

## BOOK NOTICE.

JACOBSON, G. G., AND BIANCHI, V. L. Orthoptera and Pseudoneuroptera of the Russian Empire and adjacent countries. After Dr. K. Tümpel's "Die Geradflügler Mittel-Europas," Part I., pp. 1-80, tab. I.-V. St. Petersburg, 1902. Ed. by A. Devrient, 4to. (in Russian). Price, complete work, about \$7.

The authors of this work have for their object to collect all possible information concerning the fauna of the superorders of Orthoptera and Pseudoneuroptera in the above-named geographical limits, and to give the keys for identification of all species inhabiting this extensive area, comprising almost all Europe (except south-west) and the north of Asia to the Himalayas and Central China.

The first part of the work, just published, contains introduction, keys to the nine orders, an almost exhaustive bibliography of the subject (over 921 Nos. concerning the Orthoptera genuina alone), and an account of the order Dermaptera—"earwigs." The latter is accompanied also with a bibliographical list (166 Nos.) and the keys to the genera and all the species inhabiting the above-mentioned countries. The account of the geographical distribution over the vast Asiatic portion of Russia is of great interest, being quite new and elucidating some important facts in this respect. The synonymy, very surprising in certain cases, is based on the strong laws of priority.

Taking into consideration the great faunic affinity of both the North American and Eurasian continents, we must acknowledge this work, when continued and completed with the same skill and accuracy, will be very useful to every investigator of these insects in North America. The Russian language will not offer any great inconvenience to the serious student of these orders.

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