

from *Ardea novae-hollandiae*. Length 3,5 mm. Clinging plug a flat lamella with a simple fold into two leaves. Vitelline glands extending into anterior body-region, plug, and to posterior end of body: testes lobulated. *Holostomum musculosum*, from *Sterna bergii*. Length 11 mm. Clinging plug very complex, with a projecting fimbriated process: ventral sucker completely sunk in the tissues of the body, communicating with the exterior by a small thin-walled canal: a number of strong bands of longitudinal muscle present in posterior body-region.

Mr. Froggatt exhibited specimens of, and contributed a Note on, the larvae of five handsome and characteristic members of the family *Carabidae*, namely — *Calosoma Schayeri*, Erich., *Pamborus viridis*, Gory, *Catadromus Lacordairei*, Boisd., *Castelnaudia imperialis*, and a species at present undetermined.

Mr. Stead exhibited a specimen of *Octopus pictus* with a batch of newly deposited eggs. Also a portion of a fish preserved in $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ of formalin, the slightly exposed surface of which was covered with a luxuriant growth of mould. Dr. R. Greig Smith, Dr. Chapman and the Chairman mentioned still more surprising instances of the growth of fungi in, or upon substances wholly or partially immersed in, antiseptic solutions, which had come under actual observation.

Mr. Steel exhibited a specimen of the common Pine Case-moth, *Thyridopteryx Hubneri*, in which two cases are firmly woven together for about one-third of their length, the attachment commencing close to the neck.

Mr. North sent for exhibition a specimen of *Munia flaviprymna*, Gould, from the Australian Museum Reference Collection. The Trustees also possess a living example of this, the rarest of all Australian Finches. It was captured with a flock of *Donacicola castaneothorax*, Gould, in the Northern Territory of South Australia, in December, 1903. A skin was also exhibited of *Poephila atropygialis* (Diggles), Castelnau and Ramsay¹, from the Norman River, Gulf of Carpentaria. *Poephila nigrotecta*, Hartert², is a synonym of this species.

III. Personal-Notizen.

Herr Professor Karl Rabl in Prag ist als Professor der Anatomie und Nachfolger von Wilhelm His an die Universität Leipzig berufen worden.

Die an der Tierärztlichen Hochschule in München neu gegründete ordentliche Professur für Zoologie und Biologie ist Herrn Professor B. Hofer übertragen worden.

¹ P.L.S.N.S.W., Vol. I., p. 382 (1877).

² Bull. Brit. Orn. Club, Ibis, 1899, p. 647.

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