

Da diese Fragen, wie mir scheint, nur mit Unterstützung weiterer Kreise beantwortet werden können, habe ich sie in einem Fragebogen zusammengestellt, welcher mit gefälliger Genehmigung des Herrn Professor Ehlers durch das letzterschienene Heft der Zeitschrift für wissenschaftliche Zoologie verbreitet wurde.

Sollten sich einige Zoologen, denen mein Fragebogen nicht zugegangen ist, für die Angelegenheit interessiren, so würde ich ihnen sehr gern Exemplare desselben zur Verfügung stellen.

Ich gestatte mir hinzuzufügen, dass meine Fragen sich durch einfache Beobachtungen an den in den zoologischen Museen conservirten Exemplaren erledigen lassen.

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2. Zoological Society of London.

3rd January, 1882. — Mr. W. A. Forbes exhibited and made remarks on the Horns of the Prong Buck (*Antilocapra americana*) lately shed by the specimen living in the Society's Gardens. This was, it was believed, the first instance on record of the same individual having shed its horns in captivity in two consecutive years. — A communication was read from Prof. Owen, C.B., on *Dinornis* (Part XXIII), containing a description of *Dinornis parvus*, a new species of about the size of the Dodo, of which a very complete skeleton (now in the British Museum) had been lately discovered in a cavern in the province of Nelson, New Zealand. — A communication was read from M. L. Taczanowski, C.M.Z.S., containing an account of the Birds collected by Mr. Stolzmann during his recent journey in North-eastern Peru, with descriptions of some new species. — A communication was read from Mr. Martin Jacoby, containing the descriptions of three new genera and fourteen new species of Phytophagous Coleoptera from various localities. — Mr. Oldfield Thomas read a paper on the African Mungoses (*Herpestinae*), in which he reduced the described species of this group to nineteen, divisible into seven genera. — The Rev. Canon Tristram read the description of a new species of Land-rail obtained at Ribè, East Africa, by Mr. R. C. Ramshaw, which was proposed to be named *Crex suahilensis*. — Mr. W. A. Forbes read a paper on the existence of a gall-bladder in, and on other points in the anatomy of, the Barbets and Toucans (*Cupitoidae*). The peculiar form of the gall-bladder in these birds, as well as other features in their myology now described for the first time, were stated to make the relationship of this group to the Woodpeckers (*Picidae*), still more certain than it had previously been from the observations of Nitzsch, Kessler, Garrod, and others. — P. L. Sclater, Secretary.

3. Linnean Society of London.

1. December, 1881. — Mr. J. Harris Stone exhibited specimens of the dried plant and made remarks on *Lychnis viscaria* as a trap for Ants. He

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