

The only evidence in favour of the crocodile as a member of the Fijian fauna appeared to be a statement of Mariner's ("Natives of the Tonga Islands," Vol. i. p. 334. 1817). With regard to the lizard, of which a specimen obtained at Tongatabu was in the British Museum, the question was raised whether its occurrence in Tonga may not have been due to its importation from Fiji by the Tongans, who were in the habit of importing parrots and produce of various kinds.— Mr. Lucas stated that in a carefully gathered collection of lizards which he had received from Tonga, *Brachylophus* was not represented, and the species was not known to him from that locality. Mr. Lucas also offered some remarks on the flora and fauna of the Kosciusko Plateau; and on behalf of Mr. Guy Thornton of New Zealand, who was present he exhibited a large collection of the New Zealand Cordyceps or Vegetable Caterpillar.— Mr. Palmer exhibited portion of the trunk of a Eucalypt and a quantity of chips torn therefrom, to show to what purpose the Black Cockatoos can use their enormously powerful mandibles when engaged in the search for boring longicorn larvae. The stem of the tree exhibited had been ripped up and almost severed, and was one of a number more or less similarly treated at Lawson, Blue Mountains.— The Hon. James Norton exhibited a specimen of the Sydney Bush-Rat (*Mus arboricola*, W. S. Macleay, or *M. rattus* according to Mr. Oldfield Thomas) from a garden at Double Bay, together with the gnawed branches of a Bougainvillea, which was threatened with destruction. He also remarked, in reference to Mr. Palmer's exhibit, that in his grounds at Springwood the Black Cockatoos had succeeded in ring-barking some trees of one of the Manna Gums one foot in diameter, in pursuit of boring grubs.

III. Personal-Notizen.

Necrologe.

Am 24. Februar starb in Edinburg Sir John Struthers. Er war 1823 in Dunfermline geboren, studierte in Edinburg Medicin, promovierte 1845 zum Dr. med. und wurde, nachdem er schon in Edinburg in der Extra-Mural School of Medicine mit Erfolg Anatomie gelehrt hatte, 1863 zum Professor der Anatomie in Aberdeen ernannt. 1889 legte er die Stelle nieder und zog sich nach Edinburg zurück. Besonders bekannt sind seine Untersuchungen über die Cetaceen, namentlich die Bartenwale.

Am 18. April starb in Paris Charles Brongniart im Alter von vierzig Jahren. Namentlich haben ihn seine Untersuchungen über fossile Insecten bekannt gemacht.

Am 20. April starb in London Joseph Wolf, der ausgezeichnete Thiermaler, geb. in Coblenz 1820.

Am 23. April starb in London Jabez Hogg, geb. 4. April 1817, der bekannte Verfasser des in fünfzehn Auflagen erschienenen Buches »The Microscope«.

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