

Ciò del resto avrò opportunità di completare in altra mia più estesa memoria, che con più comodo avrò cura di compilare.

La *Querquedula* in discorso secondo il Degland et Gerbe abita le contrade orientali e settentrionali dell'Asia, la Siberia, i bordi del lago Baikal e della Lena. Presso a poco simili sono le indicazioni dateci dal Schlegel, che ci dice essersi osservata nell'Asia transbaikaliana, nell'Isola Formosa ed al Giappone.

Modena, 3. Gennajo 1882.

### III. Mittheilungen aus Museen, Instituten etc.

#### 1. Zoological Society of London.

17th January, 1882. — The Secretary read a Report on the additions that had been made to the Society's Menagerie during the Month of December, 1881, and called special attention to a young male Guemul Deer (*Furcifer chilensis*), from Patagonia, and a Germain's Peacock-Pheasant (*Polyplectron Germaini*), which were new to the Society's Collection. — Prof. A. Newton, F.R.S., exhibited (by favour of Messrs. Hallett and Co.) the skin and bones of the trunk of an example of *Notornis mantelli* recently received from New Zealand. This was stated to be the third example of this almost extinct bird which had been yet obtained. — Mr. W. K. Parker, F.R.S., read a memoir on the structure and development of the skull in the Crocodilia. — Mr. Oldfield Thomas gave an account of a series of Rodents lately collected by Mr. Stolzmann in Northern Peru. The chief interest in the collection was stated to lie in the fine series of Mice of the genera *Hesperomys* and *Holochilus* contained in it. — A communication was read from Mr. T. E. Buckley on the variability of plumage exhibited by the Red Grouse. — A communication was read from Mr. G. B. Sowerby, Jun., containing descriptions of some new species of Shells in the collection of Mr. J. Cosmo Melvill. — Prof. F. Jeffrey Bell read descriptions of several new or rare species of *Asteroidea* contained in the collection of the British Museum. — A communication was read from Mr. W. L. Distant, containing the characters of some undescribed species of *Cicadidae* from the Australian and Pacific regions. — P. L. Slater, Secretary.

#### 2. Linnean Society of London.

19th January, 1882. — Sir John Lubbock Bart, F.R.S. in the chair. There was exhibited for Mr. W. Bancroft Espeut an albino specimen of Bat (*Molossus obscurus* Geoff.) from Jamaica; Albinism in the Cheiroptera being said to be extremely rare. — Dr. J. Spencer Cobbold called attention to living examples of *Leptodera* shown under the microscope. — Mr. W. Percy Sladen read a paper on the *Asteroidea* of the Challenger Expedition, part I. Family Pterasteridae. After some preliminary remarks and a synopsis

of the genera he observes that hitherto this family has been represented by a very limited number of forms, only nine species being on record. Eight of these belonged to the genera *Pteraster* and *Retaster*, and the ninth was the type and solitary representative of *Hymenaster* — a genus established by Sir Wyville Thomson for an extraordinary asterid discovered during the cruise of H.M.S. 'Porcupine'. — Thirty-four species of *Pterasteridae* have been obtained by the 'Challenger' only two of which were previously known. Of the thirty-two new species, three belong to *Pteraster*, four to *Retaster*, and the remarkable number of twenty to *Hymenaster*, — a genus which is now found to possess a world wide distribution in deep waters. The remaining five species are the representatives of three new genera, viz. *Maripaster*, two species, *Benthaster* two, and *Calyptaster* one. Thereafter the author referred to the terminology used by him and there followed a description of the new deep sea forms. — J. Murie.

### 3. Société Zoologique de France.

Dans sa séance du 27 décembre, la Société a renouvelé comme suit son bureau pour l'année 1882: Président, M. E. Simon; — Vice-présidents, M. J. Künckel d'Herculeis, M. Chaper; — Secrétaire général, Dr. R. Blanchard; — Secrétaires, MM. J. Gazagnaire, A. Maunion, Pierson; — Trésorier, M. Héron-Royer; — Archiviste-bibliothécaire, M. J. Deniker. En outre, MM. P. Mégnin, Dr. L. Bureau, Dr. F. Jousseau, A. Tourneville ont été élus membres du Conseil. — Le Secrétaire général, Dr. R. Blanchard.

### 4. Anzeige.

Die Stelle des Assistenten beim zoologischen Institut in Straßburg i. E. ist zu besetzen. Bewerber, welche in der mikroskopischen Technik tüchtig sind, wollen sich bei Prof. O. Schmidt melden.

### 5. Notiz.

Der Unterzeichnete ist in der Lage, Präparate von Seethieren von der Küste von Australien an Museen, Universitäten etc. abzugeben und bittet um directe Mittheilung.

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### Berichtigung.

In dem Artikel: »Eine neue Art von Blastodermbildung bei den Decapoden« in No. 101. p. 21 hat sich aus Versehen ein Fehler eingeschlichen. Es muss in der zweiten Zeile nach dem Worte »Decapoden« eingeschaltet werden: »und Schizopoden«. C. von Mereschkowsky.

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