

Kern für gewöhnlich in der napfförmig verbreiterten Basis des Stieles liegt, behufs der Fortpflanzung aber in das Köpfchen wandert und sich darauf in acht Kerne theilt, welche für eben so viele Knospen bestimmt sind.

### III. Mittheilungen aus Museen, Gesellschaften etc.

#### 1. Zoological Society of London,

20th May, 1879. — Mr. Sclater called the attention of the Meeting to several animals and other objects of interest, observed by him during a recent visit to some of the Zoological Gardens on the Continent. — Prof. Owen, C. B., read a paper in which he gave the description of a portion of the mandible of a large extinct Kangaroo, proposed to be called *Palorchestes crassus*, from the ancient fluviatile drift of Queensland. — A communication was read from Mr. M. Jacoby, containing descriptions of new species of Coleoptera of the family *Halticidae*. — Mr. Sclater read a paper (the fourth of the series) on Birds collected by the Rev. George Brown, C. M. Z. S., on Duke of York Island, and on the neighbouring parts of New Britain and New Ireland. The present collection contained 59 specimens belonging to 42 species, of which several were believed to be new to science. — A communication was read from Prof. Garrod, F. R. S., containing a series of notes on the anatomy of the Gelada Baboon (*Gelada rueppellii*), based on the examination of a specimen that had died in the Society's Gardens. Prof. Garrod came to the conclusion that *Gelada* must be considered as a distinct generic form, more nearly allied to *Cercopithecus* than to *Cynocephalus*. — Lt.-Col. Godwin-Austen read some notes on and gave a description of the female of *Cerionis blythii*, Jerdon. — P. L. Sclater, Secretary.

3rd June, 1879. — The Secretary exhibited and made remarks upon two volumes of original drawings of the Birds of India, which had been deposited in the Society's Library by Brigadier-General A. C. MacMaster. The volumes contained about 270 figures of the Birds of India, most of which had been drawn by soldiers in General MacMaster's house at Secunderabad. — Mr. Sclater exhibited and made remarks on a small collection of Birds forwarded to him by Dr. A. Döring, of the University of Cordova, in the Argentine Republic. — Mr. W. Otteley gave a description of the blood-vessels of the neck and head of the Ground Hornbill. — Mr. Edward R. Alston read a paper »On the specific identity of the British *Martens*«, in which he pointed out the distinguishing characters of *Martes sylvatica* and *M. foina*, and showed that the former species only is found in this country. — Messrs. Sclater and Salvin gave an account of the Birds collected by the late Mr. T. K. Salmon in the State of Antioquia, United States of Columbia. Mr. Salmon's collections were stated to have been very extensive, having been the product of some five or six years' assiduous collecting, and to have contained altogether of about 3,500 specimens of Birds, which were referable to 469 species. — Mr. G. French Angas gave an account of the Land-shells collected by the late Dr. W. M. Gabb, in Costa Rica. The collection was stated to contain examples of 42 species, of which ten or twelve were believed to be new to science. — P. L. Sclater, Secretary.

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