

comparatively simple means of identification is thus being put into the hands of working entomologists.

In this monograph one hundred and forty-five species and varieties belonging to sixteen genera are described. Excellent figures are given of the genitalia in one hundred and thirty-eight cases. The species can be readily divided into eight groups by not restricting the separation to generic characters but by using the most salient and easily recognizable characters that can be found. In a large number of cases the female has not been described, and the author rightly admits the possibility of errors occurring through the identification of females with the wrong males, as few pairs collected *in copula* exist in the collections he has examined, which collections, by the way, include the chief collections of Sarcophagidæ on this continent.

Ninety-five new species are described and several new varieties. Five of these new species and one new variety occur in Canada.

When we remember that in the author's Catalogue of North American Diptera, one hundred and six nominal species of Sarcophaga were listed and that hardly more than half a dozen of these had been described in a manner that would permit recognition, the extent of our indebtedness to him for this contribution will be readily appreciated. He has placed both systematists and economic workers under a debt of gratitude for his painstaking work which will undoubtedly stimulate others to study this group of flies, the investigation of whose habits is rapidly disclosing the economic importance of the group.

We cannot conclude this review without remarking on the excellent manner in which the monograph is printed and bound, and we hope that this standard will be maintained in future volumes of this series. It is unfortunate that in the author's desire to make the work immediately available, a number of typographical errors have been overlooked, and we think that the inclusion of an outline sketch of *Sarcophaga* would have added to the value of the introductory description.

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