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STUDIES IN THE POLYTHORIDAE

A SYNOPSIS OF THE FAMILY, WITH KEYS TO GENERA AND SPECIES, INFORMATION ON TYPES, AND THE DESCRIPTION OF A NEW SPECIES.²

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During the past four years, there have been opportunities to examine the type specimens of almost all of the species of the *Polythoridae*. Hundreds of specimens of this group (in which species and records in the past have been based frequently upon single specimens or very small series), have been assembled for study. A monograph of the family is in progress. However, as considerable time will be required for the completion of this project, a series of shorter papers will be published in the interim. These will make available to other workers the conclusions from the study of the types and other historical specimens and thus assure that identifications and published records by other workers may be correlated with the conclusions of the author.

A. THE FAMILY POLYTHORIDAE

Legion *Thore* SELYS, 1853, Syn Cal.: 68
Thorinae NEEDHAM, 1903, Proc. U. S. nat. Mus., 26: 746.
Polythorinae MUNZ, 1919, Mem. Am. ent. Soc., 3: 10.
Polythoridae TILLYARD and FRASER, 1939, Aust. Zool., 9: 208.

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