

Lyons, France, who, with Mr. Fall, of Pasadena, California, is one of the few living entomologists who is thoroughly familiar with this family of Coleoptera. He divides it into five tribes and 22 genera, and recognizes about 440 species; the plate, which is clearly executed, gives the characters of all the genera.

Part 4 contains only three pages and a plate, and gives a description and illustrations, by Mr. P. Wytzman, of the genus *Leptocircus*, which forms the subfamily Leptocircinæ of the Papilionidæ (Lepidoptera, Rhopalocera). The plate gives excellent figures of each of the six species of these beautiful Oriental butterflies, with the venation and other details.

These two parts are in French, but we were in error in stating in our notice of Part 1 that French was to be the language employed in the work. Each contributor will write in English, French or German, whichever may be most convenient to him.

Parts 5 and 6, which are about to be issued, will be devoted to the Lepidoptera. In the former, Dr. A. Pagenstecher takes up the Libytheidæ and divides the family into three genera, *Libythea*, *Hypatus* and *Dichora*. He recognizes only ten species, all the others being considered to be varieties. The text (four pages) will be illustrated with a beautiful coloured plate.

Part 6 will contain a very extended study of the Ornithopterinae, the subfamily of the Papilionidæ which includes some of the most magnificent butterflies in the world, by Mr. Robert Rippon, of London, England, the author of the great work, "Icones Ornithopterorum." He has paid great attention to these "Butterflies of Paradise," as he calls them, and as the result of his studies divides the group into six genera: 1, *Drurya* (2 species); 2, *Schoenbergia* (4 sp. and 3 varieties); 3, *Ornithoptera* (11 sp. and 11 vars.); 4, *Etheoptera* (3 sp.); 5, *Trogonoptera* (2 sp.); 6, *Pompeoptera* (24 sp. and 16 vars.). The part will be illustrated with two beautifully-coloured plates.

The plan adopted for this great work is certainly excellent, as each family, or subfamily, will be treated by the best specialist known, in whatever part of the world he may be. It is an immense undertaking, and the enterprising publisher should receive the support of all the important libraries in every country.