6) On new Genera and Species of Fishes. By J. Douglas Ogilby. - Three new genera and three species of fishes are described, viz.: Scolecenchelys (for Muraenichthys australis, Mel.), Myropterura for a new myroid Eel (M. laticaudata, from Fiji), and Goodella for a small fish from Maroubra, which is referred to the Synodontidae, and named G. hypozona; the third species is an ophicthyoid Eel, and is named Bascanichthys hemizona. A pair of cestracion jaws taken from a specimen caught off Manly are also described; and attention is drawn to its distinctness from Heterodontus Phillipi and Gyropleurodus galeatus, and its resemblance in the increased number and narrowness of the whorls of molariform teeth, and their strong carination, to Gyropleurodus Quoyi. - Mr. W. W. Froggatt exhibited portions of vine stakes covered with scars cut by Cicadas in which their eggs were deposited; each scar contained about 16 eggs forming a double row, and almost every stake in dozens of vineyards round Minto and Liverpool was covered with several cuts; the eggs had not developed, probably because they were deposited in dry wood. Also, on behalf of Mr. Gilbert Turner, a named collection of Ants from Mackay, Queensland, in illustration of a paper read at the last meeting. — Mr. Waterhouse exhibited a collection of Lepidoptera in illustration of his paper. Also examples of Pamphila augiades, Feld., showing varieties among the females. - Mr. E. R. Waite exhibited a living example of a dark variety of the Sydney Bush Rat (Mus arboricola, W. S. Macl.). In this specimen the parts usually of a brown colour are a dark grey, the longer hairs being black. It greatly resembles typical examples of Mus rattus, but may be externally distinguished by the longer ears and white under parts Also shells of the introduced Helix aspersa, from the Society's garden, lent by Mr. Fletcher as a sample of large numbers so treated, in which the soft parts had been extracted by the rats; in all cases the apex of the shell had been attacked, the lip being untouched .- Mr. Ogilby exhibited the jaws and the small fish, Goodella hypozona, mentioned in his paper; and also a specimen of a young Conger (Leptocephalus labiatus) in the Helmictis stage. - Mr. Rainbow, through the kindness of Mr. Henry Deane, exhibited a second specimen of the beautiful spider, Actenopus formosus, Rainbow [P.L. S.N.S.W. 1896, p. 328, forwarded by Mr. A. G. Little, of Menindie. — Mr. Brazier exhibited for Edwin H. R. Brazier a specimen of Hawksbill Turtle (Chelonia imbricata) obtained alive by him at Nelson Bay, Waverley, during the easterly gale of June 14, 1897. This is the first record of the species so far south, its usual habitat being Torres Straits, Solomon Islands, and the Line Islands. Also a specimen of Planaxis mollis, Sowb., with the whorls tabled below the suture which has the appearance of being canaliculated, more like an Eburna; obtained at Coogee, 30 years ago.

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