

# BIOLOGIA CENTRALI-AMERICANA.

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## ZOOLOGIA.

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### Class INSECTA.

#### Order ORTHOPTERA (continued).

#### Fam. ACRIDIIDÆ\*.

The family Acridiidae among the Orthoptera is one of the most extensive and important groups of insects belonging to the order. Although considerable attention has already been devoted to them by entomologists, they remain little known when compared with the other related families. This is perhaps largely due to the fact that Dr. H. de Saussure, our most active worker in Orthoptera during recent years, has devoted his energies to the Blattidae, Mantidae, Gryllidae, and Locustidae. It is also quite probable that the material difference in haunts and habits among the various species of locusts, as compared with the insects belonging to the families just named, renders them less conspicuous. This being the case, the general collector passes many forms by when otherwise he might have observed and taken them.

Although the material submitted to the writer by the Editors is less complete than could be desired, this deficiency has been in a measure made good by the study of a number of public and private collections. Especially deserving mention are those of the United States National Museum, the California Academy of Sciences, the American Museum of Natural History in New York, and the Museo Nacional, Tacubaya, Mexico. Of the private collections, those furnished by Dr. Henri de Saussure, of Geneva, Switzerland; Samuel H. Scudder, Cambridge, Massachusetts;

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