

Durch Auffinden derjenigen Thiere, welche Latzel bei der Beschreibung seines »*albolineatus* Lucas« zu Grunde lagen, erkannte ich, daß alle die von mir früher unter diesem Namen mitgetheilten Thiere von dem *albolineatus* Luc. Latzel's specifisch verschieden waren und das sowohl im inneren wie äußeren Bau. Die Beschreibung des *albolineatus* Lucas paßt nun auf Latzel's Formen und auf die meinigen und wohl noch andere und darum auf gar keine. Ich führe daher für »*albolineatus* Luc.« Latzel den Namen *Latzeli* mihi ein und für meine früher aus Rheinland, Allgäu und Schweiz beschriebenen Thiere den Namen *albovittatus* mihi.

Was Latzel, Fedrizzi und Berlese als »*Julus oxypygus* Brandt« aus Südtirol anführen, ist, wie ich mich jetzt durch Auffinden dieser Thiere überzeugt habe, eine ganz andere Art, ich nenne sie *Berleseii* mihi. Ferner habe ich mich durch Erlangung des echten *Julus luridus* Latzel (non C. Koch, dessen Art nicht zu deuten ist!) überzeugt, daß meine var. *Meinerti*, 1891 aus dem Allgäu beschrieben, eine eigene Art vorstellt, welche also als *Julus Meinerti* mihi aufzuführen ist. *Polydesmus illyricus* Verh. beschrieb ich zuerst aus Istrien, fand aber neuerdings, daß er in Tirol sehr häufig auftritt und zwar den gemeinen *complanatus* L. zu vertreten scheint, denn diesen fand ich dort nirgends. Latzel hat den *illyricus* mit *complanatus* vermischt, was sich bei der großen äußerlichen Ähnlichkeit beider leicht erklären läßt.

Von *Atractosoma* entdeckte ich in Tirol drei neue Arten, von denen eine hochalpin ist. Ich fand sie in der Ortlergruppe zwischen 2400—2700 m. Da ich aus der Schweiz zwei hochalpine Formen bekannt gemacht habe, so muß *Atractosoma* in erster Linie als die Alpengattung unter den Diplopoden bezeichnet werden.

Ausführliche Mittheilung nebst Tafeln lasse ich nachfolgen.

Bonn, 14. November 1893.

II. Mittheilungen aus Museen, Instituten etc.

1. The Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia.

It has always been recognized that scientific research is greatly furthered by the exchange of the various objects with which that research is concerned. For the transmission of objects of Natural History from one country to another, the mails have offered a cheap, speedy and reliable means. Heretofore, through the laxity with which the regulations on the subject have been enforced, it has been possible to enter such objects in the mails of the Universal Postal Union as samples of merchandise and under the rates of postage therefor. From official information lately received from the Post Office Department of the United States it appears that such a rating is entirely unauthorized by existing provisions, and that objects of Natural History may be mailed to countries of the Union only at the rates required

for letters. The United States Post Office Department also stated that it had recently submitted a proposition to the countries composing the Postal Union, to modify the regulations so that such specimens might be received into the mails at the same rates as samples of merchandise, but that a sufficient number of those countries had voted against the proposition to defeat it.

This Academy has therefore resolved to address the various scientific bodies, with which it is in communication, in those countries whose governments have voted against the proposition, and to request those scientific bodies to memorialize their respective governments in favour of the same.

The Governments of Austria, Bolivia, British India, Canada, Germany, Great Britain, Guatemala, Hungary, Japan, Norway, Portugal, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Tunis, Uruguay and Venezuela having voted in the negative, this Academy respectfully requests the favorable consideration of this question by scientific Societies and begs that they take such steps as they deem advisable to inform the Postal authorities of their respective governments of the manifest advantages to scientific research which would result from the adoption of the proposed modification, and to request those authorities to take such steps as may result in the adoption of the same.

The letter rate for postage (Universal Postal Union) is ten times that required for samples of merchandise; such a rate for specimens of Natural History is virtually prohibitive.

This Academy would respectfully urge upon scientific Societies prompt action on this matter if it meets with that approval which we so strongly desire.

Philadelphia, 14. November 1893.

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Edw. J. Nolan, Recording Secretary.

2. Zoological Society of London.

7th November, 1893. — The Secretary read a report on the additions that had been made to the Society's Menagerie during the months of June, July, August, and September 1893. Among these special attention was called to four South-Island Robins (*Miro albifrons*) from New Zealand, presented by Capt. Edgar J. Evans; an adult male of Stairs' Monkey (*Cercopithecus Stairsi*), presented by Mr. F. Hinze on June 7th; a family of six European Beavers (*Castor fiber*), consisting of a male, a female, and four young ones, from the Lower Rhone; a young Corean Sea-Eagle (*Haliaëtus Branickii*), obtained from Corea; and a fine specimen of the Great Grebe of Antarctic America (*Aechmophorus major*) in full plumage. The Secretary also exhibited a living example of the Goliath Beetle (*Goliathus Druryi*), the largest of known Coleoptera, from the Society's Insect-house. — Mr. Slater read some notes on the most interesting animals he had seen during a recent visit to the Zoological Gardens of Stuttgart, Frankfort, and Cologne. — An extract was read from a letter addressed to the Secretary by Mr. J. G. Millais, F.Z.S., relating his endeavours to obtain specimens of the White Rhinoceros (*Rhinoceros simus*) in Mashunaland. — A communication was read from Babu Ram Bramha Sányál, C.M.Z.S., describing a Hybrid Monkey of the Genus *Semnopithecus*, born in the Zoological Gardens, Calcutta. — Mr. Tegetmeier exhibited a specimen of a hybrid Grouse between the Blackgame (*Tetrao tetrax*) and the Red Grouse (*Lagopus scoticus*). — Mr. Boulenger read a paper »On a Nothosaurian Reptile from the

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