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Part II. Taxonomy and classification of the Parandrinae, Prioninae, Spondylinae and Asemiae, 19: 1-102, 1962, 34 fig., 1 pl. $2.50.


The above excellent volumes are part of a series in process of publication by Dean Linsley. Part I deals with methods and materials, biology and ethology, structural adaptations, geographic distribution, fossil forms, historic background of classification, phylogenetic relationships of higher categories, acknowledgements, and a terminal bibliography of literature cited in the Introduction. A comprehensive bibliography is to appear in the last part.

Part II contains a key to all subfamilies, also keys to tribes, genera and subgenera, species and subspecies of the four subfamilies treated in this part. Descriptions of genera, subgenera, species and subspecies with synonymy and references are given as well as distribution and host plants.

Part III includes a key to North American Cerambycinae. Eleven tribes are treated to conform systematically to Part II. Two new genera are proposed.

These papers contain just about all there is to know concerning this Family. The maps showing distribution are most helpful in identification as are the good illustrations and excellent plates. The volumes show the result of many years of hard work and painstaking effort on the part of the author. He is to be highly commended for it.

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