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A NOTE ON THE ORIENT GENUS *BAKERELLA* WOMERSLEY

(Apterygota, Thysanura)

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Recently P. WYGODZINSKY has described some new species of Thysanura from Afghanistan. He has shown also that the Lepismatid genus *Bakerella* forms part of that fauna. I take this opportunity to discuss the status of the generic name in question.

The name *Bakerella* WOMERSLEY (1928) was proposed for a genus of Thysanuran insects from the New Hebrides, the type of which is *B. andersonae* WOMERSLEY (1928). WOMERSLEY seems to have overlooked that the name he has proposed is preoccupied since 1914. Previous to its use by WOMERSLEY, the name *Bakerella* had been used by CRAWFORD in 1914 for a genus in the Hemiptera (Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus. 46: 601), and again by BOLIVAR, in the same year, for a genus in the Orthoptera (Trab. Mus. Madrid 20: 70). Later in 1930, WAGNER erected a genus *Bakerella* in the Siphonaptera (Mag. Parasit. Mus. Zool. Acad. Sci. URSS 1: 101 & 119). The names *Bakerella* BOLIVAR, *Bakerella* WOMERSLEY and *Bakerella* WAGNER, therefore, fall as homonyms. In the case of *Bakerella* BOLIVAR, a nomen novum has yet been proposed (*Luzoniella* KARNY, 1926, nec MELICHAR).

As a specialist in the subclass Apterygota, I propose the new name **Apteryskenoma** for *Bakerella* WOMERSLEY (Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist., Ser. 10, Vol. 2, no. 7, p. 56, 1928) of which the genotype is *Bakerella andersonae* WOMERSLEY.

The name *Apteryskenoma* is derived from "aptery-gos" = wingless and "skénoma" = a lepidopteron (papilio), and is, like *Lepisma*, of the neuter gender.

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