

kugeln der ersten Entwicklungsstadien des *Siredon*-Eies (in der Einzahl neben dem ruhenden Kern und doppelt vor der Theilung der Kerne) mit einem hier und da nachweisbaren Centralkörperchen. An kleineren Furchungskugeln konnte er keine Attractionssphäre wahrnehmen, doch giebt er der Meinung Ausdruck, daß sie unzweifelhaft auch hier vorhanden und nur durch Dottergranula verdeckt seien (Anat. Anz. 4. Bd. No. 5). — Auch die von Kupffer (1875) in den Leberzellen des Frosches beschriebene »Centralmasse«, von welcher Netzfäden nach der Peripherie ausstrahlen, werde ich bei weiteren Untersuchungen im Auge zu behalten haben (vgl. auch Langendorff's Abbildung eines Schnittes durch die mit Sublimat behandelte Leber von *Rana esculenta* im Arch. f. Anat. u. Physiol. 1886. Physiol. Abthlg. Supplementband, Taf. XVIII Fig. 1).

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III. Mittheilungen aus Museen, Instituten etc.

1. Zoological Society of London.

4th February, 1890. — The Secretary read a report on the additions that had been made to the Society's Menagerie during the month of January 1890. — A communication was read from Mr. W. K. Parker, F.R.S., containing an account of the morphology of the Hoatzin (*Opisthocomus cristatus*). The author treated of the early stages of the development of this Reptilian Bird, and its shoulder-girdle, sternum, and hind limbs. — A communication was read from Mr. A. D. Bartlett, containing observations on Wolves, Jackals, Dogs, and Foxes. Mr. Bartlett's remarks tended to show that all the varieties of Domestic Dogs owe their origin to Wolves and Jackals, and that the habit of barking has been acquired by, and under the influence of, domestication; also that the Dog is the most perfectly domesticated of all animals. — A communication was read from Mr. G. E. Dobson, F.R.S., containing a synopsis of the genera of the family Soricidae. The author recognized nine genera, and divided them into two subfamilies. New methods of defining the genera were introduced, each genus was briefly characterized, and remarks on certain genera, not admitted in the synopsis (although hitherto generally recognized), were appended. — Mr. F. E. Beddard read a paper containing observations upon some species of Earthworm of the genus *Perichaeta*. — A communication was read from Mr. J. M. Leslie, F.Z.S., containing notes on the habits and oviposition of the clawed Aglossal Frog (*Xenopus laevis*), as observed at Port Elizabeth, Cape Colony, where this species was said to be of ordinary occurrence. — Mr. Oldfield Thomas read an account of a collection of Mammals from Central Vera Cruz, Mexico, made by a scientific expedition organized by the authorities of the Mexican Museum, under the superintendence of Dr. F. Ferrari-Perez. The collection consisted of about 100 specimens, belonging to 21 species. Amongst these, two (a Hare and a Squirrel) were described as new, and proposed to be called *Sciurus niger melanonotus* and *Lepus verae-crucis*. — P. L. Sclater, Secretary.

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