

eisen dieser »Himmelsteiche«) zum totalen Ausfrieren gebracht. Ihr Besatz, vorwiegend Barsche, Karpfen, Karauschen (auch X zwischen beiden), Bitterlinge<sup>2</sup>, Schleihen, Schlammbeißer, ferner *Rana esculenta* L., *temporaria* L., *Pelobates fuscus* Laur., *Bombinator igneus* Roes., *Bufo variabilis* Pall., und *Bufo calamita* Laur., auch einige Schildkröten (*Emys europaea* Schneider), (von allen Amphibien waren ehedem absichtlich Ummengen in die Lachen geworfen worden), war dem Temperatureinfluß völlig erlegen, wie ich bei dem am Ende Januar er. eingetretenen Thauwetter constatieren konnte. Daraufhin habe ich neuesterdinge (Februar) eine ansehnliche Reihe von Experimenten mit solchen im Schlamm vergrabenen oder unter einer starken Schicht feuchter Blätter verborgenen, lethargischen Fischen, Fröschen und Kröten angestellt und gefunden, daß diese Thiere selbst in dieser schützenden Umgebung ein totales Hartfrieren nicht ertragen.

(Schluß folgt.)

## II. Mittheilungen aus Museen, Instituten etc.

### 1. Zoological Society of London.

3rd March, 1891. — The Secretary read a report on the additions that had been made to the Society's Menagerie during the month of February 1891. — Mr. Selater exhibited the typical and unique specimen of Macgregor's Bower-bird (*Cnemophilus Macgregorii*) from the Queensland Museum, Brisbane, which had been kindly lent to him by the authorities of that Institution. — A report was read, drawn up by Mr. A. Thomson, the Society's Head-keeper, on the insects bred in the Insect-house during the past season. — Mr. O. Thomas, F.Z.S., gave an account of a collection of small Mammalia made by Mr. F. J. Jackson, F.Z.S., in Eastern Central Africa during his recent expedition through the territories of the British Imperial East-African Company. Fifteen species were represented in the collection, of which three appeared to be new to science. These were named *Nyctinomus lobatus*, *Otomys Jacksoni*, and *Rhizomys annectens*. — A communication was read from Miss E. M. Sharpe on the Butterflies collected by Mr. F. J. Jackson, F.Z.S., during the same expedition. Twelve new species were described in this paper, and a general account of the whole collection was promised on a future occasion. — A communication was read from Dr. R. W. Shufeldt, C.M.Z.S., containing observations on the comparative osteology of the Columbidae of North America. — P. L. Selater, Secretary.

### 2. Linnean Society of New South Wales.

28th January, 1891. — The Hon. Dr. Norton, Hon. Treasurer, laid before the Meeting his financial statement, and concluded by saying »I

<sup>2</sup> Um Irrthümer zu vermeiden, bemerke ich hier kurz, daß *Rhodeus amarus* Bl. und natürlich auch *Emys europaea* Schn. am Zobten freilebend sich nicht vorfinden; die bei diesen Experimenten benutzten Bitterlinge und Sumpfschildkröten bezog ich im Herbste 1890 aus Breslau. D. Verf.

have further to report that by deed of 5th December, 1890, Sir William Macleay has transferred to the Society the Linnean Hall, with the land on which it stands having a frontage of 179 feet to Bay Street by a depth of 120 feet; and that by deed of the same date Sir William has also transferred to the Society by way of endowment a mortgage of £ 14,000 bearing interest at the rate of £ 5 per cent. per annum. The deeds by which these transfers have been effected are now in my hands.<sup>a</sup> — Mr. Froggatt exhibited two specimens of a grasshopper (Fam. *Gryllidae*), taken at Double Bay, which frequents the flowers of *Eucalyptus corymbosa* in order to capture the common honey bees (*Apis mellifica*) visiting the blossoms. — Also, a few specimens of Hymenoptera received from the Rev. T. Blackburn, B.A., who captured them on the snow at altitudes of from 5,000 to 6,100 feet, during his trip to the Australian Alps, Victoria, last November. — Mr. Musson exhibited on behalf of Mr. Moseley of Narrabri, an example of the freckled duck, *Anas naevosa*, Gould, obtained at Narran, near Angledool, not far from the Queensland border, early in December last. — The Rev. R. Collie showed an interesting collection of sponges from Wollongong, and a fine specimen of *Gorgonia* from Thursday Island.

### 3. Deutsche Zoologische Gesellschaft.

Die diesjährige Versammlung findet

am 2. bis 4. April

zu Leipzig

im zoologischen Institut unter dem Vorsitze des Herrn Geheimrath Leuckart statt.

#### Programm.

Am 2., 3. und 4. April von 9 Uhr Morgens an: Sitzungen im großen Hörsaal des Zoologischen Instituts.

Am 2. und 4. April (event. auch am 3.) von 3 Uhr Nachmittags an: Demonstrationen im Laboratorium des Zoologischen Instituts.

Am Freitag den 3. April 4 Uhr Nachmittags: gemeinschaftliches Mittagessen in Kraft's Hôtel de Prusse, woselbst auch jeden Abend zwanglose Vereinigung bei einem Glase Bier stattfinden wird.

#### Angemeldete Vorträge.

1. Dr. G. Brandes (Halle a. S.): Eine neue Methode der Aufstellung von Alkoholpräparaten.
2. Dr. O. Bütschli (Heidelberg): Referat über die Frage nach dem Bau des Protoplasmas.
3. Dr. H. Henking (Göttingen): Über plasmatische Strahlungen.
4. Dr. R. Leuckart (Leipzig):
  - a. über *Bilharzia*,
  - b. über einen ectoparasitisch sich einkapselnden Nematoden,
  - c. über *Taenia madagascariensis*.

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