

# BIOLOGIA CENTRALI-AMERICANA.

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## ZOOLOGIA.

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Class INSECTA.

Order COLEOPTERA.

Tribe RHYNCHOPHORA.

Fam. CURCULIONIDÆ.

Subfam. ATTELABINÆ.

### ATTELABUS.

*Attelabus*, Linnæus, Syst. Nat. ed. xii. 1, p. 619 (1767) ; Olivier, Ent. v. p. 5.

*Chyphus*, Thunberg, Act. Ups. vii. p. 110.

*Cyphus*, Bedel, Faune Col. Seine, vi. pt. 2, p. 23<sup>1</sup>.

*Attelabus* is at present a genus of more than 100 species, distributed over the continental regions of the world, and no doubt numerous in the tropics, as there are many undescribed species extant in collections. South America and the Antilles have yielded at present the larger proportion of its representatives.

Bedel<sup>1</sup> has recently proposed to transfer the name *Attelabus* to the allied genus *Apoderus*, on the ground that in the tenth edition of the 'Systema Naturæ' an insect now referred to *Apoderus* was the representative of *Attelabus*. In the Munich Catalogue, which I here follow, the origin of the genus is assigned to the twelfth edition of the 'Systema Naturæ'; or the genus may be credited to Olivier, whose work really inaugurated the modern arrangement of the genus and its allies. Either course appears sufficiently satisfactory, and enables us to avoid the confusion caused by Bedel's proceeding [which involves the alteration of some hundreds of names of species of Curculionidæ—*Apoderus* being called *Attelabus*, *Attelabus Chyphus* (emended to *Cyphus*), and *Cyphus Neocyphus*], so that I have no doubt the course I now adopt will receive the sanction of Coleopterists.

Attempts have been made in a more or less distinct manner to subdivide the genus ;