

Die vorliegende Art ist von Herrn Ulrich Deiters aus Bremen, dem zu Ehren ich sie *Diaptomus Deitersi* benannt habe, in einem inmitten der Stadt Cuyaba (Brasilien, Prov. Matto Grosso) belegenen nicht tiefen Brunnen, dessen Wasser bald klar bald trübe ist, zusammen mit einer nicht bestimmbaren *Cyclops*-Art gefangen worden. Außer ihr ist neben dem ungenügend beschriebenen in Chile vorkommenden *D. longicornis* (Nicolet) aus Südamerika nur noch der interessante *D. gibber* Poppe aus Süd-Brasilien bekannt.

II. Mittheilungen aus Museen, Instituten etc.

1. Zoological Society of London.

16th June, 1891. — Mr. H. A. Bryden exhibited an abnormal pair of Horns of a cow Eland obtained in the North Kalahari, and made remarks on the structure of the feet of the Lechée Antelope. — Mr. Howard Saunders exhibited and made remarks on a nearly white skin of a Tiger obtained in Northern India by Major D. Robinson. — Mr. Saunders also exhibited specimens of the eggs of a Gull (*Larus maculipennis*) and of a Tern (*Sterna Trudeaui*) from Argentina. — Mr. Selater read an extract from a letter received from Dr. Bolau, C.M.Z.S., describing two Sea-Eagles living in the Zoological Garden, Hamburg, and considered to be referable to Steller's Sea-Eagle (*Haliaëtus pelagicus*). One of these, received from Corea, Mr. Selater pointed out probably belonged to the species described in the Society's »Proceedings« by Taczanowski as *Haliaëtus Branickii*. — Dr. R. Bowdler Sharpe, F.Z.S., gave a short account of the proceedings of the International Ornithological Congress recently held a Budapest, in which he had taken part. — Mr. G. A. Boulenger, F.Z.S., read a paper entitled »A Contribution to our Knowledge of the Races of *Rana esculenta* and their Geographical Distribution.« Mr. Boulenger proposed to recognize four forms of this widely-spread species of Frog, and pointed out the characters upon which these races were based and the areas which they occupy. — Mr. Olfield Thomas, F.Z.S., read some notes on various species of Ungulates, which he had made during a recent examination of the specimens of this group of Mammals in the British Museum. — Mr. Edgar A. Smith, F.Z.S., gave an account of a large collection of Marine Shells from Aden. To this were added some remarks upon the relationship of the Molluscan Fauna of the Red Sea with that of the Mediterranean. — A second communication from Mr. Smith contained descriptions of some new species of Shells, based on examples obtained during the »Challenger« Expedition. — Mr. H. A. Bryden read some notes on the present distribution of the Giraffe south of the Zambesi, and made some remarks on the best means of procuring living specimens of this animal for European collections. — A communication was read from Messrs. Mole and Ulrich containing notes on some of the Reptiles of Trinidad, of which they had transmitted living examples to the Society's Menagerie. — Mr. F. E. Beddard read some additional notes upon the anatomy of *Haplemur griseus* made during a recent examination of two specimens of this Lemur. — Mr. E. B. Poulton gave an account of

an interesting example of Protective Mimicry discovered by Mr. W. L. Sclater in British Guiana. This was an immature form of an unknown species of Homopterous insect of the family Membracidae, which mimics the Cooshie Ant (*Oecodoma cephalotes*). — P. L. Sclater, Secretary.

2. Linnean Society of New South Wales.

May 27th, 1891. — 1) Geological. — 2) Remarks on Post-Tertiary *Phascolomyidae*. By C. W. De Vis, M. A., Corr. Mem. In this paper the author adduces weighty evidence, based on the phascolomine peculiarities of their respective contents, in favour of the conclusion that the ossiferous deposits of the Darling Downs and of the Wellington Caves are not upon the same palaeontological horizon, the cave wombats, *Phascolomys latifrons*, *P. Krefftii*, and *P. curvirostris*, not having come into existence when the Queensland breccias and Tertiaries—characterised by the presence of *P. parvus* and *P. angustidens*, n. sp. (herein described), — were laid down; and secondly that no living species of wombat has come down to us from the Age of the Condamine beds. — 3) Description of a new Marine Shell. By C. Hedley, F.L.S., and C. T. Musson, F.L.S. The new species, described as *Eulimella moniliforme*, flourishes in the brackish water of the lagoon at Manly, near Sydney. — Mr. Hedley read a short note descriptive of the ova of a common Sydney land mollusc, *Helicarion robustus*, Gould, which are somewhat different from those of other pulmonate molluscs occurring in the neighbourhood, being spirally ribbed. — Mr. A. Sidney Olliff exhibited 1) two species of a small fly (*Diplosis* spp.), recently bred at the Department of Agriculture by Dr. Cobb and himself from larvae found feeding on rust (*Puccinia*) on peach and sunflowers; 2) a drawing of a larva of one of these flies, illustrating the anatomy of the animal, and exhibiting the embryo and larva of an internal parasite, apparently belonging to the Hymenoptera; and 3) specimens of a dipteran (*Tachina* sp.), a parasite of the plague locust, *Pachytylus australis*, Br., which is allied to the recently-discovered *Musciera pachytyli*, Sk. — Mr. Henry Deane exhibited a fine specimen of *Ophideres salminia*, Cr., from Casino, a moth which enlarges, by means of its auger-like proboscis the holes made by fruit-flies, etc., in the rind of oranges and bananas. — Mr. Deane also stated that last month, while travelling by night through the Big Scrub in the Richmond River District, his interest was aroused by the remarkable effect produced by luminous insects which abounded by the roadside. Specimens were secured and sent off in the hope that they would arrive in time to be exhibited at last month's meeting, but they came a day too late, and in the meanwhile have died. From their general resemblance to the larvae of *Ceroplatus mastersi*, Sk., which are also phosphorescent, Mr. Fletcher, who had seen the specimens forwarded, was of the opinion that these were very probably also dipterous larvae. — Mr. David made some remarks on certain luminous organisms which he had observed in old coal mine workings in Illawarra, the identification of which it was hoped would not long be postponed.

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