

September 25th, 1901. — 1) Arachnida from the South Seas. By W. J. Rainbow, F.L.S., Entomologist to the Australian Museum. The species of Arachnida collected by Mr. J. J. Walker, R.N., F.L.S., F.E.S., during a cruise of H.M.S. "Ringarooma" to the South Sea Islands during the months of June, July, August and September, 1900, are herein recorded. Thirty-four species are enumerated, of which four are described as new, namely: — *Leptodrassus insulanus*, *Argyrodes Walkeri*, *Diaea bipunctata*, and *D. regale*. The most interesting of them is *L. insulanus*, as it records a new *mis*, locality for the genus. 2) On the Systematic Position of *Purpura tritoniformis*. By H. L. Kesteven. Reasons are given for removing *P. tritoniformis* from *Urosalpinx* and *Cominella* and transferring it to *Purpura*. In selecting the subgenus of the latter for its reception, the resemblance of the larval shell and in anatomical characters to *P. succincta* cause the writer to place it in *Trochia*. The names *Adamsia* and *Agnewia* consequently lapse into the synonymy of *Trochia*. — Mr. Froggatt exhibited specimens of the two sexes of the large spiny Phasmid, *Extatosoma tiaratum*, Macl. The female is not uncommon in the coastal scrubs, but the male is comparatively rare. — Mr. Rainbow exhibited specimens and gave an account of the habits of a common but interesting spider, *Desis marina*, Camb., which on the shores of Port Jackson, as also in New Zealand and New Caledonia, lives in holes between tide-marks. During the periods of its immersion it comes to the surface when necessary and carries down bubbles of air. — Mr. Fletcher exhibited copies of the two published books, and some interesting relics, of John William Lewin, "naturalist and painter," who settled in New South Wales in 1798; and whose remains until recently reposed in what was the Devonshire Street Cemetery. The exhibit included a few of Lewin's undoubtedly very numerous unpublished drawings; also early impressions of some of his published illustrations of birds and insects which were engraved, printed and coloured in the Colony; accompanying them are his MS. observations on the animals which served as the basis of the text which was printed in England: these are now in the possession of the Society. A sketch of Lewin's career as colonist, artist, zoological collector and field naturalist was given.

III. Personal-Notizen.

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Am 15. September starb in Folge des Kenterns eines Bootes an der Küste von Irland Martin F. Woodward, ein viel versprechender junger Zoologe, Sohn des Dr. Henry Woodward, Brit. Mus., und Assistent von Prof. G. B. Howes am Royal College of Science, London.

Am 28. Juni starb in Willis, New Mexico, Francis J. Birtwell, in Folge eines Sturzes. Er war September 1880 in London, Engl., geboren, kam früh nach Nord-Amerika und zeichnete sich als vorzüglicher ornithologischer Beobachter aus.

Am 9./22. November starb in St.-Petersburg der Akademiker, Professor Alexander Kowalevsky, der durch vortreffliche Arbeiten bekannte Forscher. Er war am 7./19. November 1840 geboren. Nach einer Erkrankung von nur drei Tagen, während derer er das Bewußtsein nicht wieder erlangt hat, erlag er den Folgen einer Apoplexie.

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