

## 2. Linnean Society of New South Wales.

April 26th, 1899. — 1) Contribution to Australian Ichthyology. By J. Douglas Ogilby. — 2) Botanical. — 3) Description of a new Ophiuran. By H. Farquhar. (Communicated by the Secretary.) The name *Ophioplocus Huttoni* is proposed for this addition to the Echinoderm Fauna of New Zealand. The genus was previously represented by two species — *O. imbricatus*, Müll. & Trosch., from the Californian coasts, and *O. Esmarki*, Lyman, which ranges throughout the Indo-Pacific Region, occurring on the northern coasts of Australia, New Caledonia, &c. Some supplementary observations and corrections to the author's previous paper are offered. — Dr. F. Tidswell gave a summary of what is known of Tick- or Texas-fever in cattle, and in illustration of his address he exhibited a comprehensive series of preserved specimens, microphotographs, and microscopic preparations of Ticks and of the Tick-fever haematozoon, *Pyrosoma bigeminum*. — Mr. Fletcher exhibited a series of specimens illustrative of, and offered some remarks on, the fauna of the higher portion of the Mt. Koscuisko Plateau (above the tree-line, approximately about 6000 feet), supplementing Mr. R. Helms' general account of the fauna met with from 3000 feet upwards. — Mr. Fletcher exhibited also specimens of *Heleioporus pictus*, Ptrs., from West Australia, part of a collection made by Mr. A. M. Lea, "within 100 miles of Perth." This species is an addition to the Batrachian fauna of West Australia, and is evidently a widely dispersed and characteristic member of the fauna of the Eyrean Sub-region. — Mr. Musson exhibited a clump of the woody galls of the Brachyscelid *Cylindrococcus spiniferus*, Mask., on *Casuarina suberosa*, gathered at Richmond, which had been forcibly broken open, presumably by predaceous birds for the purpose of extracting the enclosed coccid. — Mr. Froggatt exhibited a collection of Diptera of the sub-family *Trypetinae*, commonly known as Fruit-Flies from the damage their larvae do to the ripening fruit, including the American Fruit-maggot, *Trypeta pomonella*, Walsh; a new species of the same genus bred from guavas from the New Hebrides; the Queensland Fruit-Fly, *Tephritis Tryoni*, Froggatt; a new species of the same genus bred from bananas from New Caledonia; and the Mediterranean Fruit-Fly, *Haltophora capitata*, Wiedman, this being the common species about Sydney; larvae and pupae were also shown.

## III. Personal-Notizen.

### Necrologe.

In Melbourne starb im vergangenen Frühjahr Sir Frederick McCoy, der bekannte australische Zoolog und Paläontolog, im 76. Lebensjahre.

Am 21. März starb in Wien Franz von Hauer, geb. 22. Januar 1822, der Director der zoologischen Reichsanstalt und ausgezeichnete Paläontolog.

Am 31. März starb in London Geo. Charl. Wallich, geb. 16. Nov. 1815 in Calcutta. Sohn des bekannten Botanikers Nathaniel Wallich, war er der Erste, welcher organisches Leben in großen Tiefen des Oceans feststellte. Werthvoll sind seine Protozoen-Forschungen.

Am 5. April starb in Penzance der bekannte Conchyliolog Sylvanus Charl. Thorp. Hanley, geb. 7. Jan. 1819.

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