

The Economic Status of the Gryllotalpinae.

The family Gryllidae is separated from the remainder of the Orthoptera Saltatoria by the possession of three jointed tarsi and an exerted acicular ovipositor. The sub-family Gryllotalpinae is aberrant in respect that the ovipositor is concealed and the femora of the posterior legs are not markedly elongated while the prothorax and its appendages, the fore-legs are strongly adapted to the burrowing habit of these insects.

Some eleven species of four genera have assumed the status of agricultural pests and found a place in the literature of economic entomology.