

Contractionen scheinen aber trotzdem nur (oder wenigstens vornehmlich) an dem Herzen stattzufinden; über diesen Punkt sind neue Beobachtungen an lebenden Thieren, die mir zur Zeit nicht zur Verfügung stehen, erwünscht.

II. Mittheilungen aus Museen, Instituten etc.

1. Zoological Society of London.

3rd February, 1891. — The Secretary read a report on the additions that had been made to the Society's Menagerie during the month of January, 1891; and called special attention to a Yellow-crowned Penguin (*Eudyptes antipodum*), from Stewart Island, New Zealand, presented by Sir Henry Peek, Bart., F.Z.S., new to the collection. — A letter was read from Dr. Emin Pasha, C.M.Z.S., dated »Bussisi, October 6, 1890,« announcing the despatch to the Society of a collection of birds which he had made on his way up from the coast. — The Secretary exhibited, on behalf of Mr. J. W. Willis Bund, F.Z.S., a specimen of the Collared Petrel (*Oestrelata torquata*), which had been shot off the Welsh Coast in Cardigan Bay in December 1889, and was new to the British Avifauna. — A communication was read from Dr. R. W. Shufeldt, C.M.Z.S., containing remarks on the question of saurognathism of the Woodpeckers and other osteological notes upon that group. — Count T. Salvadori pointed out the characters of two new species of Parrots of the genus *Platycercus*, which he proposed to call *P. xanthogenys* and *P. erythropeplus*, both believed to be from Australia. — Mr. P. L. Sclater, F.R.S., gave an account of a collection of birds, from Tarapacá, Northern Chili, which had been made for Mr. H. Berkeley James, F.Z.S., by Mr. A. A. Lane. Fifty-three species were recorded as represented in the series, amongst which was a new Finch, proposed to be called *Phrygilus coracinus*. — Mr. F. E. Beddard gave an account of the pouch of the male Thylacine, from a specimen recently living in the Society's Menagerie. Mr. Beddard also described the brain of this animal, and pointed out its differences from the brains of other Marsupials. — P. L. Sclater, Secretary.



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