

CONCLUSION

There is, perhaps, no other group of freshwater invertebrates which yields so easily new facts and interesting biological features as the Crustacea; not only in the Arctic, but generally. Their seemingly erratic and sporadic occurrence; the influence of the various seasons of the year upon their life-cycles; the sudden "blooming forth" of certain forms in tremendous numbers in the spring and early summer, and their disappearance as suddenly in the fall; these and other points have long made these freshwater-invertebrates particularly fascinating for study.

It will be seen from the preceding pages, that the Phyllopods occurring in the Arctic present as interesting, biological features as these from farther south, though for certain species our information is as yet incomplete. For anybody who spends a whole year in the Arctic there should also be something inspiring in the fact, so easily ascertained, that the rich life in bodies of fresh water, not to speak of the sea, continues all the year round, in spite of a low temperature and of many feet of ice covering them; and that each spring and summer invariably brings there also that exuberant vigor and fullness of life which is the characteristic of all living beings under favourable natural conditions.

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