

Orthid brachiopods from the Upper Visean (Carboniferous) of the Świętokrzyskie Mts., Poland

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Enteletid (four species) and rhipidomellid (one species) brachiopoda from the Gałęzice region, SW Świętokrzyskie Mts., have been described. Dominating genus *Schizophoria* is represented by *S. (Schizophoria) resupinata*, *S. (S.) keyserlingiana*, *S. (Paraschizophoria) woodi*, *S. (Pat.)* sp. A, *S. (Pocockia) linguata*, *S. (P.)* cf. *gibbera*. Six known morphological "varieties" or "forms" of *S. (S.) resupinata* have been described. They probably come from diverse environments. Most specimens collected belong to *S. (S.) resupinata* (Martin) forma typica and represent all stages of its ontogeny. The brachiopods have been collected from organodetritic limestones and calcareous-clayey deposits of the *Goniatites crenistria* and *G. striatus* zones. It is suggested that only *S. (S.) resupinata* f. *gigantea* may be stratigraphically characteristic of the Upper Visean of Europe.

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