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Revision of Amphipoda.

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In the Ann. & Mag. Nat. Hist. for March 1899, at p. 241, a new genus was defined for the reception of *Corophium excavatum*, Thomson, but, by inadvertence, the name of the genus was omitted. It is *Paracorophium*. On p. 239, l. 15, for *Darwinii* (Bate) should be read *variegatus*, Leach.

This opportunity may be taken for announcing some other changes which I consider necessary in the nomenclature of the Amphipoda. *Microdeutopus chelifera*, Haswell, I propose to call *Microdeutopus Haswelli*, and to transfer his *Microdeutopus australis* to the genus *Lemboides*; the *Autonoe longidigitans* of Bonnier to the genus *Lembos*; *Mæroides Thompsoni*, Walker, *Mæra crassipes*, Haswell, *Mæra dentifera*, Haswell, *Mæra Chiltoni*, G. M. Thomson, *Parancania longimanus*, Chilton, and *Podoceropsis palmata*, Stebbing and Robertson, all to the genus *Gammaropsis*. *Leptocheirus pilosus*, Della Valle, seems to be distinct from the species so-named by Zaddach, and may be distinguished as *Leptocheirus Dellavallei*. *Biancolina algicola*, Della Valle, appears to be identical with *Amphithoe cuniculus*, and will become *Biancolina cuniculus*. *Mæra Haswelli*, G. M. Thomson, should, I think, be placed in Haswell's genus *Wyvillea*, a genus about which, however, more precise information is desirable. *Podocerus dentex*, Czerniavski, may, as *Jassa dentex*, include in its synonymy *Podocerus Herdmanni*, Walker, and *Podocerus odontonyx*, Sars. The *Siphonæcetes typicus* described by Della Valle does not suit well with Krøyer's species, and deserves the independent title of *Siphonæcetes Dellavallei*.

Dates of Charles d'Orbigny's 'Dictionnaire Universel d'Histoire Naturelle,' 1839-1849. By C. DAVIES SHERBORN and T. S. PALMER.

Careful collation of five copies of this 'Dictionnaire' shows that with the exception of volume i. there was only one composition—that is to say, if we take p. 100, for instance, the last word in every copy of every volume is identical. There was a re-composition of volume i., for one of us has examined an original copy in the U.S. Nat. Museum which differs in that the "Discours" is paged in roman (i-cexl) and p. 100 terminates with "qui est," two words towards the end of the article "Acrodon." The other four copies of vol. i. which have been examined by us are themselves alike, but differ in that they have a new printer, some changes in authors, and a slightly different title-page. It is quite possible that there were reprints of some of the other volumes as they were exhausted, but there is nothing to show, so far as our researches go, that any re-setting of the type took place in any volume but volume i.

Of the five sets examined, that of the U.S. Nat. Museum is the most valuable, as, with the exception of vol. ii., it is apparently an original issue. It belonged to Professor S. F. Baird. The Zoological Society's copy shows what are probable reissues of the first five volumes.

Vol.	B.M. (N. H.) General Library.		B.M. (N. H.) Tweeddale copy.		Zool. Soc.		U.S. Dept. Agriculture.		U.S. Nat. Mus.		Actual date of completed volume, with the authority.
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I.	1861	sous *	1861	"†	1847	"	1849	"	1841	qui est ‡	1841 [Jan.]. Bull. Soc. géol. Fr.
II.	1849	-oides	1861	"	1844	"	1849	"	1843	"	1842 [Jan.]. "
III.	1849	lemmus	1861	"	1843	"	1849	"	1843	"	1843 [Jan.]. "
IV.	1849	semblables	1861	"	1846	"	1849	"	1844	"	1844 [Jan.]. "
V.	1849	(E. D.)	1861	"	1848	"	1849	"	1844 §	"	1845 [Jan.]. "
VI.	1849	les	1861	"	1845	"	1861	"	1845	"	1845 [Dec.]. "
VII.	1849	Coquilles	1861	"	1846	"	1849	"	1846	"	1846. T. P. of sets 3 & 5.
VIII.	1849	trou	1861	"	1846	"	1849	"	1846	"	" & p. 764 .
IX.	1849	p. 196)	1861	"	1847	"	1849	"	1847	"	1847. " & p. 337.
X.	1849	Spéciaux	1861	"	1847	"	1849	"	1847	"	1847. " & p. 543.
XI.	1849	brusque re-	1861	"	1848	"	1849	"	1848	"	1848. " & p. 292; & Bull. Soc. géol. Fr. [2] v.
XII.	1849	multi-	1861	"	1848	"	1849	"	1848	"	1848, p. 613. 1848. T. P. of sets 3 & 5; & Bull.
XIII.	1849	autres	1861	"	1849	"	1849	"			Soc. géol. Fr. [2] v. 1848, p. 613 (1849 is an error for 1848). 1849. T. P. of sets 3 & 5 & p. 196.

* The text of volume i., not the Introduction.

† " indicates that the vol. corresponds exactly with set I.

‡ An original issue of vol. i.; see remarks in text.

§ This Sherborn suggests to be a printer's error for 1845; see livraison 60 in next list.

|| Joly's paper was published in Ann. Soc. Agric. Lyon, ix. 1846 (Hagen, Bibl. Entom.).

We learn from Bull. Soc. géol. France, vols. xi.-xiv., and series 2, vols. i. &c., that 71 parts were issued between February 1840 and November 1845, that 12 parts went to a volume, and other detailed particulars. These dates must be used cautiously, as they represent the dates of presentation to the Society, and, though in most cases it is unlikely, they may be several months after publication.

We give on p. 351 the collation of the several copies we have examined and the actual dates of issue of the completed volumes.

The following are the dates of presentation of the livraisons to the Geological Society of France, which can be verified by a reference to the 'Bulletin' of the Society:—

1. 17 Feb. 1840.	19. 7 Feb. 1842.	37. }	55. 18 Nov. 1844.
2. No record.	20. 21 Mar.	38. } 6 Nov. 1843.	56. 16 Dec.
3. No record.	21. 4 Apr.	39. }	57. }
4. 16 Mar.	22. 16 May.	40. }	58. }
5. 6 Apr.	23. 20 June.	41. 4 Dec.	59. 17 Feb.
6. 15 June.	24. }	42. 8 Jan. 1844.	60. 7 Apr.
7. }	25. }	43. No record.	61. 5 May.
8. }	26. }	44. 19 Feb.	62. 19 May.
9. }	27. }	45. 4 Mar.	63. }
10. No record.	28. }	46. 15 Apr.	64. }
11. 21 Dec.	29. 5 Dec.	47. 6 May.	65. }
12. 8 Nov. 1841.*	30. 2 Jan. 1843.	48. 20 May.	66. }
13. 1 Feb.	31. 6 Feb.	49. }	67. }
14. 5 Apr.	32. 6 Mar.	50. }	68. }
15. }	33. 17 Apr.	51. }	69. }
16. }	34. 1 May.	52. }	70. }
17. 6 Dec.	35. 5 June.	53. }	71. 17 Nov.
18. 24 Jan. 1842.	36. }	54. }	

From which it will be seen that the parts came out monthly, and there is no doubt that the 1st livraison appeared in December 1839 and the 71st livraison in October 1845. This accords both with the accounts of previous bibliographers, who usually ascribe the work to 1839-1849, and with the receipt of the livraisons by the French Geological Society. Thus, according to the data, each volume should have been completed in parts by the December of the year, and issued as a whole in the January following. Up to livraison 72, the end of vol. vi., this was undoubtedly the case, but there our record ceases, and there is plenty of evidence to show that the remaining 78 livraisons (there were 150 in all) came out in less than four years. We therefore urge the advisability of adhering to the dates of the *completed volumes* rather than to any speculative date of livraisons. Sets dated 1861 are merely re-issues with new titlepages.

* No doubt omitted in due course by publisher, and supplied later by request.