

ration to Dr. Bristol and myself, claiming that we have published his discoveries as our own, and without even acknowledging the theft. Here is a bit of that charming modesty which never fails this author: »Bristol bestätigt die Beobachtungen von Whitman; Whitman's Beobachtungen aber sind mit den meinigen identisch, also bestätigt meine Angaben auch Bristol.«

There is much more of a similar order and odor, but never a word of proof! Mr. Apáthy would like to have it understood that my contributions on the *Hirudinea* since 1888, when his star first began to twinkle, have been little more than confirmations of his discoveries. My paper on the Metamerism of *Clepsine*, he declares to be essentially a repetition of his work, and I am represented as having changed my standpoint to that occupied by Mr. Apáthy in 1888, and all that without confessing my indebtedness to him! In nearly every paragraph recurs the pitiful refrain, »ohne mich zu erwähnen«. Mr. Bristol's results on *Nephelis*, says Mr. Apáthy, 'agree exactly with mine of 1888', and yet »er erwähnt mich ja mit keinem Wort!« All this bitter grief is charged to Whitman's »schlechtem Gedächtnis«, and the only consolation is that both Whitman and Bristol have merely confirmed Mr. Apáthy of 1888.

I have read Mr. Apáthy's paper with a great deal of interest, but not with Mr. Apáthy's magnifying glasses. I am not aware of any change of standpoint, or of any indebtedness to Mr. Apáthy for the observations recorded in my papers. The same can be said of Mr. Bristol's work. Were I disposed to take up this »Jammergeschrei«, I think I could point out a few 'confirmations' not properly credited in that famous work of 1888.

Perhaps Mr. Apáthy will see when he comes to reflect on the matter, that his gross misrepresentations of me and Mr. Bristol are not the most becoming things for a man of science to indulge in.

II. Mittheilungen aus Museen, Instituten etc.

1. Zoological Society of London.

18th April 1899. — The Secretary read a report on the additions that had been made to the Society's Menagerie during the month of March 1899, and called special attention to a young female example of the Kiang (*Equus hemionus*) received on deposit on March 11th and subsequently purchased, to a specimen of Pel's Owl (*Scotopelia Peli*) presented by Lieut. E. V. Turner, R.E., and to an example of the Cape Jumping-Hare (*Pedetes caffer*), presented by Mr. W. Champion of Durban. — Mr. C. W. Andrews, F.Z.S., read a paper on the osteology of one of the great extinct birds of Patagonia, *Phororhacos inflatus*. He described in detail the structure of the skull and skeleton, and compared them with various recent forms of birds. The evidence

as to the affinity of this type was somewhat conflicting, but on the whole pointed to a relationship with the *Gruiformes*, as had been previously suggested by the author. It seemed probable that the aberrant *Cariama* was the nearest living representative of *Phororhacos*, being related to it somewhat in the same fashion as the small modern Armadillos are to the great extinct forms such as *Glyptodon* and *Panochthus*. — A communication was read from Mr. P. W. Bassett-Smith, F.Z.S., entitled "A Systematic Description of the Parasitic Copepoda found on Fishes". It contained a summary of the literature on the subject, and an enumeration of the known species of these parasites and lists of their synonyms. A new family (*Philichthyidae*)¹ was introduced, to embrace the forms which are found in the mucous canals and sinuses of Fishes, and a new genus (*Oralien*) was proposed for the reception of *Chondracanthus triglae* (Blainv.). — Mr. W. E. de Winton, F.Z.S., read a paper on the African species of *Canidae*. The author, from an examination of a series of specimens lately received from Africa, had come to the conclusion that the known species of *Canidae* of that continent were 14 in number. He pointed out that the numerous supposed new species of Jackals that had recently been described were mostly varieties of well-known forms, and that he was of opinion that only four species of Jackals were found in Africa, viz. *Canis anthus*, *C. variegatus*, *C. mesomelas*, and *C. adustus*. — A communication from Dr. H. von Ihering, C.M.Z.S., on the Ornis of the State of São Paulo, Brazil, was read. It embraced the conclusions arrived at, from observations made by the author during the last six years, regarding the distribution of birds in that State, in which he recognized elements of three different faunas — namely, the Northern and Southern divisions of the South-east Brazilian fauna, and the Central Brazilian or Pampas fauna, of the interior. — A communication from Mr. G. A. Boulenger, F.R.S., contained the description of a new Lizard from Ecuador under the name *Ameiva leucostigma*. — A communication was read from the Rev. O. Pickard-Cambridge, C.M.Z.S., containing descriptions of twelve new species of exotic Araneidea. — P. L. Sclater, Secretary.

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- 1) Eröffnung durch den Vorsitzenden, Herrn Geh. Rath. Prof.
Dr. F. E. Schulze.

¹ *Philichthyidae* C. Vogt, 1877. (J. V. Crs.)

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