

3 feet 6 inches. He proposed for this fine species the name of *Macleayana*. — Mr. Fletcher read a note on an introduced Planarian (*Bipalium* sp., very like and possibly identical with *B. Kewense*, Moseley) which has become well established in Sydney, and which, during the damp weather of last month, occasionally appeared in considerable numbers, so that in the mornings it was quite a common object on the pavements in Hyde Park, and in the Suburbs. A large specimen was exhibited, as well as a small one originally one of several portions into which a large one divided transversely, and which after about 30 days had already begun to develop the cheese-cutter-shaped anterior extremity so characteristic of the genus. — Dr. Ramsay exhibited the new Bird of Paradise described by him, and a specimen of each sex of *Paradisornis Rudolphi*, Finsch, which differs from all other species of the family in having rich ultra-marine blue wings and flank plumes; also examples of the orange-crested bower-bird (*Amblyornis subalaris*, Sharpe), and of *Charmosyna Josephine*. The exhibits, which were obtained near the base of the Astrolabe Range, and were brought from the S. E. coast of New Guinea by Mr. Goldie, have been secured for the Australian Museum. — Mr. Brazier exhibited photographs of two species of Polyzoa (*Idmonca Mibcana*, and *I. interjuncta*) from Green Point, Port Jackson, (8 fathoms), taken by Mr. Arthur W. Waters. — Mr. A. Sidney Olliff of the Australian Museum, exhibited specimens of *Alcetoria superba*, Brunner von Wattenwyl, a remarkable genus of Orthoptera having a large thoracic crest produced over the base of the elytra; those exhibited were obtained by Mr. K. H. Bennett, at Mossgiel, in the Western district. The species was originally described by Brunner from examples obtained at Peak Downs. — Mr. Palmer exhibited specimens of the spider, at present undetermined, which fabricates the remarkable egg-bags, examples of which he had exhibited at the March Meeting of the Society. — Mr. Macleay also exhibited some grass infested by a minute grub, which lived in the stem and caused a thickening of it. He stated that the grass had been sent for examination under the belief that the prevalence at the present season of large numbers of worms in sheep, might in some way be traceable to the minute worms in the grass. A microscopical investigation by Dr. Katz had shown however that the worms in the grass were not Entozoa but maggots of minute Dipterous Insects, probably *Cecidomyiidae* or gall gnats, or possibly minute Muscids of the *Oscinides* group. The habit of the insect somewhat resembled that of *Cecidomyia destructor*, Say, the »Hessian Fly«, so destructive of wheat crops in America.

#### Bitte.

Denjenigen geehrten Herrn Fachgenossen, welchem ich im Febr. vorigen Jahres vom American Naturalist, Vol. XIX. 1885, die Hefte: Januar, Februar, Juni, Juli und November geliehen habe, ersuche ich dringend, mir diese Hefte schleunigst zurückzugeben. Für ihn haben sie einzeln keinen oder geringen Werth, mir wird durch ihr Fehlen der ganze Jahrgang werthlos.

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