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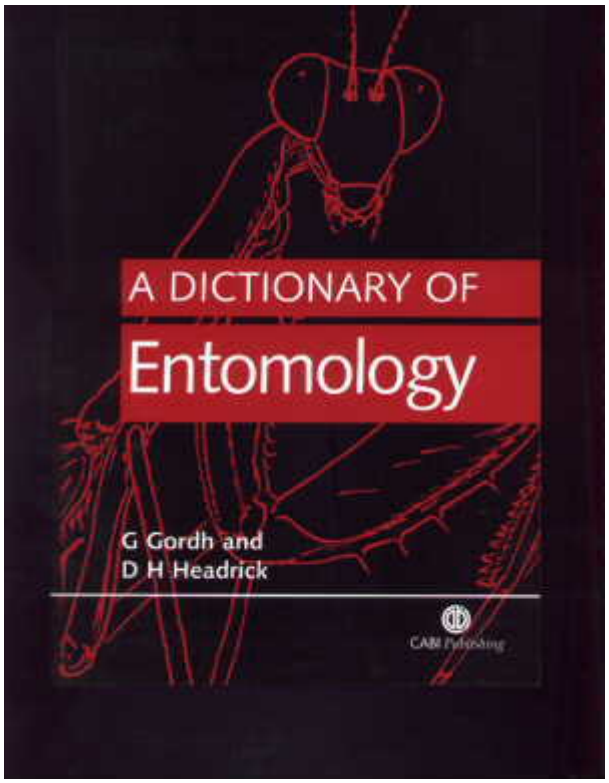

A Dictionary of Entomology (**ADE**) is the result of more than 25 years of hard work and dedication by Gordon Gordh. Initially he collected the terms on index cards before transferring them to computer. David H. Headrick assisted Gordon Gordh in this endeavor. The term dictionary in general connotes the alphabetically arranged listing of words with their meaning, authentic information in brief with, but to my pleasant surprise the ADE which contains about 43,000 definitions and 28,000 terms, names and phrases used in entomology is a sort of encyclopedia for many of the terms. For the chemicals and insecticides used in entomology the description includes history, chemical names, list of generic compounds, mechanism of action, symptoms, treatment, management of poisoning and cross references for the related terms. The terms listed includes from the major sub disciplines of entomology e.g. behavioral, biochemistry, ecology, morphology, physiology, taxonomy etc. Terms from the newer branches of entomology and molecular biology have also been included.

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ADE gives common names of insects, with their taxonomic classification, the origin of the terms borrowed and used from other languages. It also provides details of scientists in the field of entomology.

I could find almost all the terms related to **medical entomology** with an exception of "chiggerosis" though "chigger" was there. Some of the terms have been very clearly explained like propagative, cyclopropagative, cyclodevelopmental modes of transmission etc. To my surprise many disease related terms in ADE briefly describes the clinical features, symptoms, treatment, as well as vector control measures.

There are two appendices containing references (1) Journal titles that are abbreviated in the text. (2) List of common names and their references.

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