

3. Linnean Society of New South Wales.

March 25th, 1891. — 1) Botanical. — 2) On the Trail of an extinct Bird. By C. W. De Vis, M.A., Corr. Mem. A new genus and species (*Lithophaps ulnaris*) are provisionally proposed for an extinct pigeon whose ulna was found in deposits of the Nototherian period at Warwick, Darling Downs, Queensland. — 3) Note on an extinct Eagle. By C. W. De Vis, M.A., Corr. Mem. The generic name *Taphaetus* is proposed for a bird whose femur came to light in the same deposits as the ulna of *Lithophaps*, and which presents characters irreconcilable with those of any genus known to the writer. To the same genus in all probability must be referred the species previously described as *Uroaetus brachialis* (Proc. Roy. Soc. Qsld., Vol. VI, p. 161), its correct association with the genus *Uroaetus* being now more than doubtful. — 4) The Land Molluscan Fauna of British New Guinea. By C. Hedley, F.L.S., Corr. Mem. The species already described are enumerated and discussed, sundry errors in classification and habitat being rectified, and twenty species mostly collected by the author himself during a recent tour in Papua are described as new. Anatomical descriptions of a few species are included. — Mr. Musson sent for exhibition a collection of 63 species of New Zealand land and freshwater mollusca collected by him during a recent visit, and determined by Mr. Suter, of Christchurch. — Mr. Skuse drew attention to an interesting article in the last number of the *Pharmaceutical Journal of N.S.W.*, on insects injurious to drugs, one of them probably the same species of moth as was exhibited by Mr. Froggatt at the Society's meeting in March, 1890, the insects shown having pupated in a tin of cayenne pepper. — Mr. Fletcher exhibited for Mr. J. H. Rose two living specimens of an inland species of frog (*Chirolpates platycephalus*, Gthr.), obtained near Walgett, previously only recorded from Bourke and Dandaloo, N.S.W. It is an expert burrower, Mr. Rose reporting that he has never met with it above ground. — Mr. Olliff exhibited specimens of *Icerya purchasi*, the cottony-cushion scale insect from Sydney, and specimens of the New Zealand ladybird (*Vedalia cardinalis*), which preys on the *Icerya*, and Specimens of which have been so carefully introduced into Californian orange orchards by the United States Department of Agriculture, with a view of keeping the pest in check. The ladybird has been reported from Sydney, but this is probably erroneous.

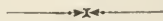
III. Personal-Notizen.

Straßburg i/E. Ende Mai l. J. habilitierte sich Dr. Franz von Wagner als Privatdocent für Zoologie an der hiesigen Kaiser-Wilhelms-Universität.

Necrolog.

Am 30. April starb zu Philadelphia Joseph Leidy, Professor der Anatomie an der Universität von Pennsylvanien, bekannt als tüchtiger Zoolog und vergleichender Anatom, 61 Jahre alt.

Am 28. Mai starb in London Peter Martin Duncan, im Alter von 67 Jahren, der verdienstvolle Forscher auf dem Gebiete fossiler Anthozoen und Echinodermen.



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