5. Tibiae posticae, spinis validis armatae, inter spinas haud serratae.—**Gryllinae.**
   (Gen. *Acanthoplistus.*)

5, 5. Tibiae posticae graciles, spinis gracilibus armatae, inter spinasque serrulatae.—**Ecanthinæ.**

1, 1. Tarsorum secundus articulus depressus, cordiformis.

2. Tibiae posticae haud serratae, biseriatim spinosæ.

3. Spinis utrinque 3 mobilibus; calcaribus apicalibus in latere interno tantum 2. Ovipositor brevis, incurvus.—**Trigoninæ.**


2, 2. Tibiae posticae utrinque serratae ac spinosæ; calcaribus apicalibus ut solitum utrinque 3. Ovipositor rectus vel incurvus.—**Enopterinæ.**

Tribus **Gryllotalpiniæ.**


The Gryllotalpiniæ are of subterranean habits and are partial to water*. The species of the first group (*Gryllotalpites*, Sss.) are furnished with a clothing of velvety hairs, which protects them while burrowing. They swim admirably well, their anterior feet being as well adapted for swimming as for digging. The species of the group Tridactilites are entirely aquatic. They live on the sandy shores of rivers, digging galleries in the sand and running, or rather skating, on the surface of the liquid element. When submerged by waves or the whirl of the current, they swim admirably with their hind tibiae, which are sometimes furnished with articulated paddles, acting like oars; or they dart through the water—their very strong hind legs enabling them to take enormous leaps—till they reach the surface again.

**Gryllotalpa**, Latr. et auctt.

*Gryllotalpa*, Latreille et auctt. (1807).

*Curilla*, Oken, Lehrbuch, iii. 1, p. 445 † (1815).

1. **Gryllotalpa hexadactyla**, Perty.


* To obtain specimens of the European *Gryllotalpa* it is only necessary to throw water on the paths between the flower-beds of gardens and to cover the wetted places with pieces of board; in the morning some of these insects are almost sure to be found under the boards dispersing themselves in the mud.

† This name is older than *Gryllotalpa*, having been employed by authors anterior to Linnaeus. It is derived from *curtis*, garden, *curtilla*, gardener. The French word *courtilière* is derived from this.