

von Abtheilung 26 (Hygiene) zu:

Langer (Prag): Übertragung pathogener Bakterien durch niedere Thiere, bedingt durch deren Entwicklungsgeschichte.

2. Zoological Society of London.

June 17th, 1902. — The Secretary read a report on the additions that had been made to the Society's menagerie during the month of May 1902, and called special attention to an example of the Southern Anaconda (*Eunectes notaeus*) from Paraguay, deposited by the Hon. Walter Rothschild, F.Z.S., to a female Hartebeest from Angola (apparently *Bubalis caama*), and to three American Bisons (*Bison americanus*), from the Woburn Herd, presented by the President. — Mr. R. I. Pocock, F.Z.S., exhibited and made remarks upon the nest of a Gregarious Spider (*Stegodyphus dumicola*) sent home by Capt. Barrett-Hamilton, F.Z.S., from Vredefort Road, Orange River Colony, South Africa. — Mr. Oscar Neumann exhibited specimens of some new and interesting Mammals which he had discovered during his recent journey through Eastern Africa, and called special attention to some Monkeys of the genus *Cercopithecus*, and to various species of Hyraxes (*Procavia*). — Dr. Walter Kidd, F.Z.S., read a paper on certain habits of animals as traced in the arrangement of their hair. It was an attempt to interpret, in terms of certain characteristic habits, the departures from a primitive type of hair-arrangement. Shorthaired mammals, chiefly Ungulates and Carnivores, were considered. The habits referred to were divided into Passive (those of sitting and recumbent postures) and Active (chiefly those of locomotion), and these were shown to match closely the variations observed in the direction of hair in the animals concerned. — Mr. F. E. Beddard, F.R.S., described the carpal organ which he had observed in a female specimen of *Hapalemur griseus* that had lately died in the Society's Gardens. He pointed out that this organ in the female differed in some details from that in the male. — Mr. R. I. Pocock, F.Z.S., read a paper on some points in the Anatomy of the Alimentary and Nervous Systems of the False Scorpions of the Order Pedipalpi. — A communication from Mr. H. J. Elwes, F.R.S., called attention to Mr. Lydekker's recently published description of a new Elk, *Alces bedfordiae*, based on some unpalmed antlers and a skull of an Elk from Siberia, and offered a remark that he thought it inadvisable to found a new species, or even a subspecies, on such scanty material. — Mr. E. Beddard, F.R.S., read a paper, prepared by himself and Miss Fedarb, descriptive of a new Coelomic Organ in the Earthworm, *Pheretima (Perichaeta) posthuma*, which consisted of a series of sac-like structures on the floor of certain segments in the middle of the body. The nature of these cavities was not quite apparent, but they were considered to furnish another example of the commencing subdivision of the coelom in the Oligochaete Worms. — Mr. Beddard also described some new species of Earthworms belonging to the genus *Polytorutus*, and made some remarks on the spermatophores of that genus. — A communication from Miss Igera B. J. Sollas contained an account of the Sponges obtained during the „Skeat Expedition“ to the Malay Peninsula in 1899—1900. The collection contained examples of 29 species, eleven of which had proved to be

new and were described in the paper. — Mr. G. A. Boulenger, F.R.S., enumerated the eight species of Fishes of which specimens were contained in a collection made by Mr. S. L. Hinde in the Kenya District of East Africa. Four of them were new and were described by the author. — A communication from Mr. A. L. Butler, F.Z.S., contained a list of the species of Batrachians — 13 in number — that had been added to the Malayan Fauna since the publication, in the Society's 'Proceedings' in 1899, of Capt. Flower's paper "On the Reptiles and Batrachians of the Malay Peninsula". — P. L. Sclater, Secretary.

3. Deutsche Zoologische Gesellschaft.

Der Unterzeichnete erneuert die Bitte, daß die Jahresbeiträge bezw. die Ablösung derselben **nicht** an ihn, sondern wie bisher an

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eingezahlt werden möchten.

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4. Biologische Station d. K. Gesellschaft der Naturforscher zu St. Petersburg.

Der Unterzeichnete beehrt sich hierdurch bekannt zu machen, daß die Biologische Station der K. Gesellschaft der Naturforscher zu St. Petersburg, welche früher auf der Insel Solowetzky (im Weißen Meer) functionierte, jetzt an die Küste des nördlichen Polarmeeres, nach Alexandrowsk, Gouv. Archangelsk (Murman-Küste) verlegt worden ist.

Dadurch sind alle die für die Station bestimmten Drucksachen stets nach Alexandrowsk (Rußland, Gouv. Archangelsk) via Vardö (Norwegen) zu richten.

Die Correspondenz aber ersuche ich während Mai, Juni, Juli gleichfalls nach Alexandrowsk zu schicken, die übrige Jahreszeit aber nach St. Petersburg, Universität, an die Gesellschaft der Naturforscher adressieren zu wollen.

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