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THE present publication is the first part of a work on North American Diptera in process of preparation by Dr. H. Loew, of Meseritz, Prussia (one of the highest living authorities on the subject), undertaken at the especial request of the Smithsonian Institution. The materials have been derived principally from the collection of Baron R. Osten Sacken, of the Russian Legation in Washington, kindly intrusted to the author for examination.

As explained by Dr. Loew, the work will appear in monographs of genera and families, sufficient materials being at hand for illustrating particular groups only, without relation to their systematic sequence.

The Institution is under obligations to Baron Osten Sacken for editing the work, adding species described by Dr. Loew subsequent to the reception of his manuscript, and for correcting the proofs. He has also added a monograph of the *Cecidomyiidae*, a group of much interest, and one to which it was considered of importance to call the early attention of investigators.

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