

III. Mittheilungen aus Museen, Instituten etc.

1. Linnean Society of New South Wales.

28th August, 1889. — 1) Botanical. — 2) *Pielus hyalinatus* and its Allies: a Rejoinder. By A. Sidney Olliff, F.E.S. In this note Mr. Olliff re-asserts his opinion as to the distinctness of *Pielus imperialis* and *P. hyalinatus*, and makes some remarks with regard to the distribution of these species and their allies, which he thinks may be conveniently divided into two groups according to the unipectinate (*Pielus*) or tripectinate (*Pseudopielus*) structure of the antennae. — 3) New species of Lampyridae, including a Notice of the Mt. Wilson Fire-fly. By A. Sidney Olliff, F.E.S. A short paper containing a review of the Australian Lampyridae with special reference to the luminous species. The Mt. Wilson species is described under the name *Cratomorphus lynchus*, and some observations are made concerning its light, which is stated to be intermittent and to some extent under the insects' control. It is conjectured that this particular fire-fly, or an allied form regarded in this paper as the *C. bicolor*, Fabr., is the „New Holland species“, which Carus, as long ago as 1824, stated, on the authority of Long, to be possessed of a light which varies in intensity in „rhythmical vibrations“. — Mr. Skuse exhibited specimens, both pupae and flies, of a new species of *Cecidomyia*, together with the galls formed by the insects upon the branches of *Acacia longifolia*. The galls are cylindrical, from 12 to 18 mm long, and occur in closely packed bunches of from two to twenty or thirty tubes. When found at the beginning of August, each tube contained a full-grown pupa inclosed in a white cocoon at the bottom of the tube. Also, specimens of a minute Hymenopterous insect belonging to the genus *Platygaster*, some small beetles belonging to the Mycetophagidae, and a small moth, all likewise bred from the above-mentioned galls. — Mr. A. Sidney Olliff exhibited the Fire-flies described in his paper. He also showed a finely coloured male specimen of *Pielus imperialis*, O. & P., caught early in July on a lamp post at the North Shore, Sydney, by Mr. M. V. Miller. — Dr. Read showed a specimen of the Frigate or Boatswain Bird in its first plumage, from Lord Howe Island.

IV. Personal-Notizen.

Brüssel. Herr Alfr. Preudhomme de Borre hat seit zwei Monaten seinen Abschied als Conservator im Königl. Naturhistorischen Museum eingereicht.

Berichtigung.

In dem Aufsätze von Dr. W. Gießbrecht, Neapel, Zoolog. Anz. No. 314, p. 440, Zeile 14 v. u. ist statt »an den Füßen«, »an der Furca« zu lesen.

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