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Research is a labour of love. Strange then to find it all done nowadays as a labour of wages! Must love, too, be a matter of cash? Does the lover demand a wage before espousing the maiden of his choice? By Heaven! it has come to that. Is not such a one now before us, a lover of insects at Cairns *demanding* and getting his cold thousand, with perquisites, before he will so much as embrace a single gnat? Do not I see other lovers doing the like, bargaining for their loves, all over the habitable globe? 'Tis ruinous. Will not offspring be scarcer and scarcer, bastardy at that, the mothers prostitutes? What a spectacle! In the meanwhile, all true loves may go to the Devil; incidentally, also all men and all things whatsoever without cash.

But who cannot see that these copper-hunting men are not true lovers, but only poachers, snarers, and cunning trappers (not likely to become good fathers!)? Courage, Huntsmen!

Nature is to be explored and known by mankind, not only because she holds so much food and means for living, but also, and mostly, because she is the expression of the majesty of the mystical All. Are these chalcid-flies below but so many more parasites with which it is hoped to increase our already superfluous wealth? Far other I see them.

RICHTERIA.

Like *Polynema* but hind wings somewhat as in *Mymar*, blade beyond venation a fringeless, filiform part, nearly two-thirds whole; fore-wings fringeless, save behind. Small, appendages not elongate. *R. lamennaisi*, black, tarsi yellowish; fore-wings deeply bifasciate, 1 about half 2, latter near apex, concaved distad; funicle 2 twice 1, latter equal pedicel. Forest, Manly, Queensland, September 7th, 1920.

ORMYRUS LANGLANDI.

As *australiensis* but green, save tarsi, knees, tibial tips; propodeum with 5 weak median striae, abdomen noncarinate, densely punctulate, but large foveae sparse and faint: 2, none, 3 a line dorso-laterad; 4 with 2, 5 with 4, 6, 3; 3 cross-linear, 5 largest. Watsonville, Queensland, forest, March.

NEOCASCA SHILLINGSWORTHI.

Orange, wings clear, femur 3 save apex, abdomen dark; antennae, legs save tarsi, tibial tips and knees, dusky; occiput, dot behind lateral ocellus, pronotum, a wedge from base to apex scutum, axillae, sides of thorax and a spot apex scutellum each side of meson, black. Fore-wings 14 lines uniform cilia, fringes one-third width. Stigmal neck subobsolete. As *multiguttata*. Meringa, Queensland, December 24th, 1918. Caught by stealth on a window in an entomological laboratory. Named for J. F. Illingworth, of Nelson, North Queensland.

SHILLINGSWORTHIA.

Like *Polynema* but petiole, head, abdomen, mandibles absent. *S. shillingsworthi*, blank, vacant, inaneness perfect. Nulliebiety remarkable, visible only from

certain points of view. Shadowless. An airy species whose flight cannot be followed except by the winged mind. From a naked chasm on Jupiter, August 5th, 1919.

This so thin genus is consecrated to Doctor Johann Francis Illingworth, in these days remarkable for his selfless devotion to entomology, not only sacrificing all of the comforts of life, but as well his health and reputation to the uncompromising search for truth and for love of "those filmy people of the air." Honour him!

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