

hat, dass seine neuen, ohne Diagnose oder nur höchst mangelhaft gekennzeichneten Arten einfach ignoriert worden sind. Gegen seine Manier solche Arten in die Welt zu schicken hat neulich S. A. Poppe (Z. A. No. 309 u. 339) vollkommen berechtigten Protest erhoben, dem sich wohl Jedermann anschließen muß, dem es auf wahren Fortschritt der Systematik ankommt.

Es sollte somit Dr. Imhof gar nicht befremden, wenn er wieder in die Lage gekommen ist, zwei seiner neuen Rotatorien mir gegenüber reclamieren zu müssen. Er meint, seine *Polyarthra latiremis* wäre bereits durch den Ausdruck *latiremis* in unzweideutiger Weise gekennzeichnet, ist somit der Ansicht, daß die bloße Benennung einer Art ihre Diagnose überflüssig macht. Ich erlaube mir sehr zu bezweifeln, ob diese Ansicht in zoologischen Kreisen Aufnahme findet.

Was den *Brachionus amplifurcatus* Imh. betrifft, so ersuche ich den Herrn Dr. Imhof sich selbst überzeugen zu wollen, wie viele *Brachionus*-Arten in die von ihm gelieferte Diagnose passen. Ich vermissem auch die Aufnahme seiner neuen Art in das große Rotatorien-Werk von Hudson und Gosse.

Schließlich findet Dr. Imhof Anstoß daran, daß ich mein Verzeichnis galizischer Rotatorien (enthaltend 50 Arten aus verschiedenen Standorten) als das erste angesehen habe, trotzdem er gelegentlich sieben Arten aus einem Teiche Galiziens stammend publiciert hat. Obwohl ich nicht ahnte, daß Dr. Imhof seine sieben Arten als ein Verzeichnis galizischer Rotatorien wird ansehen wollen, so räume ich ihm doch ganz gern das kleine Verdienst ein, dieses Verzeichnis zuerst veröffentlicht zu haben.

Krakau, den 27. April 1891.

II. Mittheilungen aus Museen, Instituten etc.

1. Zoological Society of London.

2nd June, 1891. — The Secretary read a report on the additions that had been made to the Society's Menagerie during the month of May 1891, calling special attention to a female Water-buck Antelope (*Cobus ellipsiprymnus*) from British East Africa, presented by George S. Mackenzie, Esq., F.Z.S., and to three Blanford's Rats (*Mus Blanfordi*) from Kadapa, Madras, received in exchange, new to the Collection. — Mr. Selater made some remarks on the animals which he had noticed during a recent visit to the Zoological Gardens of Paris, Ghent, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, and the Hague. — Prof. Newton, F.R.S., exhibited (on behalf of Prof. Stirling, of the University of Adelaide, C.M.Z.S.) a drawing, being the first received in Europe, representing the remarkable new Australian Mammal

lately described by Prof. Stirling as *Notoryctes typhlops*, which was stated to be the Mole-type of the order Marsupialia. — The Secretary exhibited (on behalf of Mr. F. E. Blaauw, C.M.Z.S.) specimens of the Long-tailed Tit shot in Holland, and sent to this country for the purpose of ascertaining whether they belonged to the British form (*Acredula rosea*) or the white-headed continental form (*A. caudata*). — Mr. F. Finn exhibited a hybrid Duck bred in the Society's Gardens, believed to be bred between a male Chilian Pintail (*Dafila spinicauda*) and a female Summer-Duck (*Aex sponsa*). — A communication was read from Dr. O. F. von Möllendorff containing a revised list of the Land- and Freshwater Shells of Perak, with descriptions of some new species. — A communication was read from Dr. G. E. Dobson, F.R.S., containing a sketch of the derivation and distribution of the Mammals of the order Insectivora found in the New World. — Mr. G. A. Boulenger read a report on Reptiles, Batrachians, and Fishes of which specimens had been collected for the West-Indian Exploration Committee in some of the Lesser Antilles, and deposited in the British Museum. — A communication was read from Mr. Hamilton H. Druce containing an account of the Butterflies of the family Lycaenidae obtained by Mr. C. M. Woodford in the Solomon Islands. — P. L. Selater, Secretary.

2. Linnean Society of New South Wales.

April 29th, 1891. — 1) Mineralogical. — 2) and 3) Botanical. — 4) In Confirmation of the genus *Owenia*, so-called. By C. W. De Vis, M.A. The recent acquisition of the greater part of a fairly sound mandible enables the author both to characterise a second species of the genus for which the name *Owenia* was originally proposed as a slight but appropriate tribute of appreciation of the labours of the illustrious exponent of our extinct marsupials—though the author himself at the time was aware of its preoccupancy among the invertebrates, — and to maintain the validity of the genus, a matter which has been called in question. Accordingly to prevent further complications the name *Owenia* is withdrawn in favour of *Euowenia*. The paper concludes with a synopsis of the genera of the *Nototheriidae*, in the sense in which the author would prefer to use that term (to include *Nototherium*, *Diprotodon*, *Euowenia*, *Zygomaturus*, and probably *Sthenomerus*) in place of Mr. Lydekker's two families *Nototheriidae* and *Diprotodontidae*. — 5) *Onyx* and *Dipeltis*: new Nematode genera; with a Note on *Dorylaimus*. By N. A. Cobb. — Mr. A. Sidney Olliff stated that he had recently had an opportunity of examining a collection of *Coccinellidae* gathered by Mr. A. M. Lea, among which he had found specimens of the lady-bird, *Vedalia cardinalis*, obtained at Mossman's Bay, near Sydney. This capture is interesting from the fact that the species has not previously been observed by our local collectors. Mr. Olliff also showed, under the microscope, specimens of larvae and females of *Phylloxera vastatrix*, the vine pest; and he remarked that, so far, he had not yet been able to find either specimens of the leaf-form of the pest, or reliable records of its having been observed in New South Wales. — Mr. Fletcher exhibited three specimens of terrestrial Nemertines (*Geonemertes* sp.) — one from the Richmond River, N.S.W. (collected by Mr. R. Helms), the others from Tasmania (collected by Mr. C. Hedley). The Tasmanian forms seem to differ in colour and pattern from the Victorian specimens re-

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