differ from each other, as also from the typical genus, by the different development of the phyllopodous or branchial legs. While in the one form, Paranebalia, both the endopodal and exopodal parts of these limbs are very elongate, so as somewhat to approach the form of the legs met with in the Euphausiidæ, these parts are in the other form Nebaliopsis, so very much reduced as to cause these limbs to appear as merely simple, slightly lobular plates. We have thus, as regards these limbs in the recent Phyllocarida, a series of modifications tending in the one case to render them apparently more adapted for the prehension of food, in the other case to restrict their function to solely respiratory purposes; the genus Nebalia occupying in this respect an intermediate position.

According to this difference in the structure of the branchial legs, the three recent genera of Phyllocarida may be characterised as follows:—

