

one specimen having a band of confluent blotches around the thicker end of pale ochraceous-brown and dull chestnut-red, intermingled with a few underlying spots of light purplish-red; the other has the markings, which are of a rich purplish-red, smaller and more evenly distributed over the surface of the shell, also a few under-lying spots of much paler shades of the same colour. Length (A) $0,75 \times 0,58$ inch; (B) $0,72 \times 0,6$ inch. The specimens were kindly lent for description by Mr. Charles French, Junr., Assistant Government Entomologist, Melbourne. — Mr. Fletcher showed a series of original drawings made during the memorable journey of Charles Darwin in H.M.S. "Beagle", Captain Fitzroy, during the years 1831—1836. Also the MS. journal of the artist, the late Mr. Syms Covington which with the exception of one break was kept regularly throughout the voyage; likewise some literary relics of Darwin. Mr. Covington accompanied Mr. Darwin as his personal attendant, and helped to collect zoological specimens, particularly birds. Some years after the return of the "Beagle", Mr. Covington emigrated to New South Wales, where he spent the rest of his days. The exhibition of this very interesting series of relics of the historic voyage was rendered possible by the kindness of Mr. Syms Covington, Junr., who, per medium of Mrs. C. W. Morgan, of Pambula, N.S.W., had generously presented them to the Society with a view to their preservation, and to their becoming known to naturalists. Mr. Covington well remembers, when a boy, assisting his father to collect barnacles for transmission to the author of the "Monograph on the Subclass Cirripedia"; and the Australian species recorded from Twofold Bay in the second volume of this work were derived from this source. The drawings exhibited comprised views of Porto Praya, Bahia, the Abrolhos islets, the entrance to Rio, the entrance to the Santa Cruz River, Woollya Cove showing the Beagle's boats, the three wigwams and the embryonic garden prepared for the Fuegians whom Capt. Fitzroy here restored to their native land after a sojourn in England, Coquimbo, Tahiti, Bay of Islands, N.Z., the entrance to the River Derwent, Tasmania, showing the lighthouse, King George's Sound, W.A., Keeling Islands, St. Helena, and Pernambuco; also some illustrations of the national costumes then in fashion at Lima. The exhibit aroused much interest; and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Covington for his valuable addition to the Society's collection of original drawings of historic interest which is gradually growing in importance.

III. Personal-Notizen.

Dr. Ch. Wardell Stiles, Zoologist of the Bureau of Animal Industry, U. S. Department of Agriculture since 1891, has been transferred to the U. S. Treasury Department as "Chief of the Zoological Division, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service of the United States", with permanent head-quarters at the Hygienic Laboratory in Washington, D. C. The Zoological Division is a new division recently authorized by Congress for the purpose of investigating the practical relations of zoology to public health matters. It is made a part of the Hygienic Laboratory authorized by Congress several years ago.

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