

nical. — Mr. Froggatt exhibited leaves of a *Banksia* covered with the hairy tests of the larvae of an Homopterous insect of the family Aleyrodidae, the remarkable white filaments forming a hairy coat over the leaves. — Mr. North exhibited the skin of a fledgling Fan-tailed Cuckoo, *Cacomantis flabelliformis*, which he had caught on the 3rd instant in a gully at Chatswood. It was being fed by its foster-parents, a pair of Rock Warblers, *Origma rubricata*, whose nest was found in a dark recess in the rocks a few feet away. Usually the egg or young of this parasite is found in domed nests built in situations which are more or less exposed to the sun's rays. That it is not a solitary instance of this Cuckoo depositing its egg in the nest of this gloom-loving species is borne out by the fact that the same pair of Rock Warblers built again in a rocky chamber about two hundred yards away from their previous nesting site. On the 15th instant, and before the nest was quite finished, it contained an egg of *C. flabelliformis*, and on the 25th instant two eggs of *O. rubricata*, all of which were slightly incubated. This set of eggs was also exhibited. — Dr. Cox showed a fine specimen of, and communicated a Note on, *Voluta Bednalli*, Brazier, from Port Darwin, of which, as far as he knew, the specimen exhibited was the third example known, though the species was described in 1878. — Dr. Cox also contributed a Note on *Thersites pachystyla*, Pfr., var. *subfusco-zonata*, var. nov., from Queensland; and he exhibited an illustrative series of specimens, adult and young. — Dr. Cox also exhibited very fine specimens of what he looked upon as varieties of *Thersites bipartita*, Férussac, smaller than typical specimens, with the base very dark, and with a very dark, rather narrow band running parallel with the suture, the lip of the shell also inclined to a carnelian-pink. These specimens might lead off to what had been described as *Thersites Beddomei*, Braz., but the shell in question was found with larger specimens which gradually passed into the typical form. To illustrate the genus a large typical pair of *T. bipartita* were exhibited, with a pair of the same quite devoid of a dark base or coloured sutural band; also a pair subangulate at the periphery of the last whorl, from Cairns, and of large size; likewise a pair of the same of smaller size, very much resembling in colour, &c., the smaller forms of *Nanina ovum* from the Phillippine Islands; and two pairs of a smaller variety, and much more depressed than the type, which appeared to be referable to *T. Dunkiensis*, Forbes; also examples of *T. semicastanea*, and of *T. Bellendenkerensis*. — Mr. Rainbow exhibited specimens of two interesting spiders from the neighbourhood of Sydney, one (*Ariamnus flagellum*, Dolesch.) a long whip-like Theridion, the other (*Leptorchestes striatipes*, L. Koch) an ant-resembling Attid; and he communicated a Note on their characteristics and habits.

III. Personal-Notizen.

Necrolog.

Am 30. October starb in Magdeburg Prof. Dr. Paul Kramer, Provinzial-Schulrath, der bekannte Acaridolog.

Am 17. November starb in Rom Prof. Achille Costa, Director des R. Museo Zoologico di Napoli.

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