

July, August, September, and October, 1888, and called attention to the acquisition of three specimens of Pallas's Sand-Grouse (*Syrrhaptes paradoxus*), captured out of the many flocks of this Asiatic bird that have lately visited the British Islands. — A letter was read from Prof. J. B. Steere, C.M.Z.S., giving a preliminary account of the „*Tamaron*“, a Bovine animal found in the Island of Mindoro, Philippines, which he believed to be allied to the Anoa of Celebes. — Mr. Edgar Thurston, C.M.Z.S., exhibited and made remarks upon a collection of Corals from the Gulf of Manar, Madras Presidency. — Mr. H. Seebohm exhibited and made remarks on a specimen of a new species of Pheasant (*Phasianus tarimensis*), obtained by General Przeczalsky at Lob Nor, Central Asia. — Mr. H. Seebohm also exhibited a specimen of a species of Plover new to the British Islands (*Vanellus gregarius*), which had been shot in Lancashire about 25 years ago, and had been previously supposed to be a Cream-coloured Courser. — Mr. J. W. Hulke, F.R.S., F.Z.S., read a paper on the Skeletal Anatomy of the Mesosuchian Crocodiles, based on fossil remains from the clays near Peterborough, in the collection of A. Leids, Esq., of Eyebury. The author remarked that within the primary divisions of the order the definition of species had, as Strauch had remarked twenty years ago in his excellent „Synopsis of Extant Crocodiles“, ever been one of the more difficult tasks of the systematic herpetologist. This he attributed largely to the mutability of the characters, chiefly external, employed; but principally to the inadequacy of the osteological material then available for the purpose. This latter want was at the present time scarcely less than when Strauch wrote, yet an exact and comprehensive acquaintance with the anatomy of the Mesosuchia must constitute the only secure and enduring basis of classification. In treating of extinct forms the difficulty was much increased. The collection of Mr. Leids contained a large series of crocodilian remains from the Oxford Clay in admirable preservation, which illustrated many anatomical details not to be learned from the skeletons embedded in slabs of rock contained in public museums. The author described a selection of bones from Mr. Leids's collection illustrative of the two chief families into which Messrs. Deslongchamps (père et fils) had divided the Teleosauria. The skeletal differences of the Teleosauria proper, and Metriorhynchi, and those existing between both these and the Eusuchian skeleton were pointed out; and the morphology of certain bones was discussed. — Mr. Oldfield Thomas, F.Z.S., read a paper on a collection of small Mammals obtained by Mr. William Taylor in Duval County, South Texas. The collection contained examples of one new species and one new geographical variety, besides adding no less than six species to the National Collection of Mammalia. — A communication was read from M. L. Taczanowski, C.M.Z.S., containing a supplementary list of the Birds collected in Corea by Mr. Jean Kalinowski. — P. L. Selater, Secretary.

#### Berichtigung.

In No. 291 Aufsatz von G. Baur ist zu corrigiren:

- p. 594, Zeile 25 v. o., Podocnemididae, statt Pelomedusidae,  
 p. 595, Anmerkung 10, *D. Mawi*, statt *D. Mauri*,  
 p. 597, Zeile 3 v. o.,  $t^4 + 5$ , statt  $t^4$ ,  $t^5$ .

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