

Boulenger exhibited and made remarks on a series of living specimens of Tortoises of the genus *Homopus* from the Cape Colony, lately received by the Society from the Rev. G. H. R. Fisk, C.M.Z.S. — P. L. Sclater, Secretary.

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26th December, 1888. — 1) Descriptions of Australian Micro-Lepidoptera. Part XV. Oecophoridae (continued). By E. Meyrick, B.A., F.E.S. This contribution concludes the series of papers dealing with the Oecophoridae, and comprises the descriptions of about 170 new species, bringing up the known Australian species of the family to about 750, whilst less than 100 are known from the rest of the world. — 2) On Simple Striated Muscular Fibres. By W. A. Haswell, M.A., D.Sc., Lecturer in Biology, Sydney University. A comprehensive study of striated muscular tissue, as it is exhibited throughout the various classes of the animal kingdom, leads the author to the conclusion that two main types are distinguishable among the muscular fibres which are generally classed together as striated — namely simple and compound. This paper accordingly contains observations on the structure and distribution of the first of these, or the simple type of muscular fibres. — 3) Jottings from the Biological Laboratory of Sydney University. By W. A. Haswell, M.A., D.Sc. No. X. On *Sacculina* infesting Australian Crabs. No. XI. On a method of preparing Blastoderms of the Fowl. No. XII. Note on *Urolophus testaceus*. — 4) Diptera of Australia. Part V. — The Culicidae. By Frederick A. A. Skuse. Twenty-eight species are treated of in this paper, whereof eighteen are new; while one species which is wide-spread in the country is regarded as introduced. The whole are distributed amongst the following genera: — *Megarhina* (1), *Culex* (22), *Anopheles* (4), and *Aedes* (1). *Culex camptorhynchus*, Thom., is considered synonymous with *C. alboannulatus*, Macq. Of the total seven species of *Culex*, and one each of *Anopheles*, *Aedes*, and *Megarhina*, are prevalent in Sydney. — 5) Notes on the Synonymy and Distribution of Australian Palaeichthyces. Part I. By J. Douglas Ogilby, F.L.S. Mr. Ogilby here enumerates twenty-two species of Australian Palaeichthyces, three of which are new to our waters, and two others are doubtful. He remarks on the constitution of family groups, which he considers should be greatly modified, makes several changes in synonymy, and strongly insists on the strict observance of the «law of priority». He complains of the difficulty of obtaining accurate information as to the distribution of species. — 6) A List of the Birds found in the County of Cumberland, N.S.W. By A. J. North, F.L.S. About 220 species are here recorded, together with ten others which can only be regarded as stragglers. — Mr. Sidney Olliff sent for exhibition a beautiful Noctuid of the genus *Phyllodes*, nearly allied to the Amboynese *P. conspiciator*, Cram., which he proposed to call *P. Meyricki*. One specimen from Mount Bellenden-Ker, Queensland, has been in the collection of the Australian Museum for some time, and more recently a specimen was received from Mr. C. French for identification, but without information as to its exact habitat. — Mr. Whitelegge exhibited a specimen of an earthworm (*Allolobophora turgida*, Eisen) with two tails, found at Summer Hill.

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