

II. Mittheilungen aus Museen, Instituten etc.

1. Zoological Society of London.

7th April, 1891. — The Secretary read a report on the additions that had been made to the Society's Menagerie during the month of March; and called special attention to a young example of the Ounce or Snow-Leopard (*Felis uncia*), new to the Collection, and to a Smalleclawed Otter (*Lutra leptonyx*) from India, being the second specimen of this Otter acquired by the Society; also to a specimen of a Lhuys' Impeyan (*Lophophorus Lhuysi*) from Szechuen, Western China, obtained by Mr. A. G. Pratt during his recent visit to that country, being the first example of the species that has reached Europe. — The Secretary exhibited the drawing of a female Antelope (*Tragelaphus gratus*), with a young one, now living in the Zoological Garden, Amsterdam, which had been obligingly sent to him by Heer C. Kerbert, the Director of that Garden. — The Secretary exhibited (on behalf of Mr. W. L. Sclater, Deputy Superintendent of the Indian Museum, Calcutta) a specimen of a Duck, apparently a hybrid between the Mallard (*Anas boschas*) and the Gadwall (*A. strepera*), which had been lately obtained in the vicinity of Calcutta. — Mr. T. D. A. Cocke read a paper on the geographical distribution of Slugs. The author divided the known Slugs into six families: — Succineidae, Vaginulidae, Arionidae, Limacidae, Testacellidae, and Selenitidae, under which he grouped fifteen subfamilies. The Janellidae were reduced to a subfamily of Succineidae, and the generic nomenclature of the whole group was revised, two new genera and one new subgenus being named. The Philomycidae were made a subfamily of the Arionidae. The distribution of each subfamily, and of all the recognizable genera, was discussed in some detail. Under the *Veronicellinae* a new subgenus *Imerinia*, from Madagascar, was indicated. — A communication was read from Dr. A. Cleok, Surgeon-Naturalist to H.M. Indian Survey steamer »Investigator«, containing a description of *Saccogaster maculatus*, a viviparous Bathybial Fish from the Bay of Bengal. — Prof. F. Jeffrey Bell read some observations on *Bathybiaster veillifer*, a Star-fish originally described by Sir Wyville-Thomson, of which the typical specimen had lately been received by the British Museum. — Mr. G. A. Boulenger gave an account of the Silurid fishes obtained by Dr. H. von Ihering and Herr Sebastian Wolff in the Province of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. — Mr. F. E. Beddard read a paper giving some account of the anatomy of the Patagonian Cavy (*Dolichotis patagonica*) from specimens recently living in the Society's Gardens. — P. L. Sclater, Secretary.

2. Linnean Society of New South Wales.

February 25th, 1891. — 1) On the Anatomy of some Tasmanian Land Snails. By C. Hedley, F.L.S., Corr. Mem. This paper is a contribution to a knowledge of the soft parts of *Bulimus Dufresni*, Leach, *B. tasmanicus*, Pfr., *Anoglypta launcestonensis*, Reeve, *Rhytida lampra*, Pfr., *Helicarion Verreauxi*, Pfr., and *Cystopelta Petherdi*, Tate. — 2) Notes on a small Collection of Hymenoptera from Narrabri, N.S.W. By W. W. Froggatt. The writer gives a list of the species comprised in the collection exhibited by Mr. Musson at the December Meeting. The occurrence of *Thynnus Brenchleyi*, Smith, a species rare in collections, previously only recorded from Champion Bay, W.

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