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Nomenclature is not science, and those scientists who trouble themselves to bring order to the names of extensive groups of organisms are sometimes looked down upon by other scientists who, nevertheless, are willing enough to use the fruits of the nomenclaturists' labors. But praise, not scorn, should be the lot of the nomenclaturists, for they provide the basis for stabilizing the use of names, and this is an invaluable service. Thus, I am pleased to draw attention to the above work, described as "an exhaustive list of the generic names proposed for the Order Collembola, with full citations and records of type species of each nominal genus. Some frequently encountered misspellings are included in the list. A number of cases of homonymy are reported" (quoted from the abstract). A single page introduction is followed by the generic names, presented in alphabetical order. The volume concludes with a list of the type species, in alphabetical order of specific epithets.

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