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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Excerpt from Papers From the Department of Marine Biology of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, Vol. 8 The Rhizocephala are a group of undoubted Cirripedes having nevertheless a structure and life-history in which the departure from the normal type is probably greater than in any other parasitic Crustacea. They are found upon Decapod Crustacea and in the adult form have lost all trace of segmentation and appendages. Each one consists of an external sac communicating by a peduncle with an internal root system which traverses the body of the host and absorbs food from the blood. The absence of an alimentary canal and the development of an absorptive root system are characters which have been independently acquired in other parasitic Crustacea, to wit, the Copepods Herpyllohius and Rhizorhina, which yet retain signs of segmentation and vestigial appendages. Moreover, in some parasitic Isopods Wanalia and Cryptoniscus) and in the Cirripede Anelasma there is an incipient root system, although the gut does not degenerate. The modification of the reproductive phenomena is very considerable in the Rhizocephala, for it has involved...



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