

## THE MAXILLA IN RHYNCHOPHOUS COLEOPTERA.

To the Editor of Psyche:

In Vol. XI. of *Psyche*, in the paper by Miss McClenahan on the development of the rostrum in *Rynchophorus* Coleoptera, there is used a nomenclature of parts of the maxilla that is probably in part incorrect. As I am responsible for this usage, I wish to make this explanation. Miss McClenahan's study was a developmental one and did not concern itself with the tips of the maxilla. Her time was limited to the very little that is available for work on an undergraduate thesis. I was busy with other investigations, and when the need of names for these maxillary sclerites arose, I told her to follow some authority, and to concentrate her study upon the developmental problem. The papers she used were mostly borrowed, and I do not now remember the source of the nomenclature copied. Since her paper was published both Miss McClenahan and myself have received a number of letters, making inquiry as to the reasons for her apparent interpretation of homologies. Looking into the matter now, it appears that what is called the galea of the maxilla in her paper, should be called the palpus; the galea having disappeared through fusion with the lacinia in the *Rynchophorus* Coleoptera, although still preserved separately in some other coleopterous larvae. In this conclusion Miss McClenahan now concurs.

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## A NOTE FROM STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

The entomological collections and laboratories at Stanford University suffered practically no injury from the recent earthquake in California. The Stanford buildings which were wrecked were the great Memorial arch, the famous church, and three large new buildings in course of erection (library, gymnasium and museum). University work will begin again on August 23, the regular date for the opening of the next college year.

(Signed)

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