

two funnel-shaped receptacles of one litre capacity each may be secured and made to revolve with the shaft. The main portion of each of these receptacles is constructed of spun copper, tinned. When caused to revolve for one or two minutes the entire contents of suspended matter in the contained water is thrown to the bottom of tubes properly placed from which the amount may be read off by means of a graduated scale.

May 19th, 1896. — The collections made by Dr. A. Donaldson Smith in Western Somali Land and the Galla Country, north-eastern Africa, in 1894 were presented to the Academy. Dr. Smith spoke of the physical features of the region from which the specimens had been collected and gave briefly some facts regarding the habits of the animals observed by him. The several sections of the collection were commented on by the specialists of the Academy. The mammals are of unusual interest because these alone have not been studied by authorities elsewhere. They embrace fifty genera and about seventy species represented by over two hundred specimens. Seven genera and twelve species are new to American museums. The collection, except the bats, which are being studied by Dr. Harrison Allen, is in the hands of Mr. Samuel N. Rhoads who will furnish a detailed report on the material submitted to him. The birds have been studied by Mr. Bowdler Sharpe. One hundred and fifty specimens of about one hundred species have been given to the Academy. The insects embrace 871 specimens. The Hymenoptera are being studied by Mr. Wm. J. Fox who has determined eight species hitherto undescribed. A paper entitled. »The Planktonokrit, a centrifugal apparatus for the volumetric estimation of the food supply of oysters and other aquatic animals”, by Chas. S. Dolley M.D. was presented for publication.

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bleibt wegen Renovation sämtlicher Räumlichkeiten während der ganzen Dauer des Monats Juli für alle Besucher geschlossen. Vom 5. August ab können wissenschaftliche Arbeiten dort wieder vorgenommen werden. Herr Dr. Otto Zacharias ersucht uns, mitzutheilen: daß die Zeit vom 1. August bis Mitte September sich besonders gut zu Studien am Plankton des Großen Plöner Sees eigne, weil dann die limnetischen Algen, Protozoen, Räderthiere und Krebse in besonderer Massenhaftigkeit vorhanden zu sein pflegen. — Die für einen Arbeitsplatz pro Woche zu erlegende Gebühr beträgt 10 Mark.

4. Avis.

F. Geay, 89 rue Broca à Paris, se propose de partir en automne pour les régions inexplorées de la Guyane où il se propose de séjourner deux ans; il prie les zoologistes de lui faire connaître quels animaux pourraient les intéresser spécialement.

5. Demande.

On demande, pour l'expédition antarctique Belge, un Zoologiste expérimenté en matière de draguages en eau profonde. Adresser les offres et demandes de renseignements à M. de Gerlache, chef de l'expédition, à Saundefjord, Norwège.

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