

cimens of potatoes from Colo Vale, attacked by white ants (*Termites* sp.) while in the ground before being dug up.—Mr. Steel exhibited a fine collection of well-preserved and displayed Land Planarians, representing the species described in his paper, and illustrating the modes of preservation and the results after the use of the various preservative media advocated therein.—

Mr. Steel, Note on Peripatus.

"I desire to place on record the occurrence in New South Wales of *P. oviparus*, Dendy, the Victorian form of *Peripatus*. While collecting in January of this year, between Exeter and Bundanoon (Moss Vale District), on turning over a log I noticed a *Peripatus* which from its attitude and general appearance specially attracted my attention. This proved to be [a female specimen of the above species, and, so far as I am aware, this is the first occasion on which its occurrence in this colony has been definitely recorded. The lozenge-shaped pattern which characterises most of the specimens found in Victoria is well displayed; and the fact of the ovipositor being fully extruded in the specimen, which I now exhibit, is sufficient guarantee of its identity. When visiting the Australian Museum a few days ago I had an opportunity of examining the specimens of *Peripatus* preserved there, and I was interested in noticing that those collected by Mr. Helms in 1889 at Mt. Kosciusko belong to the same species. All of the females in the Museum collection from that locality, which I examined, have the ovipositor plainly visible, and in many of them it is fully extruded."

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Helgoland, den 1. Juni 1897.

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