiidae*, Fulton and Grant, Proc. Royal Society of Victoria, Ser. 2, Vol. XIV., Pt. 2, p. 57, Vol. XV., Pt. 1, p. 61.  
 1903. *Dromiidae*, Borradaile, Ann. Nat. Hist., ser. 7, Vol. XI., p. 297.  
 1903. *Dromiidae*, Borradaile, in Gardiner's Fauna and Geog. Maldive and Laccadive Archipelagoes. Vol. I., Pt. 4, p. 427; Vol. II., Pt. 1, p. 576.

To the genera of this family mentioned in the second part of this report, Fulton and Grant in 1902 add the genus *Platy-dromia*, with flattened, sub-pentagonal carapace, bilobed front, last pair of legs as long as the chelipeds, and the sternal sulci of the female ending apically without meeting between

the first pair of legs, but terminated by a pair of curved ridges which do meet. Whether by the first pair of legs the chelipeds are intended, or the first ambulatory legs, is rather uncertain, the obscurity not being elucidated by the figure of the sternum. In 1903 Borradaile, in his tabular view of the *Dromiidae*, upholds against Alcock the generic distinctness of Stimpson's *Dromidia* and his own *Dromidiopsis*, adding two new genera, *Cryptodromiopsis*, in which the sternal sulci end together on the cheliped segment, and *Dromides*, in which they end apart. With *Platydromia* Borradaile was at the time of writing insufficiently acquainted. He proposes a genealogical tree of the family, but speaks of it in conclusion as "a good example of that kaleidoscopic shuffling of characters which so often meets the student of zoological genealogy."

#### Gen. *Dromia*, Fabricius.

1798. *Dromia*, Fabricius, Supplementum Ent. Syst., p. 359.  
 1899. *Dromia*, Alcock, Journ. Asiat. Soc. Bengal, Vol. LXVIII., Pt. 2, p. 136.  
 1901. *Dromia*, Alcock, Catal. Indian Decapod Crustacea, Brachyura primigenia, p. 43.  
 1903. *Dromia*, Borradaile, Ann. Nat. Hist., Ser. 7, Vol. XI., p. 298.

Many other references are supplied by Alcock. The genus is defined by Borradaile as follows:—

"Dromiidae with an epipodite on the cheliped, the walking-legs not knobbed or ridged, the carapace broader than long, the regions well marked or indistinct, the ridges of the efferent branchial channels broken, indistinct or well made, the sternal grooves of the female ending apart behind the cheliped segment, the fifth leg shorter than the third, and with no thorn on the outer side of its last joint."

He assigns to it "*D. vulgaris*, *D. dormia* (= *D. Rumphii*), etc.," thus leaving in the genus only one of the three Indian species included in it by Alcock, but transferring *D. cranioides*, de Man, to *Dromidiopsis*, and *D. unidentata*, Rüppell, to *Dromidia*, Stimpson.

#### *Dromia dormia* (Linn.).

1763. *Cancer dormia*, Linn. Amoen. Acad., Vol. VI., p. 413.  
 1781. *Cancer dromia*, Fabricius, Species Insectorum, Vol. I., p. 501.

1790. *Cancer dormitator*, Herbst, Krabben und Krebse, Pt. 8, Vol. I., p. 250, Pl. 18, fig. 103.
1798. *Dromia Rumphii*, Fabricius, Supplementum Ent. Syst., p. 359.
1839. *Dromia Rumphii*, de Haan, Crustacea Japonica, decas quarta, pp. 105, 107, Pl. 32 and Pl. H.
1877. *Dromia Rumphii*, Targioni Tozzetti, Crost. Brachiuri e Anomouri della Magenta, p. 207.
1899. *Dromia Rumphii*, Alcock, Journ. Asiat. Soc. Bengal, Vol. LXVIII., Pt. 2, p. 137.
1901. *Dromia Rumphii*, Alcock, Catal. Indian Decapod Crustacea, p. 44, Pl. 2, fig. 4.
1903. *Dromia dormia*, Borradaile, Ann. Nat. Hist., Ser. 7, Vol. XI., p. 298.

Several other references are supplied by Alcock, with whose description our specimen well agrees. The very convex tomentose carapace shows plainly the branchial or "second cervical" groove, and less distinctly the outlines of the cardiac region. The front is tridentate, the lower median tooth, however, being the least conspicuous, not as in Alcock's account "slightly the most prominent."

The chelipeds have two conspicuous nodules on the wrist, the fingers apically bare and flesh-coloured with some reminiscence of rose tint, their clasping teeth stronger than represented in any of the figures above cited. The presence of an epipod on these limbs could not be ascertained in the long-dried specimen.

The fingers of the second and third legs\* are bare above, the thick felt of setules forming two divergent crests on either side, a feature to which de Haan and Tozzetti have both called attention. The fourth and fifth legs are very short.

The sternal sulci of the female are apically divergent, and reach very nearly to the segment of the chelipeds.

Length of carapace, 44 mm.; greatest breadth, 52 mm.

One specimen, from Durban Museum; place of origin, Natal Bay.

#### Gen. *Dromidia*, Stimpson.

1858. *Dromidia*, Stimpson, Proc. Ac. Sci. Philad., p. 225 (Prodromus, p. 63).
1888. *Dromidia*, Henderson, Challenger Anomura, Reports, Vol. XXVII., p. 12.
1898. *Dromidia*, Ortmann, Bronn's Thierreich, Vol. V., Lieferung 52, p. 1155.

1899. *Dromidia* (sub-genus), Alcock, Journ. Asiat. Soc. Bengal, Vol. LXVIII., Pt. 2, p. 140.  
 1900. *Dromidia*, Young, West Indian Stalk-eyed Crustacea, p. 334.  
 1903. *Dromidia*, Borradaile, Ann. Nat. Hist., Ser. 7, Vol. XI., p. 299.

As will be seen from the discussion of it under the new genus *Exodromidia*, Stimpson's genus *Dromidia* is still involved in much obscurity. The character that the sternal grooves of the female are produced to the segment of the chelipeds will not apply to Studer's species *D. bicornis*, but as there is only a young example of a single sex of that species here available, it is not an appropriate occasion for dealing with the intricacies of this particular genus.

*Dromidia* (?) *bicornis*, Studer.

1883. *Dromidia bicornis*, Studer, Crustacea of the Gazelle, Abhandl. K. Akad. Berlin, 1882, p. 20, Pl. 1, figs. 9A, 9B.  
 1888. *Dromidia bicornis*, Henderson, Challenger Anomura, Reports, Vol. XXVII., p. 13.

A very small specimen effectively displays many of the characters assigned by Studer to this species. It has the narrow rostrum bent almost directly downwards, appropriate to the female. On either side of it the two great horns, slightly unequal, each armed with a tooth and various setæ, are directed upward, outward, and a little forward. The orbital margins are ornamented with fine denticles, several of which are visible also on the antero-lateral margins. The convex dorsal surface of the carapace is smooth behind beneath the coating of down and interspersed longer hairs, but in front has some little raised denticular points. The corners of the buccal frame are grooved, with denticles on either side of the grooves. The fourth joint of the third maxillipeds is denticulate on its outer, inner, and front margins. All the limbs have numerous protruding denticles as well as hairs in abundance. The fingers of the second and third legs have small spines along the concave margin. The short third legs have a chela formed by the strongly curved finger, and a strong spine projecting from the sixth joint. The fifth legs are simple, a little longer than the fourth.

The specimen shows no furrows, but two oblique little slit-like dark marks, wide apart, converging forward, in the sternum between the second pair of legs. Studer says, "The female

sexual openings debouch in a projecting papilla between the bases of the first ambulatory legs." Henderson makes no remark upon this statement, which would give the species so exceptional a position. In the female specimen here under consideration the genital openings are placed according to rule in the basal joint of the third legs, the second ambulatory pair. It must be taken for granted that Studer was misled by the appearance of the sternum, and therefore did not look for the true genital openings. In the present specimen there is no papilla on the sternum, and what appear delusively as genital openings are widely separated. But these differences from Studer's description may be due to immaturity. The very small first pleopods and the much larger four following pairs do not seem to have attained their full development. The rudimentary plates of the sixth pleon segment are exceedingly small, not visible dorsally. The telson is apically acute.

The carapace is 6 mm. long in the median line, and may be taken to be at least of equal breadth. Studer gives the length as 16 mm. and the breadth as 15 mm., without saying whether the measurements apply to both sexes alike or only to one of them.

*Locality*.—Vasco de Gama Point, S. 75 E., 13½ miles; depth, 166 fathoms.

#### Gen. *Exodromidia*, n.

Carapace with large tubercles, not narrow. Sternal sulci of female strongly convergent, narrowly separated at the apices just behind the chelipeds. Chelipeds without epipod, much larger in male than in female. Fourth and fifth legs very small, the finger opposed to a spine projecting from the preceding joint. Sixth pleon segment with vestigial appendages concealed, the third, fourth and fifth segments in the male being similarly furnished.

‡ The genus is founded for a species removed from *Dromidia*, and to this circumstance its name refers.

In Stimpson's definition of *Dromidia*, the sternal sulci of the female are produced to the segment of the chelipeds; the sixth pleon segment has appendages, though they are said to be minute, concealed; the legs are like those of *Dromia*. *Dromia hirsutissima*, Lamarck, is given as the type. But of this, unfortunately, so little is known that Mr. Borradaile in his revision of the family, cannot decide whether it should be retained in Stimpson's genus or not. He suggests the union of Stimpson's *Pseudodromia* with *Dromidia*, and gives a modified definition, according to which the fifth leg is "longer than

the fourth, as long as or rather shorter than the third," both of which alternatives are alien to the present genus. From *Eudromia*, Henderson, with which *Exodromia* agrees in regard to the fourth and fifth legs, it is separated by having the frontal region tridentate and normal, by the shortness of the chelipeds, and their sexual differentiation, as well as by the strongly-tubercled carapace.

*Exodromidia spinosa* (Studer).

Plate XVIII.

1883. *Dromidia spinosa*, Studer, Crustacea of the Gazelle, Abhandl. K. Akad., Berlin, 1882, p. 22, Pl. 1, figs. 10, a, b.

Only the female of this species was described by Studer, but his description in almost all respects applies to both sexes. He speaks of the carapace as completely covered with fine down, having among it solitary short setæ. In all our specimens the fine down is absent from many parts of the carapace and limbs. Studer also speaks of the tridentate front as having the middle tooth small, pointed, downward bent, and the side teeth large, three-sided, strongly produced forward. It might be proper to say that the middle tooth is on a lower plane than its larger companions, rather than that it is downward bent, for its direction seems to be horizontal. The outer orbital angle is defined by a very small tooth, with a rather larger one near it on the lower margin. The antero-lateral margin has three forward pointing teeth, of which the middle one is a little the most prominent, and the lowest bounds the branchial (or second cervical) furrow. A row of small denticles commencing on the hind margin of the third tooth is continued some way backward, but is often lost to view among the down and setæ. At the middle of the carapace there is a large transverse tubercle, or in small specimens a simply conical one, probably bounding the gastric region. In front of it there is an inconspicuous tubercle, not mentioned by Studer, and probably not visible when the down is present on that part of the carapace. At some distance on either side of this, but a little to the rear, there is a tubercle on each hepatic region. Within the cardiac region there is a large conical tubercle, and one of about the same size at some distance on either side of it. Finally, on the intestinal region there is a large transverse tubercle or prominence.

The broad pleon of the female is conspicuously trilobed, with the median lobe transversely furrowed between two prominences, of which the anterior one is subacute in all the segments between the first and the telson. The hind margin of the fifth segment extends on each side beyond the front margin of the sixth, which in turn similarly exceeds the width of the telson, the telson itself being much broader than long. The much narrower pleon of the male has the first segment narrowly produced outward at each side, the following segments being raised and transversely furrowed down the centre, much as in the female, but with no raised lateral lobes. The third, fourth, and fifth segments are ventrally produced into a median tooth, and the telson is produced into a still larger acute apical tooth, conspicuous when the surrounding setæ are removed.

The corners of the buccal frame are denticulate, and the hind margin of the epistome has a little median incision. The mandibles are elongate, that on the left having the upper corner of the broad cutting edge rounded, that on the right having this corner bifid. The palp is pellucid in contrast with the porcelainous trunk, its third joint folding down within the cutting edge. The lobes of the lower lip are thick and soft, when in position appearing to be apically pointed. In the first maxillae the narrow second joint of the palp is so twisted that it has the appearance of being formed of three joints. The second maxillae are slight in texture, the lobes except the lowest, narrow, the exopod pointed at the lower corner. The first maxillipeds have the epipod broad at the base and apically very narrow, as figured by Boas for *Dromia*, but the basal joint of the exopod, instead of being at least as long as the adjoining twisted and apically-pointed lobe, is so much shorter that the linear six-jointed terminal piece does not make up the deficiency. In the second maxilliped the last three joints stand at right angles to the long fourth joint, and are all short and broad, rather strongly spined distally. The third maxillipeds have the first joint very short but broad, its outer half showing four lobes, between the two outermost of which is attached an irregularly narrow epipod; the second joint triangular, small, the third with inner margin less closely denticulate than in *Dromia*, the fourth apically truncate but strongly excavate at the inner angle, the socket for the fifth joint being enlarged by a strongly projecting blunt tooth at the top of the inner margin. For following these characters the maxilliped must be viewed from its dorsal surface.

The chelipeds are very slightly tuberculated, the most conspicuous tubercles being two on the distal border of the wrist. The hands widen to the base of the thumb and finger,

the latter being considerably the longer of the two in the male, with nine teeth along its outer margin, and one on the inner; while the thumb has eight on the outer and one on the inner. The apical tooth of the finger fits in between the apical pair of the thumb. In the female, except for the three distal teeth, the denticulation of finger and thumb is fairly marked. In the largest male the upper margin of the hand measured 24 mm., the lower including the thumb, 34 mm. In the female with eggs, the corresponding measurements were 8 mm., and 12 mm. The second and third legs in the female are not much shorter than the chelipeds, but in the male they fall far below the chelipeds both in length and thickness. They are moderately hirsute with feathered setæ, but with a bare spot on the under surface of the fourth and fifth joints. The rather long fingers have spines along the inner margin, alternating in size. The fourth and fifth legs are tiny in comparison with the two preceding pairs, but with longer plumose setæ. The fourth leg is a little shorter and more robust than the fifth, its fourth joint wider at the base than distally. In both pairs the seventh joint is small, curved at the tip, and antagonising with a strong spine from the apex of the preceding joint. The vasa deferentia issuing from the first joint of the fifth legs in a dissected specimen measured 4 mm., the fifth and sixth joints together measuring 5 mm.

In the female the first pleopods are short, the four following pairs elongate. In the male the first pair are tied together ventrally at the first joint, which is coalesced with the segment; the second joint, as broad as the first, has a much larger brush of plumose setæ, with which also the two sub-equal one-jointed rami are densely furnished distally. The second pleopods, sheltered in grooves of the first, are of much slighter structure, the first joint elongate, coalesced with the segment; the second not much longer than broad, the ramus produced to a point at each corner, the inner process much the longer, with a long spiniform termination. The third, fourth and fifth segments are provided each with a pair of very small oval plates, no doubt rudimentary, and apparently functionless pleopods. The sixth segment has also a pair of plates, which are larger and placed transversely instead of longitudinally. They are quite concealed in a dorsal view, and ventrally are hidden by plumose setæ.

The colour, judging by slight remains of it at various points, is a marbled red and white, beneath the fur or perhaps chiefly at points where the fur is scantiest.

The carapace of the largest male specimen measured 29 mm. in length by 32 mm. in breadth. The carapace of the female measured 20 by 20 mm., exactly the dimensions given by Studer.

*Locality*.—Cape Point, N.E. by E.  $\frac{3}{4}$  E., 8 miles; depth, 91 fathoms. Bottom, sand and specks. The "Gazelle" specimen was taken in 117 fathoms to the south of the Cape.

In Studer's opinion this species belongs to a group containing *Dromidia unidentata* (Rüppell) and *D. rotunda* (McLeay). With *D. unidentata* there are no doubt some points of resemblance, but that species has a smooth carapace, with the lateral borders almost entire; the chelipeds appear to be similar in the two sexes, and the fifth legs are said to be very much longer than the fourth, and not so very much shorter than the second and third; so that it will not at all suit the definition of *Exodromia*.

In their work on the Brachyura and Anomura of the "Travailleur" and "Talisman" A. Milne-Edwards and Bouvier redescribe and figure Bouvier's *Dynomene Filholi*. They say of this species, "The sexual pleopods of the male still bear much resemblance to those of the Homariens, those of the second pair are filiform at the extremity and furnished at their base with a very distinct exopodite. The following three pairs of pleopods are still present at all periods of life; they are biramose and show especially a great relative development in the individuals of medium size, which form almost all the gathering made by the "Talisman." *D. Filholi* appears to be, so far, the only Dromiacean which presents this character; from this point of view it has remarkably preserved the characters of the larvae, and makes a great approximation to the Homariens" (Op. cit. p. 8, 1900).

It now appears, therefore, that the Dromiidae have an additional link of connection with the Dynomenidae. It should, however, be remembered that the details of structure in these male pleopods differ considerably. According to Alcock, the rudimentary pleopods of segments 3-5 are not found in any known Indian species of *Dynomene*.

## MACRURA ANOMALA.

### Section LITHODINEA.

#### Fam. Lithodidae.

In the Proc. Zool. Soc. London for 1900, pp. 529-532, the principal bibliographical references required for a study of this family have been given. For the present purpose it may be

useful to quote again the characters used by Professor E. L. Bouvier for distinguishing the Ostracogastrica from the Hapalogastrica, the other division of the Lithodinea. The Ostracogastrica in general have the "lateral pieces of the pleon absolutely entire; acicle spinulose or spinose, rarely laminar, simple, sometimes rudimentary." The genus *Phyllolithodes*, Brandt, is, however, an exception, having some affinities with the other tribe, a point which I misunderstood in my previous quotation from Professor Bouvier's memoir (Ann. Sci. Nat., Ser. 8, Vol. I., p. 20, 1896).

The genus *Lithodes* was instituted by Latreille in his Genera Crustaceorum et Insectorum, Vol. I., p. 39, 1806. Scudder in his Nomenclator, and Henderson in his report on the Challenger Anomura refer to the date 1802, as given by Agassiz for the institution of the genus. In his Hist. Nat. des Crustacés, Vol. I., p. 247, 1802, Bosc quotes Latreille as expressing an opinion that a new genus might perhaps be required for the species on which *Lithodes* was eventually founded. This opinion was probably given by word of mouth. No generic name is suggested either in Bosc or in Latreille's own work, Hist. Nat. Crust. et Ins., Vol. VI., 1803, where the subject is left in great confusion.

Gen. *Neolithodes*, Milne-Edwards and Bouvier.

1894. *Neolithodes*, A. M.-Edw. and Bouvier, Bull. Soc. Zool. France, Vol. XIX., p. 121.  
 1894. *Neolithodes*, A. M.-Edw. and Bouvier, Brachyures et Anomoures de l'Hirondelle, fasc. 7, p. 91.  
 1895. *Neolithodes*, Bouvier, Ann. Sci. Nat., Ser. 7. Vol. XVIII., p. 177.  
 1896. *Neolithodes*, Bouvier, Ann. Sci. Nat., Ser 8, Vol. I., pp. 8, 20, 22.  
 1898. *Neolithodes*, Ortmann, in Bronn's Thierreich, Vol. V., Lieferung 51, p. 1148.

As a character common to this genus and *Paralithodes*, Brandt, Professor Bouvier states that "the five pieces of the second pleon-segment are contiguous, but separated by distinct sutures." He notices that according to Smith there are only three pieces in the second segment of *Neolithodes Agassizi*, but suggests that "the author has probably not taken account of the marginal pieces." Nevertheless, in the South African specimens I cannot find more than two distinct sutures in the second segment, the lateral pair having a very indefinite appearance.

For distinguishing *Neolithodes* from *Paralithodes*, the following characters are assigned by Bouvier:—"The pleon-segments 3-5 are covered with calcified nodules, of which some are soldered together, in the adult, to form some small lateral pieces separate in the male, and three pieces situated to the left in the female. Rostrum simple, sharp, starting from between a pair of basal spines. Acicle rudimentary in the known species, except in some abnormal individuals."

The three species hitherto comprised in the genus are *N. agassizii* (S. I. Smith), 1882, in which the carapace has spinules interspersed among the spines, and the walking legs are flattened, with small spines on the third joint; *N. grimaldii*, A. M.-Edw. and Bouvier, 1894 (including *Lithodes goodei*, Benedict, 1894), in which the spines on the carapace are fewer and not interspersed with spinules; *N. diomedea* (Benedict), which agrees with *N. grimaldii* in the carapace, but is distinguished from both the other species by having a very long spine on the third joint and spines on the first joint of the walking legs.

*Neolithodes capensis*, n. sp.

Plates XIX., XX.

This species is akin to *Neolithodes agassizii* (S. I. Smith), having spinules among the numerous spines on the carapace, the walking legs flattened, their third joint without any very large spine, and their first joint with a dentation of the distal margin that is only here and there feebly spine-like. In other respects, however, it does not seem possible to reconcile the armature of the walking-legs in the South African specimens with that described by Professor Smith. It is true that in this genus the spines show an extraordinary amount of variation at different stages of the animal's life, and are by no means constant from specimen to specimen, but it so happens that one of those at our disposal agrees in sex and size so nearly with the two examined by the learned American author that the marked differences in detail may well be considered specific.

The carapace of the female measures 148 mm. from the apex of the rostrum to the hind margin, not including the long spines projecting beyond that margin on either side of the middle line; its breadth between the apices of the branchial spines is 116 mm. The rostrum ventrally is 30 mm. long, dorsally to the point of junction with the lateral spines 24 mm. Of these one measures 20 mm., the other slightly less. On the inflated gastric region there is a hexagonal arrangement of six prominent spines, with

several minute scattered spinules in the centre and a triangle of spinules above and another below, in each case the apex pointing backward. The sharply-marked cardiac region has two successive pairs of prominent spines, followed by a solitary one. A sharp spine marks the outer angle of the orbit. To this succeed, bordering the hepatic region, a moderate, a very small, and a large spine. At the cervical groove the carapace is angled inwards, widening greatly at the branchial regions, with eleven very unequal spines running round the margin on either side, seven large spines interspersed with some small spines and various spinules surmounting the space occupied by each branchial region in combination with half of the intestinal region, the longest spines apart from the rostral being on the rear half of the carapace. The hind margin is fringed with several little nodules besides two or three pairs of spinules. The second segment of the pleon has a dozen spines on the centre compartment, with a somewhat larger number on the left, and a smaller number on the right hand compartment. The left hand plates of the next three segments are prickly with spines, and so much widened that they drive the small sixth and seventh segments to lie along the base of the first walking-leg on the right. The narrow, distorted remainder of the three middle segments presents a close mass of nodular spines, of which the largest are turned outwards to the right. The sixth segment carries a few small spines and spinules.

The eye-stalks are slightly spinulose, short, reaching little beyond the external orbital spine. The eyes are dark, the cornea ventrally situated. The inner antennae do not reach much beyond the rostrum. The second joint is on the outer side produced into a spine which reaches beyond the penultimate joint of the peduncle in the outer antennae, this joint having a short apical upward-pointing spine on the right antenna, but not on the left. The stouter right cheliped measured 191 mm. in length, the hand being 79 mm. long, with a greatest breadth at the base of the finger of 30 mm. The finger, which does not quite reach the extremity of the thumb, is 40 mm. long. The left cheliped, 195 mm. long, has a hand 73 mm. in length, 22 in greatest breadth, the finger 42 mm. long. The finger and thumb in the right chela are bordered within till near the apex with long nodules of ivory white. These are not found on the smaller chela, in which the finger has much of the edge straight and sharp, while the thumb has distally a series of low teeth, not pointed but broad. On the ventral surface the chelipeds have only small spines or spinules, the largest being placed distally on the third joint. In dorsal view the fourth joint shows two large spines on the distal margin, and a sub-apical

one on the inner margin. There are only a few spines and spinules along the surface. The fifth joint carries seven or eight good-sized spines interspersed with as many small ones in no very regular order. The hand has three or four sparse, irregular lines of small spines; and the thumb and fingers have a roughened surface, with numerous small tufts of short hairs.

The second, third and fourth pairs of legs are very nearly alike, the fourth being slightly the longest, and measuring 350 mm., of these 14 inches the last four joints occupying respectively  $4\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $2\frac{1}{3}$ , 4,  $1\frac{1}{3}$  inches. On the third joint the longest spine measures only 5 mm. in contrast with the distal spine of the fifth joint, which is 19 mm. long. In regard to *N. diomedea*, Benedict writes:—"The ambulatory feet have a few spines 12 mm. in length, on the carpal and propodal segments; one of the largest spines of the ambulatory feet projects from the ischium [third joint]." The spines on the lower distal margin of the first joint vary, he says, from 8 to 11 mm. in length. In the present specimen the most conspicuous spines are the proximal and distal on the fifth joint, and two or three of those on the fourth joint, one distal, one median, one on the inner margin. But the last two are less important on the second and third limbs than on the fourth. The lower surfaces of these limbs are smooth to the eye, but rough to the touch.

The small, infolded fifth legs are quite free from the sternal plastron, and so situated in regard to the pleon that the rudimentary first pair of pleopods in the female might pass for epipods of these limbs. The minute chela is surrounded by a bush of setæ.

The four pleopods found only on the left side of the second, third, fourth and fifth pleon segments have the peduncle distally much widened, both that and the one-jointed ramus being setose.

The male differs very little from the female except in the ordinary sexual characters. The length of the carapace is 132 mm., somewhat less than that of the female, which in breadth it just equals. The rostral spines are rather shorter, even with allowance for the slightly imperfect tip of the central horn. There is a well-developed spine in the centre of the six that form a hexagon on the gastric region. This is wanting in the female, but in general the spines of the male are less powerful. In both sexes it may be noted that paired spines are not always quite symmetrical in size or position. The hand of the right cheliped is 86 mm. long and 31 mm. in greatest breadth. The fourth peraeopod measures 360 mm. The distal spine of the fourth joint is only 11 mm. in length.

*Locality*.—Cape Point, N. 70° E., 40 miles; depth, about 800 fathoms; bottom, green mud.

The specific name refers to the place of capture.

At a neighbouring station, "Cape Point, E.  $\frac{3}{4}$  N., 38 miles; depth, 630 fathoms; bottom, green mud," a small *Neolithodes* was obtained, which, to judge by the budding pleopods, is evidently a young female. In this the spines on the carapace are in general much longer, and the spines along the legs are very much more numerous. The telson is still pointing between the chelipeds, although the pleon has commenced its outgrowth towards the left. There is little doubt that this handsome little specimen is a young form of the species here described. From the young specimens of *N. grimaldii*, as shown in various figures, it differs greatly in the very numerous spines on the ambulatory legs. At some future opportunity I shall hope to describe this form in more detail, but reserve such description for the present, in the hope of having eventually specimens of intermediate size for comparison.

## MACRURA GENUINA.

### Fam. Penaeidae.

1852. *Penaeidae* (part), Dana, U.S. Expl. Exp., Vol. XIII., p. 600.  
 1893. *Penaeidae*, Stebbing, History of Crustacea, p. 213.  
 1898. *Penaeidae*, Ortmann, in Bronn's Thierreich, Vol. V., Pt. 2, p. 1118.  
 1900. *Penaeidae*, Holmes, California Acad. Sci., Occasional Papers, No. 7, p. 217.  
 1901. *Peneidae* (Subfam. *Peneinae*), Alcock, Catal. Indian Macrura, pp. 11, 13.  
 1901. *Penaeidae*, M. J. Rathbun, Bull. U.S. Fish. Comm., Vol. II., p. 100.  
 1902. *Penaeidae*, M. J. Rathbun, Proc. Washington Ac. Sci., Vol. IV., p. 287.  
 1902. *Penaeidae*, M. J. Rathbun, Proc. U.S. Mus., Vol. XXVI., p. 37.  
 1902. *Penaeidae*, Nobili, Bull. Mus. d'Hist. Nat., No. 5, p. 229.

Various other references will be found in connection with the genus and the synonymy of the following species. Alcock divides the family into three sub-families, *Peneinae*, *Aristaeinae*, *Sicyoninae*, defining the first as follows:—"A long setose leaf-like appendage, acting as a sort of protection to the eye, is present on the inner border of the basal joint of the antennular

peduncle. Exopodites are present on the second maxillipeds, and usually also on the third; they are usually present on the thoracic legs, but are sometimes absent from some or all of them. Podobranchiae are never present on the thoracic legs (only in some species of *Haliporus* is there a rudimentary podobranch on the first pair). Arthrobranchiae in a double series."

Gen. **Penaeus**, Fabricius.

1798. *Penaeus*, Fabricius, Supplementum Ent. Syst., p. 408.  
 1900. *Penaeus*, M. J. Rathbun, Proc. U.S. Mus., Vol. XXII.,  
 p. 310.  
 1901. *Peneus*, Alcock, Catal. Indian Macrura, p. 13.

The genus has been divided into several subgenera, but the material here handled does not lend itself to a discussion of the characters by which these sub-divisions are distinguished.

*Penaeus monodon*, Fabricius.

1798. *Penaeus monodon*, Fabricius, Supplementum Ent. Syst.,  
 p. 408.  
 1803. *Penaeus monodon*, Latreille, Hist. Nat. Crust. et Ins.,  
 Vol. VI., pp. 246, 249.  
 1837. *Penaeus monodon*, Milne-Edwards, Hist. Nat. Crust.,  
 Vol. II., p. 416.  
 1843. *Penaeus monodon*, Krauss, Südafrik. Crust., p. 55.  
 1849. *Penaeus semisulcatus*, de Haan, Crustacea Japonica,  
 decas sexta, p. 190, Pl. 46, fig. 1. (*Penaeus* on  
 plate.)  
 1852. *Penaeus carinatus*, Dana, U.S. Expl. Exp., Vol. XIII., p.  
 602, Pl. 40, fig. 2.  
 1881. *Penaeus monodon*, Bate, Ann. Nat. Hist., Ser. 5, Vol.  
 VIII., p. 178, Pl. 12, fig. 5 *vp* (*up* on plate).  
 1888. *Penaeus monodon*, Bate, Challenger Macrura, Reports,  
 Vol. XXIV., p. 250, Pl. 34, fig. 1.  
 1888. *Penaeus semisulcatus*, de Man, Journ. Linn. Soc. London,  
 Vol. XXII., p. 284.  
 1892. *Penaeus monodon*, de Man, Max Weber's Reise in Nie-  
 derl. Ost-Indien, Vol. II., p. 513.  
 1900. *Penaeus monodon*, Kishinouye, Journ. Fisheries Bureau,  
 Tokyo, Vol. VIII., p. 15, Pl. 2, fig. 1, Pl. 7, figs.  
 3, 3a.

Latreille adds nothing to Fabricius except the suggestion that the species figured in Seba's Thesaurus, Vol. III., Pl. 17, fig.

2, may be the same as *P. monodon*. Desmarest in 1825 mentions the name, but, as Bate has pointed out, no doubt misapprehended the species. Krauss reports it from the coast of Natal. He states that his largest specimens from frontal margin to apex of telson were only three inches five lines long; the rostrum somewhat longer than the peduncle of the first antennae, with seven teeth above and three below, the hindmost of the upper teeth being situate in the middle of the carapace; the colour yellowish-green with cross stripes. Miers, Bate, and de Man agree in thinking that *P. semisulcatus* is the same species as *P. monodon*, although the last-named writer still in 1892 retains de Haan's name for the species (Op. cit., p. 510) in the very work in which he decides that Fabricius has the priority. According to de Haan, as Bate notices, the internal flagellum of the first antennae is twice as long as the external. But the figure which de Haan gives in no way supports his statement, since it shows the lower flagellum only a very little longer than the upper one. This is in accord with de Man's statement (op. cit., 1888) that "the flagella of the internal antennae have both nearly the same length, being a little longer than the peduncle, *i.e.*, the distance from the distal end of the terminal joint of the peduncle to the anterior margin of the carapace." He adds that "the upper or external flagellum is a little broad and grooved along the proximal third of its length; whereas the remaining part, like the other flagellum, is cylindrical." Dana says of his *P. carinatus*, "flagella of inner antennae not longer than two preceding joints," but as he omits these antennae altogether from his figure of the carapace, we cannot be very sure that he knew much about them.

The only mark by which de Haan distinguished his species from *P. monodon* is that in the latter there is no furrow between the base of the rostrum and the hind margin of the carapace, whereas in *P. semisulcatus* there is such a furrow. Upon which Bate observes that of (two) specimens, "taken in the same haul, the female has a median groove, but in the male there is none, the dorsal carina being entire." In a male eight inches long, and a female seven inches long, both sent me from Borneo by Dr. Charles Hose, behind the hindmost tooth on the carapace the carina is sulcate, but more firmly in the female than in the male. On the other hand, in a female seven and a half inches long, from the Durban Museum, and in a female seven inches long from "near Port Elizabeth, Zwartskop River," the carina has a flat-topped appearance such as one might fancy would arise from the wearing down of the edges to a shallow sulcus.

The Port Elizabeth specimen has eight teeth on the rostral crest and is abnormal in having only two on the lower edge, the foremost just under the foremost of the upper teeth, and the penultimate a little in advance of the penultimate upper tooth. In the Durban Museum specimen the upper teeth are only six in number, a seventh, the foremost, being represented only by a depression of the margin. The three lower teeth are all in advance of the foremost of the fully-developed upper teeth. Bate says of these lower teeth, "According to de Haan's figure they are situated, or at least two of them, posterior to the most anterior tooth on the upper margin, whereas in our specimens of *Penaeus monodon*, they are all in advance of that position." It is true that in de Haan's figure only one of the lower teeth is in advance of the foremost upper one, but in Bate's own figure the case is almost exactly the same, only that the foremost upper tooth being poorly developed, the middle lower tooth is a little in advance of it instead of a little behind. It is tolerably certain that considerable variation occurs in these details. The apex of the rostrum admits of some upward curvature, whereas Bate describes the whole rostrum as straight. In his figure also the two flagella of the first antennae are not nearly as long as the peduncle, so far making an approach to the proportion which Dana gives for his *P. carinatus*. Our specimens, on the contrary, agree with the account above quoted from de Man.

Since nothing is said by Fabricius about those particular features in regard to which a distinction has been drawn between his species and those above named by de Haan and Dana, it is certainly a matter of some convenience that all the three supposed species should now be accepted as one and the same.

Along with the female specimen from Zwartskop River already discussed, was obtained a male of just the same size and general appearance; but in this the teeth on the rostral crest are only seven in number, while on the lower margin there are four, three of them in advance of the foremost upper tooth, and the fourth only slightly behind it.

Kishinouye identifies *P. semisulcatus*, de Haan, with *P. monodon*, Fabricius, and in our specimens the thelycum of the female and the petasma of the male agree very well with the figures of those parts as drawn by Kishinouye for *P. monodon*. On the other hand, Miss Rathbun, in commenting on *P. ashiaka*, Kishinouye, says, "This species is very near *P. semisulcatus*, de Haan (not = *P. monodon* Fabricius, Kishinouye)."

According to Kishinouye, the colour of the Japanese *P. monodon* is dark brown, or rarely blackish.

*Locality*.—Neighbourhood of Durban and Port Elizabeth.

*Penaeus caeruleus*, n. sp.

Plates XXI and XXI bis.

The rostrum slightly sinuous, its carina continued backwards almost to the hind margin of the carapace, the dorsal teeth seven, of which the hindmost is less distant from the next preceding than the foremost is from the apex, the ventral teeth three, the middle and hindmost respectively a little in advance of the foremost dorsal tooth and the next behind it; all the teeth are accompanied by a series of setules.

The pleon has the fourth, fifth, and sixth segments carinate, the last the most sharply, this ending in a small tooth. The telson is longer than the sixth segment, but considerably shorter than the uropods. It tapers to a sharp point, and has the sides for at least the distal half fringed with feathered setæ. It is medio-dorsally sulcate except near the base and apex.

The eyes have many plumose setæ on the stems, which are coloured like the rest of the body, but the corneal part is brown.

First antennae. In the first joint the spine of the outer margin is not very elongate, on the other side there is a sub-marginal ridge; the laminar appendage is nearly as long as the joint, with its apex slightly widened and rounded, the hollowed joint and curving appendage alike thronged with feathered setæ. The second joint is shorter than the first, nearly twice the length of the third, both setiferous. The flagella appear to be sub-equal, about as long as the peduncle, rather broad for some distance from the base, well furnished with setæ on the broad part.

Second antennae. The broad scale reaches a little beyond the peduncle of the first antennae, and nearly to the apex of the rostrum. Its thickened outer margin is smooth and ends in a tooth, from which the apical margin slopes forward, its fringe of setæ curving round in continuity with that of the inner margin. The peduncle is short, the flagellum longer than the animal's body. The mandibles have the cutting-plate and molar in coalescence, the second joint of the palp

very broad, except at the apex. The mouth organs in general are in near agreement with those which Bate has figured in the Challenger *Macrura* for *P. canaliculatus*, var. *japonicus*, and not essentially different from de Haan's figures of these parts in *P. semisulcatus*, except that the endopod of the first maxillae is much more elongate than de Haan represents it. The biramous epipod is similar in structure on the second and third maxillipeds and the first three peraeopods. In all it is furnished with numerous setae of varying lengths, which have a formation worthy of notice. The distal part is biserrate, and just in front of the acute apex is thickened by a comb or brush of little close-set spinules on either side. Of the two widely divergent rami or processes one is much longer than the other. The basal joint to which the broad lamina is attached is itself narrow and curved. The exopods of the second and third maxillipeds are long and many-jointed, fringed on either side with long plumose setae. Those on the first four peraeopods are small, narrow, unjointed, and carry a few setae similar to those on the epipods. On the fifth peraeopods, which have a pleuro-branchia, I have not found any exopod. These peraeopods are decidedly longer than the fourth pair, but both are much shorter than the third, in which as usual the wrist or fifth joint is conspicuous by its length. The first peraeopods are relatively stouter than the third, but much shorter; the second pair having an intermediate length. The finger in the third pair is shorter than the palm, sub-equal to it in the second, and longer than it in the first pair. In the first pair near the apex of the wrist on the lower side there is a small group of setules, while there is a group on the proximal end of the hand, suggesting a tentative effort at the quasi-prehensile arrangement more effectively carried out in the genus *Sergestes*. The second and third joints in the first peraeopods have each a sub-apical tooth. The second joint only in the second peraeopods is so armed. On the first pleopods of the male the petasma is small and not very complicated in structure, not differing very strikingly from the forms figured by Kishinouye for *P. monodon* and *P. ashiaka*. The thelycum between the fourth and fifth peraeopods of the female, in a specimen intermediate in size between the two males from which the other figures are drawn, shows two longitudinal plates pointing forwards to meet a transverse trilobed plate, with its middle lobe smaller and less advanced than the other two. In two other considerably larger female specimens in the collection the longitudinal plates are in close juxtaposition, concealing all but the middle lobe of the transverse plate.

The inner branch of the uropods reaches considerably beyond the telson, and is fringed with plumose setæ. The considerably longer outer ramus is similarly fringed on the inner margin and round the apex as far as the tooth which occurs low down on the outer margin.

The integument of this species is not strongly calcified, but it has the property of retaining for years in preservative media (spirit and formalin) the fascinating blue colour to which the specific name refers. This attains especial intensity on the eye-stalks, on the scales of the second antennae and on the uropods. The latter, when expanded with all their feathered setæ on either side of the telson, may bear comparison with a beautiful butterfly. On the first, third and sixth segments of the pleon there are transverse bands of deep blue, these being distal in the first and third segments, median in the sixth. There is also often a deepening of the colour along the medio-dorsal line of all the segments, producing an illusory appearance of a continuous carina.

The specimen figured at full length measured 95 mm. On dissection the tips of the rostrum and telson proved to be broken, so that when perfect the specimen was probably 100 mm. long. The specimen from which the enlarged separate carapace was drawn, measured 75 mm. The largest specimen received was over five inches in length, with a carapace of over two inches.

*Locality.*—From Nahoon River (tidal for several miles inland) on E. coast near East London.

This lovely species appears to be very nearly related to *P. monodon*, but separated by smaller size and feebler calcification, the constancy of the rostral dentation, the absence of an exopod from the fifth pair of legs, and the unique colouring. In regard to the latter character it is proper to notice that there is a certain amount of variability, so that Dr. Gilchrist wrote of some of the specimens as being almost white. But even in these extremely pale examples the points of blue are very numerous. Mr. John Wood, of East London, when obligingly sending a second supply of specimens to Dr. Gilchrist, wrote in reply to an enquiry on the subject, "As regards the blue colour, this may have become more pronounced since these prawns first left my hands, but I remember noticing it distinctly at the time they were taken out of the Nahoon River. I may mention these prawns I am sending you are believed to be absent from our rivers during the winter months."

Fam. **Sergestidae.**

1852. *Sergestidae*. Dana, U.S. Expl. Exp., Vol. XIII., p. 601.  
 1876. *Sergestiden*. Claus, Untersuch. Crustaceen-Systems, p. 35.  
 1881. *Sergestidae*. Bate, Ann. Nat. Hist., Ser. 5, Vol. VIII., pp. 171, 193.  
 1882. *Sergestidae*. S. I. Smith, Bull. Mus. Comp. Zoöl. Harvard, Vol. X., p. 96.  
 1888. *Sergestidae*. Bate, Challenger Macrura, Reports, Vol. XXIV., p. 345.  
 1889. *Sergestidae*, Chun, Sitzungsber. K. Preuss. Akad. Wiss., p. 347 (537).  
 1891. *Sergestidae*. Wood-Mason and Alcock, Ann. Nat. Hist., Ser. 6., Vol. VII., p. 190, and Vol. VIII., p. 353.  
 1893. *Sergestidae*. Stebbing, History of Crustacea, p. 221.  
 1893. *Sergestidae*, Ortmann, Decap. und Schizop. Plankton—Exp., p. 29.  
 1895. *Sergestidae*. Faxon, Mem. Mus. Comp. Zoöl. Harvard, Vol. XVIII., p. 208.  
 1896. *Sergestidae*. H. J. Hansen, Proc. Zool. Soc. London, p. 936.  
 1898. *Sergestidae*. Ortmann, in Bronn's Thierreich, Vol. V., Lieferung 50, p. 1121.  
 1901. *Sergestidae*. Alcock, Indian Macrura and Anomala of the Investigator, p. 47.  
 1903. *Sergestidae*. Hansen, Proc. Zool. Soc. London, p. 52.

For a clear understanding of the present state of science in regard to this family, Hansen's two papers above cited are of primary importance. Ortmann, defining it in 1898, rightly speaks of the chelate structure as more or less reduced, but gives rather a wrong impression, when he goes on to say that it is "almost entirely suppressed on the first and second pairs of peraeopods," and that "on the third pair the chela is minute or there also entirely wanting." But in the dominant genus *Sergestes* the first peraeopods have no chela, while the second and third pairs are on a level, both possessing chelae, though minute ones.

Gen. **Sergestes**, Milne-Edwards.

1830. *Sergestes*, Milne-Edwards, Ann. Sci., Nat., Vol. XIX., p. 348 (in French, *Sergeste*, p. 346).  
 1831. *Sergestes*. Latreille, Cours d'Entomologie, p. 384.

1837. *Sergestes*, Milne-Edwards, Hist. Nat. Crust., Vol. II., p. 427.
1849. *Sergestes*, de Haan. Crust. Japonica, decas sexta, p. 189.
1850. *Sergestes*, de Natale, Descrizione zool. di alcuni Crostacei di Messina, p. 19.
1855. *Sergestes*, Kröyer, Overs. K. Danske Vid. Selsk. Forhandl., p. 22.
1855. *Sergestes*, Kröyer, Monogr. *Sergestes*, K.D. Vid. Selsk. Skriften, Ser. 5, Vol. IV., p. 219.
1860. *Sergestes*, Stimpson, Proc. Acad. Philad., p. 44 (114).
1880. *Sergestes*, Boas, Vid. Selsk. Skr., Ser. 6, Afd. 1, p. 13 (35).
1894. *Sergestes*, Alcock and Anderson, Journ. Asiat. Soc. Bengal, Vol. LXIII., Pt. 2, No. 3, p. 8.

Other references have been already supplied under the heading of the family. The tabular view given by Ortmann in 1893, of all the species then known, will still be found useful, although, as Hansen has since pointed out, many of the distinctions employed are only signs of immaturity. In the definition of the genus which Ortmann gives in 1898, he agrees with Milne-Edwards and Spence Bate in speaking of the fourth and fifth peraeopods as short and feeble. But the epithet "short" is not particularly applicable to the fourth pair in various species, as for example *S. bisulcatus*, of which Dr. Ortmann reproduces Faxon's figure. Whether the fourth and fifth peraeopods are really weak is questionable, considering the fringes of very long plumose setæ which their joints carry. Ortmann indeed at the earlier date accepted Stimpson's genus *Sergia* for species in which the fourth and fifth peraeopods were little shortened, and had laminar terminal joints, but later on, while accepting from Hansen the reunion of *Sergia* with *Sergestes*, he has omitted the corresponding modification which the generic definition then required.

*Sergestes arcticus*, Kröyer.

1855. *Sergestes arcticus*, Kröyer, Overs. K.D. Vid. Selsk. Forhandl., No. 1, p. 27.
1859. *Sergestes arcticus*, Kröyer, K.D. Vid. Selsk. Skr., Ser. 5, Afd. 4, p. 240, Pl. 3, fig. 7 a-g, Pl. 5, fig. 16.
1875. *Sergestes Meyeri*, Metzger, Nordseefahrt der Pommerania, pp. 289, 302, Pl. 6, fig. 7.
1882. *Sergestes arcticus*, S. I. Smith, Bull. Mus. Comp. Zoöl., Vol. X., p. 96, Pl. 16, fig. 4.

1884. *Sergestes arcticus*, Smith, Rep. U.S. Fisheries for 1882, p. 415 (71), Pl. 8, fig. 2.
1886. *Sergestes arcticus*, Smith, Rep. U.S. Fisheries for 1885, p. 92, Pl. 20, figs. 1, 2.
1888. *Sergestes atlanticus* (part) Bate, Challenger Macrura, Reports, Vol. XXIV., pp. 389, 394, 436.
1888. *Sergestes magnificus*, Chun, Bibliotheca Zoologica, Vol. I., p. 33, Pl. 4, figs. 4, 5.
1893. *Sergestes arcticus*, Ortmann, Decap. und Schizop. Plankton—Exp., pp. 30, 33.
1896. *Sergia meyeri*, Ortmann, Grundzüge der marinen Tiergeographie, p. 76 (footnote).
1896. *Sergestes arcticus*, Hansen, Proc. Zool. Soc. London, pp. 949, 954.
1901. *Sergia magnifica*, Lo Bianco, Mittheil. Stat. Neapel, Vol. XV, pp. 413, 434.
1903. *Sergestes arcticus*, Hansen, Proc. Zool. Soc. London, pp. 59, 60, Pl. 12, fig. 1 a-c.

In regard to this species a large amount of information has been from time to time made available, but it is somewhat scattered. Some details are here repeated to make it clear that the specimens dealt with really belong to the species in question.

The very short, almost horizontal rostrum, with a vertically truncate portion of the frontal margin on either side, agrees with Metzger's fig. 7b and Hansen's figs. 1a, 1b. The latter author uses this feature in distinguishing Kröyer's species from his own *S. similis*, in which the rostrum is longer, more upturned, and flanked by convex pieces of margin. The supra-ocular and hepatic spines are well developed, and the gastro-hepatic groove distinct. The telson, which is fringed for a considerable distance with long plumose hairs, ends in a sharp apical point, but in the specimen dissected has not the lateral points strongly produced as represented by Metzger. The eyes are about two-thirds as long as the first joint of the first antennae, a character used by Ortmann to distinguish this species from *S. kröyeri*, Bate, in which they are about half as long as that joint.

In the first antennae the broad first joint, measured from its base to the rounded apex, is almost as long as the narrow second and third combined, measured along their inner margin, the proportion being as 38 to 39. The tooth on the outer margin of the first joint is, as shown by Kröyer, not very prominent nor deeply cut. The third joint is barely or not quite as long as the second measured on the inner margin, though somewhat longer on the outer margin.

The mandibles, one with a bidentate, the other with a unidentate apex, have the trunk about as long as the elongate first joint of the palp, which is more than twice as long as the still slenderer second joint. Kröyer says that the molar part is strikingly distinguished from that of *S. Frisii* (*S. atlanticus*, M.-Edw.) in not having a purple colour but a brown horn-colour. The South African specimen, however, is in this part conspicuously purple.

In the second maxilla, Kröyer distinguishes this species from *S. Frisii* by the form of the exopod "which is much more elongate and narrow, especially forwards," and by the axe-like form and much stronger prominence of the first joint. As to the latter character, the lobe of the first joint in our specimen is not axe-like and it is contiguous to the divided lobe of the second joint, not separated as in Kröyer's figure. The first maxillipeds agree with Kröyer's figure except that the epipod is not twisted; both its ends are rounded, the upper much narrower than the lower. The other maxillipeds and the peraeopods appear to me to agree with the descriptions by Smith, Hansen and others. But as to the first peraeopods there is some difficulty, for Smith speaks of them as "sub-chelate." In contrast with the definitely though minutely chelate endings of the second and third pairs, one would expect the term "sub-chelate" to apply to some arrangement of the finger in application to the apex of the preceding joint. But the first peraeopods in this species have a termination which is quite straight, the sixth joint being sub-divided into fifteen articulations, followed by a minute joint, which may be taken to represent the finger. In this respect, therefore, the limb would be called "simple," but where the fifth and sixth joints meet there is a noteworthy arrangement of serrate spines giving a subapical fringe to the former; while from the emarginate base of the sixth joint shorter spines curve backwards to meet the longer spines of the fringe. It looks like an elaborate clasping arrangement. Being at the hinge of these elongate joints, instead of at their apices, its grasping power must be very limited, and in this respect corresponds with that of the true chela in the two following pairs of limbs. Possibly the long delicate second antennae are passed between these sets of pectinate spines for cleaning. The same arrangement is found in *S. prehensilis*, Bate, and is evidently alluded to in its specific name. Smith describes it in his *S. robustus*, and Faxon in *S. bisulcatus*, Wood-Mason. It also occurs in the species next described.

In the uropods the outer ramus is five times as long as its greatest breadth, with the outer margin smooth as far back

as the tooth, the remainder of the margin, which is less than a third of the total, as 22:72, is closely fringed with setæ. The narrower inner ramus reaches as far back as the tooth on the outer margin of the other. Wood-Mason and Alcock in *Ann. Nat. Hist.*, Ser. 6, Vol. VII., p. 190, 1891, record a species as "*Sergestes? arcticus*, Kröyer," of which they say, "Our only specimen wants the spine on the outer margin of the exopodite of the caudal swimmeret, said to be present in *S. arcticus*. Colour in the fresh state deep crimson lake." In the same year, *op. cit.* Vol. VIII., p. 354, they describe and figure this form as *Sergestes rubroguttatus*, n. sp. Hansen in 1896 suggests that it may be synonymous with *S. Kröyeri*, Bate, but does not repeat this suggestion in 1903. One of the South African specimens, apparently preserved in glycerine, show numerous small red dots. In the rest preserved in formalin the colour has faded.

The largest specimen, which, like the one above described, is a female, measured 49 mm.; 25.5 from apex of rostrum to end of third pleon segment, thence to end of sixth segment 17.75, and telson 5.75 mm.

*Locality*.—The specimens were taken 40 miles off Table Mountain, E. by S., probably at a depth of 300 fathoms.

Lo Bianco (*loc. cit.*), speaking of "*Sergia magnifica* Chun," says that 47 specimens varying in length from 20 to 36 mm. were taken at great depths in the Mediterranean, and infers that it lives at not less than 1,000 metres below the surface. He also states that *Sergia Clausii*, König (*Denkschr. Akad. Wien*, Vol. LXII., Pt. 1, 1895), from the Eastern Mediterranean, is certainly the same species.

*Sergestes gloriosus*, n. sp.

Plates XXII., XXIII.

This species belongs to Hansen's first group, and must be placed in that division of it to which he originally assigned *S. robustus*, Smith, *S. japonicus*, Bate (including *S. mollis*, Smith) *S. bisulcatus*, Wood-Mason (including *S. phorcus*, Faxon), and to which he subsequently added *S. prehensilis*, Bate, *S. profundus*, Bate, and *S. challengerii*, Hansen. The last of these received its specific name as being "one of the most interesting species of Crustacea secured by the [Challenger] expedition." Dr. Hansen laments the mutilated condition of the single specimen on which it was founded, but remarks that "it is sharply distinguished from all other species hitherto

known by possessing an enormous number of luminous organs" in the regular arrangement which he describes. In the new and much larger species from South African waters there is an apparatus so closely answering in its distribution to the luminous organs of *S. challengerii* that its function must almost certainly be the same. That the formation of the organs is the same in both species is probable, though I cannot pretend to have made out the series of lenses and layers which Hansen figures for the intimate structure. He mentions a chitinous, large, and very thick biconvex lens, the inner side of which is covered by a somewhat thinner concavo-convex lens. Behind this is found a thick layer of glandular cells, light greyish, very large, and most of them elongate, radiating towards the centre of the outer lens. "The diameter of this layer," he adds, "is somewhat larger than that of the inner lens, and when the luminous organs are examined in their natural position with a strong pocket-lens, this layer can often be seen through the skin as a whitish ring around the lens." In the South African species the large and more or less elongate radiating cells are not greyish but red in the specimens figured, though other specimens show that this tint is at length evanescent like the rest of the animal's colouring (in formalin). The whitish ring is conspicuous against an opaque background, but not visible by transmitted light. The organs are here found in all the positions enumerated by Hansen, but there are many in addition, not only on parts which were missing from the mutilated "Challenger" specimen, but more particularly elsewhere. Thus on the carapace, besides the row of four which is here increased to seven on the upper border of the branchial cavity, near the lower border there is a row of eighteen, there are two in an advanced position, and a large single one adjoining the little blunt keel which represents the hepatic spine. The sixth segment of the pleon has a lateral row of seven, the front one much the largest. There is one on the under side of the eye, in the concavity of the corneal margin. In addition to the one on the under side of the third joint, the first antennae have four on the first joint. The scale of the second antennae exhibits eleven instead of four. There do not appear to be any on the first maxillae, as is also the case in the other species, but on the second maxillae there are at least two on the vibratory lamina. The outer ramus of the uropod has a longitudinal interrupted row of nine, while the other species has only two in this position.

The carinate rostrum is very like that described by Hansen for *S. prehensilis*, but it is horizontal. At the base of the spiniform apex the place for a dorsal denticle is barely indicated.

There are short setæ on the convex lower margin. The front of the carapace is closely beset with plumose setæ, and such are found on the rounded postero-inferior margins of the first five pleon segments. The long sixth segment is strongly compressed, with setæ about the minutely produced dorsal apex. The narrow, dorsally flattened, laterally sulcate telson is closely fringed with plumose setæ from the customary lateral bulge to the acute apex. The length equals that of the unarmoured margin of the outer ramus of the uropods.

The eyes are rather over half as long as the first joint of the upper antennae, the corneal part wider than half the length, dorsally longer but ventrally shorter than its own width.

The upper antennae have the second and third joints stout, the third three-fifths of length of second, which is shorter than the first. The characters of the male flagella, as shown in the figure, are not exceptional in this species. The peduncle measured 10 mm., the long flagellum 54.5 mm.

The scale of the lower antennae reaches the middle of the third joint of the upper. The outer spine projects a little beyond the rounded apex, where the scale is less than a third as broad as it is near its base. The delicate flagellum attains a length of 163 mm., a large part of it carrying a pair of finely plumose setæ at apex of each little squarish joint and a shorter seta a little higher up. This graceful apparatus is described by Chun in respect of his *S. magnificus*.

The mouth-organs agree in general with those which Hansen has figured for *S. challengeri*. The mandibles are strong, with the palp large and coarsely armoured. In the broad second maxillipeds the penultimate joint is here decidedly longer than the antepenultimate, which in Hansen's species it equals in length.

The third maxillipeds and the peraeopods are in near agreement with those of *S. robustus* as described by Professor S. I. Smith, except in respect to his statement that the fourth peraeopods are very much stouter than the third. Here they are not so stout, though their breadth may be a little greater, but they are laminar like the fifth pair, and like that pair are adorned with very long plumose setæ. Here, as in *S. robustus*, the upper margin of the fifth and sixth joints is setose as well as the lower in the fifth pair, but not in the fourth. The luminous organs are considerably more numerous in the third pair than in the other peraeopods.

The petasma on the first pleopods of the male has a general resemblance to that of *S. robustus*, but a comparison of the figures shows differences in detail. It is a paired organ, with

the two members closely fastened together at the centre, but the folds of the central portion allow the two limbs to be upon occasion drawn widely apart. Professor Smith has minutely described this apparatus.

The retinaculum of the second pleopods has its apex surrounded by about 17 spinules of various sizes, and along the side lie three large spines.

The inner ramus of the uropods is sub-equal in length to the telson, has its sides for the most part fringed with long plumose setæ, and reaches beyond the apex of the telson, nearly to the spine on the outer margin of the other ramus. Beyond this tooth the outer ramus is produced for about two-sevenths of its total length, the fringing beginning at this point and continuing round the not-very-broad apex far up the inner side.

The red colour of this species fades away gradually in formalin, lasting longest on the setose or spinose armature of the mouth-organs.

The specimen described measured 50 mm. from apex of rostrum to apex of telson, the carapace being 15 mm. in length.

*Locality.*—The specimens were taken at a depth of 800 fathoms, off Sandy Point.

The specific name alludes to the vast number of luminous organs by which this species is in a manner glorified.

*Sergestes bisulcatus*, Wood-Mason.

Plate XXIVA.

1891. *Sergestes bisulcatus*, Wood-Mason, Ann. Nat. Hist., Ser. 6, Vol. VII., p. 190; Vol. VIII., p. 353.  
 1893. *Sergestes phorcus*, Faxon, Bull. Mus. Comp. Zoöl., Vol. XXIV., p. 217.  
 1893. *Sergia* (?) *bisulcata*, Ortmann, Decap. und Schizop. Plankton-Exp., p. 37.  
 1895. *Sergestes bisulcatus*, Faxon, Mem. Mus. Comp. Zoöl., Vol. XVIII., p. 210, Pl. 52.  
 1896. *Sergestes bisulcatus*, Hansen, Proc. Zool. Soc., London, p. 949.  
 1898. *Sergestes bisulcatus*, Ortmann, in Bronn's Thierreich, Vol. V., Pl. 114, fig. 2.

Faxon says, "I assign this species to *S. bisulcatus*, Wood-Mason, with some doubt, as the description of the latter species

is not detailed enough to make its identity sure." The same remark will apply to the present specimens. With Faxon's description they agree so closely, that it would be rash to base a specific separation on the one or two minute differences which have to be noticed.

Faxon very carefully describes the carapace, including "rostrum cristiform, short, laterally compressed, directed obliquely upward, subquadrate in outline, the anterior margin produced to form a short point near the middle." Neither in text nor figure does he indicate the slight distal excavation of the upper margin, terminated by a small tooth, found in both the female specimens with which we are here concerned. He says that "the second, third, and more especially the fourth abdominal somites are lightly sulcate in the median dorsal line," which is true of our specimens, but they have the sulcation in a slight degree also on the first segment. In his figure of the uropods Faxon leaves the whole outer margin devoid of setæ, whereas in our specimens this margin, as in the nearest allied species, is bare above the lateral tooth but densely setose below it. The omission of these setæ from the figure is not noticed in the text, and may be due to an accidental oversight. In all other respects the carapace and pleon, the sub-spherical eyes, the maxillipeds and limbs in their details and relative lengths accurately agree with Faxon's account.

A small specimen taken by the Challenger Expedition between Valparaiso and Juan Fernandez, from a depth of 200 fathoms, was named *S. nasidentatus* by Spence Bate, evidently from the peculiarity that it had the "rostrum produced to a sharp point, and armed on the upper surface with a distinct tooth, a little anterior to the frontal margin." Hansen determines this to be a *Mastigopus*, belonging to the same group as *Sergestus arcticus*, Kröyer. It is not impossible that this may be the *Mastigopus* form of *S. bisulcatus*.

Colour, according to Wood-Mason, "in the fresh state deep crimson lake." South African specimens red, fading to orange.

Wood-Mason gives the "length of male from tip of rostrum to apex of telson 60 mm., of female 63 mm." Faxon says, "Length 65 mm., carapace 21 mm." The female specimen here figured measured from tip to apex 76 mm., the carapace in the medio-dorsal line being 24 mm.

*Locality*.—Cape Point, E. by N., 29 miles ; depth, 250 to 300 fathoms ; bottom, green sand and mud.