

und Filz sichtbar sind. Bei gewöhnlicher Zimmerwärme läßt man trocknen. Ist die Filzplatte vollständig ausgetrocknet, so löst sie sich vom Glase ab. Sie wird mit dünner Collodiumlösung überzogen, nachdem diese getrocknet ist, in kochendes Wasser geworfen und durch Beschwerden unter der Oberfläche gehalten. Das Eiweiß bekommt eine vollständig lederartige Consistenz. War die Platte nach dem Ablösen vom Glase nicht glatt genug, so bestreicht man sie beiderseits mit dickflüssiger gefärbter Eiweißmasse, läßt diese trocknen, und überzieht mit dünnflüssigem Collodium, um dann zu kochen. Die schwarzen mit Ruß gefärbten Platten werden meistens nur brauchbar, wenn sie nach dieser Methode hergestellt werden, indem sie bei der ersteren mehr oder weniger fleckig ausfallen.

2. Zoological Society of London.

23rd June, 1887. — Mr. Sclater exhibited the skin of a White-nosed Monkey of the genus *Cercopithecus*, lately living in the Society's Gardens, which appeared to be the *C. ascanias* of Schlegel. It had been obtained by the Rev. W. C. Willoughby from the west shore of Lake Tanganyika, East Africa. — Mr. Sclater also exhibited and made remarks on a specimen of the Pheasant from Northern Afghanistan lately described by him as *Phasianus principalis*. — An extract was read from a letter addressed to the Secretary by Mr. A. H. Everett, C.M.Z.S., of Labuan, reporting the return of Mr. John Whitehead from his expedition to Kina-Balu Mountain in Northern Borneo, with specimens of some fine new Birds, Mammals, and other objects of natural history. — Dr. Günther, F.R.S., exhibited and made remarks on a hybrid Pheasant, between a male Golden Pheasant (*Thaumalea picta*) and a female Reeves's Pheasant (*Phasianus Reevesi*). Dr. Günther also exhibited a living hybrid Pigeon, produced by a male white Fantail Pigeon and a female Collared Dove (*Turtur risorius*). — Dr. Günther, F.R.S., read a report on the zoological collections made by Capt. Maclear and the other Officers of H.M.S. 'Flying Fish' during a short visit to Christmas Island. This island is situated in the middle of the Indian Ocean, south of Java, and had never been before visited by naturalists. The collection, which had been worked out by the staff of the British Museum, consisted of ninety-five specimens, amongst which were examples of two Mammals, two Birds, two Reptiles, two Mollusks, two Coleoptera, two Lepidoptera, and a sponge new to science. — Mr. F. E. Beddard, F.Z.S., read a paper on *Myrmecobius fasciatus*, in which he described a remarkable glandular structure stretched across the anterior region of the thorax of this Marsupial. — Prof. F. Jeffrey Bell, F.Z.S., read the sixth of a series of studies on the Holothuridea. The present paper contained descriptions of several new species belonging to the genera *Cucumaria*, *Bohadschia*, and *Holothuria*. — Mr. A. Smith-Woodward, F.Z.S., read a paper on the fossil teleostean genus *Rhacolepis*. The author gave a detailed description of this Brazilian fossil fish, which had been named and briefly noticed by Agassiz. Three species were defined, and the author showed that the genus had hitherto been erroneously associated with the

Percoids and Berycoids. He considered it an Elopine Clupeoid. — A communication was read from Mr. James W. Davis, F.G.S., containing a note on a fossil species of *Chlamydoselachus*. The author pointed out that some teeth from the Pliocene of Orciano, Tuscany, figured and described by R. Lawley in 1876, were referable to this newly-discovered genus of Sharks. He named the fossil species *C. Lawleyi*. — Mr. Frank E. Beddard read the fourth of a series of notes on the anatomy of Earthworms. The present communication treated of the structure of *Cryptodrilus Fletcheri*, a new species from Queensland. — A communication was read from Mr. Roland Trimen, F.Z.S., containing observations on *Bipalium kewense*, of which worm he had obtained many specimens from gardens at the Cape. — Dr. Günther gave the description of two new species of fishes from the Mauritius, proposed to be named *Platycephalus subfasciatus* and *Latilus fronticinctus*. — Mr. Sclater read a note on the Wild Goats of the Caucasus, in which he pointed out the distinctions between *Capra caucasica* and *C. Pallasi*, which had been until recently confounded together. — Mr. G. Boulenger made remarks on the skull and cervical vertebræ of *Meiolania*, Owen (*Ceratochelys*, Huxley), and expressed the opinion that these remains indicated a Pleurodiran Chelonian of terrestrial and herbivorous habits. The peculiar structure of the tail pointed to a distinct family (*Meiolaniidae*). — A second paper by Mr. Boulenger contained remarks on a rare American freshwater Tortoise, *Emys Blandingii*, Holbrook, which was shown to be a close ally of *Emys orbicularis* of European fresh waters, but to present distinct differential characters. — Mr. A. Dendy read a paper on the West-Indian Sponges of the family *Chalininae*, and gave descriptions of some new species. — Mr. H. Seebohm gave the description of a new species of Thrush, from Southern Brazil, proposed to be called *Merula subalaris*. — A communication was read from Mr. R. Bowdler Sharpe, containing the description of a new species of the genus *Calyptomena*, lately discovered by Mr. John Whitehead on the mountain of Kina-Balu, in Borneo, which he proposed to name *C. Whiteheadi*. — P. L. Sclater, Secretary.

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