

Subfamily *Cryptorhynchides* being in considerable confusion, it is proposed to examine and redescribe all the Australian genera and species referred to it. The genus *Poropterus* is treated of in the present communication, seventeen species being described as new. — 2) Botanical. — 3) Descriptions of some new Araneidae of New South Wales. No. 8. By W. J. Rainbow, Entomologist to the Australian Museum. Ten new species are described and figured, of which four are referable to the genus *Epcira*, three to *Argiope*, and one each to *Dicrostichus*, *Cheiracanthium*, and *Attus*. In addition to these, numerous specimens of architecture of spiders are described, and some figured, the families illustrated being the *Epeiridae*, *Drassidae*, *Attidae*, and *Thomisidae*. — 4) Note on the genus *Aphritis*, Cuv. & Val. By J. Douglas Ogilby. The author contends that whereas five different fishes have been assigned to the genus *Aphritis*, C. & V., by various authors, these are referable to but three distinct species, each of which represents a monotypic genus; he distributes them as follows:—*A. porosus* and *A. undulatus* lege *Eleginops maclovinus* (C. & V.), Gill; *A. Urvillii* and *A. Bassii* lege *Pseudaphritis Urvillii* (C. & V.); *A. gobio*, Gnth., differs greatly from *Pseudaphritis*, and must receive a new generic name. He concludes by suggesting that *Eleginus bursinus*, C. & V., is identical with *P. Urvillii*, in which case our species would have to be called *Pseudaphritis bursinus*. — 5) Notes on the Species of *Cypraea* inhabiting the Shores of Tasmania. By C. E. Beddome.—Mr. G. H. Halligan exhibited, for Mr. A. E. Flavell, a specimen of a recently hatched *Echidna* (about 50 mm from snout to tail, measured without straightening the specimen), together with the eggshell, both taken from the pouch on September 18th, 1897, at Gradgery, on Marthaguy Creek, County of Gregory, N.S.W. — Mr. North exhibited a specimen of the young in down of the Black-fronted Dotterel, *Aegialitis melanops*, Vieill., caught in the dry bed of Cook's River, at Enfield on the 19th inst. Also a beautiful nest of the Black-capped Honey-eater, *Melithreptus lunulatus*, Shaw, obtained in a Eucalyptus at Belmore on the 21st inst. It is of the usual cup-shaped form and is constructed almost entirely of white fowl's feathers and white cow-hair, matted and held together with fine strips of bark-fibre and a few pieces of string. — Mr. Fletcher exhibited some hymenopterous insects (Fam. *Thynnidae*) forwarded last week by Mr. C. F. Bolton, of Moorong, Wagga, as a sample of myriads closely clustered on the wires of his vineyard fence. They were thickest in one spot where the clustering swarms extended over a distance of about five feet on each of three wires—one above another. The insects evidently had recently emerged from their underground cocoons. Possibly on account of the mild winter they had made an appearance earlier than usual and in advance of the flowers. A week later some swarms were still to be seen on the wires.

Berichtigung.

In dem Aufsatz von Nassonow (Zool. Anz. No. 543) muß es p. 421, Zeile 14 und 15 von oben heißen: »wo die Thätigkeit der Leucocyten als Phagocyten sich anschließt« (anstatt »ausgeschlossen ist«).

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