

## II. Mittheilungen aus Museen, Instituten etc.

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August 29th, 1900. — 1) Descriptions of some new *Araneidæ* of New South Wales. No. 9. By W. J. Rainbow, F.L.S., Entomologist to the Australian Museum. This paper contains descriptions of four new species, and one well-marked variety of a previously described form. Of the forms described, one is referable to the genus *Dysdera*, Latr., and is consequently a new generic record for Australia. For this species the author proposes the name *D. australiensis*. Other forms described are *Tama eucalypti*, *Araneus parvulus*, *A. singularis*, and *Dicrostichus furcatus*, Camb., var. *distinctus*. — 2) Studies on Australian Mollusca. Part II. By C. Hedley, F.L.S. Several new marine shells from Queensland and New South Wales are described, including species of *Chlamys*, *Puncturella*, *Terebra*, *Leucotina*, and *Liotia*. Two plates which accompany the article illustrate these, together with species named by Tenison-Woods, Brazier and Beddome, but not before figured. The genus *Menon* published in Pt. I. is shown to be reducible to *Chileutomia*, Tate and Cossmann, hitherto known only as an Eocene fossil. Notes on habits, geographical range and synonymy of known forms conclude the article. — 3) Notes to accompany Figures of Boisduval's Types of Six species of Australian *Curculionidæ*. By Arthur M. Lea. With the co-operation of Monsieur P. Lesne, of the Paris Museum, the endeavour is made to clear up matters relating to the following species: — *Cryptorrhynchus dromedarius*, *C. lithodermus*, *C. fuliginosus*, *C. ephippiger*, *Gonipterus reticulatus* and *G. notographus*. The types are in the Brussels Museum and have been examined by M. Lesne, who has forwarded his notes and sketches. The species were originally described in the "Voyage de l'Astrolabe", but in so brief a manner as to render their identification very difficult without actual comparison with the types. — 4) Contributions to the Morphology and Development of the Female Urogenital Organs in the *Marsupialia*. Nos. II.-v. By Jas. P. Hill, B.Sc., F.L.S., Demonstrator of Biology in the University of Sydney. The organs of the following Marsupials are described: — *Myrmecobius fasciatus*, Waterh., in which some important resemblances to *Perameles* are presented, yet with important differences; *Tarsipes rostratus*, Ger., in which a post partum, direct, permanently open median passage for the birth of the young is found, as in certain Macropods; *Acrobates pygmaea*, Sh., and *Petaurus breviceps*, Waterh., in which probably a pseudo-vaginal passage will be found to occur; and *Trichosurus vulpecula*, Kerr, in which a pseudo-vaginal passage comparable with that present in *Dasyurus viverrinus* obtains, *Trichosurus* thus being the first Diprotodont genus in which this character has certainly been found to occur; and it is again suggested that the explanation of the condition of things met with in *Macropus giganteus*, Zim., will probably be found to be the formation of a pseudo-vaginal passage. — 5) Descriptions of two new species of Phytophagous Hymenoptera referable to the Families *Orysidæ* and *Tenthredinidæ*; with Notes on other Saw Flies. By Gilbert Turner. A species of *Oryssus*, a genus not hitherto recorded from Australia, and one of *Clarissa* are described, both from Mackay, Q. In the same locality the author has also collected five species of *Perga*, one of *Hylotoma*, four of *Pterygophorus*, and one of *Clarissa*.

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