

à Penard ou à Schaudinn le soin de choisir un nouveau vocable approprié.

Nancy, 17. Mai 1897.

2. Rectification.

Je viens de publier dans le Bulletin de la Société Zoologique de France, tome XXII. page. 98 1897 une note intitulée:

Observations sur Divers Céphalopodes; Troisième note; Céphalopodes du Musée Polytechnique de Moscou. — Cette dernière ligne doit être ainsi modifiée: Céphalopodes du Musée Zoologique de l'Université Impériale de Moscou.

Cette rectification est faite sur la demande du Musée intéressé et afin d'éviter une confusion.

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3. The Follicle Cells in *Salpa*.

By Maynard M. Metcalf, Baltimore.

eingeg. 30. Mai 1897.

Through the courtesy of Professor Brooks of the Johns Hopkins University, I have been enabled to examine a number of finely preserved embryos of several species of *Salpa*, and I desire after briefly referring to certain points in recent papers upon *Salpa* embryology to describe such of the results of my study as bear upon the nature and role of the follicle cells. —

Since the publication, fifteen years ago of Salensky's careful studies [see references at end of paper], interest in the development of this genus has centered more around the follicle cells and their role than around any other point. Salensky showed that the young embryo was composed, in part of a few true blastomeres derived from the fertilized egg, but more largely of a great mass of cells derived by proliferation from the follicle. He claimed that the true blastomeres early disappear, serving probably to nourish the inwandering follicle cells, from which the adult organism is derived. That is, according to Salensky, the fertilized ovum serves merely as food for its unfertilized sisters (the follicle cells), which are the really important elements.

He says — page 362 — »Aus den vorgeführten Stadien läßt sich der Schluß ziehen, daß die Blastomeren fortwährend an Zahl abnehmen, bis sie endlich ganz verschwunden. Diese Erscheinung kann auf

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