The majority of the Anthocyrtida may be derived from the Polyspyrida (Petalospyris, &c.) by reduction of the cephalis and loss of the sagittal ring, as was suggested by Bütschli (1882, loc. cit.). But another part may also have arisen from the Tripocyrtida, by interpolation of secondary radial apophyses between the three primary perradial apophyses. The cephalis in this family is developed in all possible degrees, from one of a considerable size to one very much reduced. If it becomes perfectly lost, the Cyrtocalpida arise.

Synopsis of the Genera of Anthocyrtida.

		Shell flat, campanulate or nearly discoidal (cephalis without horn),	558. Sethophormis.
		Shell ovate, with constricted mouth (without horn),	559. Sethamphora.
I. Subfamily Sethophormida. Terminal mouth of the thorax a simple wide opening.	Radial ribs smooth (rarely thorny) enclosed in the wall of the thorax (cephalis commonly small, without horns).	Shell slender Meshes of the network simple, .	560. Sethopyramis.
		pyramidal, with straight ribs. trated by secondary lattice work,	561. Plectopyramis.
		Meshes closed by spongy framework, .	562. Spongopyramis.
	Radial ribs thorny (rarely smooth) prolonged into free terminal feet (cepha-	Shell not enveloped by arachnoidal network,	563. Acanthocorys.
	lis commonly large, with Sone or more horns).	Shell enveloped by arachnoidal network,	564. Arachnocorys.
		Feet Six feet, .	565. Anthocyrtoma.
	No ribs in the thorax. Peristome with free terminal feet. Cephalis well-developed, with an apical horn.	terminal, without Nine feet, .	566. Anthocyrtis.
		separate peristome. Twelve or more feet,	567. Anthocyrtium.
		Feet subterminal, outside the constricted peristome, .	568. Anthocyrtidium.
	Cephalis rudimentary, hidden in the upper part of the thorax, without horn, .		569. Carpocanium.
II. Subfamily Sethophænida. Terminal mouth closed by a lattice-plate.	Thorax with lateral apophyse	es (four to six or more wings), .	570. Sethophæna.
	Thorax with terminal apoph	571. Clistophæna.	