

associating with him Mr. Leng, who had for some time been working on the Weevils of the Atlantic Coast, he has been able to extend the scope of the volume so as to include the United States and Canada, east of the Mississippi River, thus going far beyond the bounds of the State of Indiana, to whose Coleopterous fauna the previous book was confined. The volume contains 682 pages and is illustrated with 155 figures.

In their introduction the authors state that their "primary object has been to furnish to students and tyros in Entomology a simple manual which would enable them in the most direct way possible to arrange, classify and determine the scientific names of the weevils in their collections." In accordance with this design the work begins with an explanation of the external anatomy of these beetles, with clear figures of the various structures. After a careful study of these details the reader will be able to go on and make good use of the book. Four families are recognized, namely, the Brenthidæ, Anthribidæ, Curculionidæ and Scolytidæ; to the third of these over five hundred pages are devoted, and descriptions are given of 856 species distributed among thirteen sub-families.

According to the plan of the work, a general description of each family is given, followed by keys to the genera, which in turn are described and usually illustrated with a characteristic figure, assisting materially in their recognition. After the genus a key is given to the species, followed by descriptions, with an account of their geographical range, habits, dates of capture and other particulars. By a careful use of the keys, a species may be run down and a specimen identified with comparatively little difficulty.

At the end of the volume there is a Bibliography of the works that have been referred to, and Indexes to the Plants affected by weevils, the Families, Sub-families, Tribes and Genera.

We may justly congratulate the authors on the completion of such an excellent work, which must have involved a very large amount of most painstaking labour. The book will be eagerly welcomed by all entomologists who are interested in this division of the Coleoptera, and should render more popular the collection and study of the Rhyncophora now that facilities for doing so are admirably supplied.

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