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FURTHER CHANGES IN CRUSTACEAN
NOMENCLATURE.

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The changes in nomenclature which have been made by Miss Rathbun* necessitate further remarks in regard to the fate of the isopod genera *Idotea* Fabricius 1798 and *Ligia* Fabricius 1798.

It has been pointed out in the paper referred to above that *Idotea* Fabricius 1798 is preoccupied, *Idotea* Weber 1795 † having been previously used for a genus of crabs. It appears that in 1796 in the "Index Alphabeticus" to the "Entomologia Systematica emendata et aucta," Fabricius mentions the genus *Idothea* S. (p. 86), the letter S referring to the "Supplementum." *Idothea* here is a *nomen nudum*, the description of the genus appearing two years later with the different spelling *Idotea*. *Idothea* in the index undoubtedly refers to *Idotea* in the "Supplementum" and as *Idothea* is the correct spelling according to the derivation of the word, it seems more than likely that the omission of the letter *h* from *Idothea* in the "Supplementum" was an error. Moreover in the "Index Alphabeticus" of the "Supplementum," published in 1799, we find again the

* Some changes in Crustacean Nomenclature, Proc. Biol. Soc. Washington, XVII, pp. 169-172, 1904.

† Nomenclator entomologicus secundum Entomologiam systematicam ill. Fabricii adjectis speciebus recens detectis et varietatibus, Kiel and Hamburg, 1795.

spelling *Idothea*,* which may be considered a correction of *Idotea* in the text. In view of this fact *Idothea* Fabricius 1799 can be considered the earliest synonym of *Idotea* Fabricius 1798 and the genus can be retained as an isopod genus with the spelling *Idothea* Fabricius 1799, which is then distinct from *Idotea* Weber 1795.

Ligia Fabricius 1798 must be abandoned as a genus of Isopods, as Miss Rathbun has pointed out. I find that the earliest synonym is one quite similar to the genus of Fabricius and heretofore has been supposed to be a *nomen nudum*. *Ligyda* is suggested by Rafinesque † in place of the shorter *Ligia*, and is equivalent in every respect to the genus of Fabricius. The name *Ligyda* Rafinesque 1815 may therefore be used for the preoccupied *Ligia* Weber.

* Norman, A. M., British Isopoda of the Families Ægidæ, Cirolanidæ, Idoteidæ, and Areturidæ, Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist., ser. 7, XIV, p. 441, 1904.

† Analyse de la Nature ou Tableau de l'Univers et des corps organisés, p. 101, Palerme, 1815.