

THE GENUS *AGELLUS*, GEN. NOV.

(HOMOPTERA, CICADELLIDAE.)

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In a recent number of the Journal of Science, January, 1933, the writers discussed the genus *Eugnathodus* (p. 55). A new name was suggested and description offered for the species which Baker apparently had in mind when he described the Genus *Eugnathodus*. At that time it was thought desirable to let the genus name stand if possible to prevent confusion in literature. But further study and consideration has revealed the fact that according to opinions 14 and 65 of the international code of Zoological Nomenclature, *E. abdominalis* V. D., must remain the type of the genus *Eugnathodus* since definite specimens were not designated although undoubtedly used.* *Eugnathodus* Baker consequently must be made a synonym of *Balclutha* Kirk and the name *Agellus* is here proposed for the genus previously designated *Eugnathodus* and which was described briefly in the paper cited above.

It is closely allied to *Balclutha*, but differs in the following respects: Vertex more broadly rounded and scarcely produced before the anterior margins of the eyes and anterior and posterior margins almost parallel, head slightly broader than pronotum, lateral posterior angles of pronotum not wider than vertex. General venation as in *Balclutha* with inner sector of elytra not forked, two ante-apical cells being produced. Oedagus of internal genitalia with dorsal, basal, protruding processes. In *Balclutha* the basal portion is enlarged and may extend dorsally but without finger processes.

Type of genus *Agellus neglecta* DeL. and Dav.

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