

amount of white on the breast. When fully adult, specimens from all of these States, are absolutely indistinguishable from one another, in colour and measurements. As pointed out by Mr. North in the Transactions of the Royal Society of South Australia (1898, xxii., p. 157), *Lophophaps leucogaster*, described by Gould from South Australia, is a synonym of *L. plumifera*. He also exhibited a skin of a Fan-tailed Cuckoo (*Cacomantis flabelliformis* Latham) presented by Mr. W. Whiting, of Lord Howe Island, the bird having been caught alive in that locality in an exhausted state, after a heavy prolonged westerly blow in May, 1911. — 4) On the Affinities of *Caenolestes* [Marsupialia]. By R. Broom, M.D., C.M.Z.S., Corresponding Member. — Thomas regarded this remarkable South American form, as clearly a Diprotodont, not closely allied to any of the living forms, but more nearly related to the existing marsupials of Australia than to those of America. Miss Dederer, Gregory, and Sinclair, while agreeing that *Caenolestes* should not be placed in the Diprotodontia, prefer to relegate it to a distinct suborder, the *Paucituberculata*. After reviewing the evidence, the author concludes that, as *Caenolestes* differs from the typical Polyprotodonts only in tooth-specialisation, it should not be removed from the Polyprotodontia, but merely be made the type of a distinct family, or section at most. — 5) On a Collection of Parasitic Hymenoptera (chiefly bred) made by Mr. W. W. Froggatt, F.L.S., in New South Wales, with Descriptions of new Genera and Species. Part i. By P. Cameron. (Communicated by W. W. Froggatt.) — Seventeen species, referable to the families Chalcididae, Braconidae, Evaniidae, and Ichneumonidae, are described as new.

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