

Crustacea, I am inclined to agree on the whole with the suggestion set forth by Dr. A. Packard in his valuable treatise on the Phyllopod Crustacea of North America, believing that the Nebaliidæ may have descended from some Copepod-like ancestors, whereas they do not show any relation whatever to the Podophthalmia, the latter having in all probability developed independently by a separate line from some Nauplius- or Zoea-like form. From the same stem that gave origin to the Nebaliidæ, I think that also the other Branchiopoda may be derived, the latter having apparently become rather considerably modified in various ways to adapt them to the somewhat exceptional conditions under which they live, whereas the Nebaliidæ have still preserved much of the external appearance which may have distinguished the progenitors of the order, while their internal organisation has become much more modified.