

## BOOK REVIEWS

### THE ZOOLOGICAL RECORD Volume 103 Section 12 for 1966, ARACHNIDA.

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This section of the Zoological Record published in December 1968 will be of interest to all members of our Society. The pattern follows that of previous years listing all papers received by the Zoological Society from authors throughout the world. There is the usual Authors' Index, cross referenced to a Subject Index and a Systematic Index. It is interesting to note the numerous papers by those whom some of us were privileged to meet at the 4th Congress of Arachnology in Paris in 1968. This paper-backed volume has 51 pages each with a double column covering the Authors' Index. The remaining 53 pages cover the Subject and Systematic Index to species level.

Following recent records of Arctic species on British mountains, one paper by R.E. Leech on the spiders of the Hazen Camp area, Ellesmere Island of North America (inside the Polar circle) will be of particular interest. It is only one of the many papers which this writer, at least, will wish to read. On the other hand, the lack of records, other than for mites, from the Antarctic regions is noticeable.

Our thanks are once again due to Mr. Browning for his excellent work in making these very valuable classified reference lists so readily available.

J.R.PARKER

### A GUIDE TO SPIDERS AND THEIR KIN.

A small book which ought to be on every arachnologist's bookshelf has recently been published in America. "A Guide to Spiders and their Kin" by Dr. & Mrs. Levi is the latest volume in the highly successful 'Golden Nature Guide' series and although virtually all its 160 pages are in full colour the price has been kept down to only one dollar.

As the title implies, spiders take up the greater part of the book with an understandable bias towards American species, but European species are not neglected and every family of spiders is covered. The text, although necessarily brief, is authoritative and the profusion of colour illustrations, supplemented by line drawings of anatomical features, are extremely life-like. In addition to covering all the arachnid orders, space is also given to myriapods and terrestrial crustacea (wood lice). In short, this well produced book is to be strongly recommended.

J.A.L.COOKE

### RAY SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS.

In response to a demand for two important Ray Society publications out of print for some time, THE COMITY OF SPIDERS (2 Vols) by W.S. Bristowe (publications 126 & 128) and BRITISH SPIDERS (2 Vols) by G.H. Locket and A.F. Millidge (publications 135 & 137) are now available in reprint cloth bound at £7.13s.Od. and £8.10s.Od. per set, respectively, from Walter J. Johnson Ltd., Berkeley Square House, Berkeley Square, London, W.1. Postage and packing free in U.K., extra for overseas orders.