

und bei *Hepiolus* fehlt sie und daher könnte man auch dieselbe als ein dem Scrotum der Wirbelthiere analoges Gebilde betrachten.

IV. *Hepiolus* ist sehr wichtig für die Morphologie der männlichen Geschlechtsorgane der Lepidopteren, als Repräsentant einer typischen Form des Hodens dieser Ordnung, welche dadurch entstand, dass dieses Organ in einem gewissen Stadium der Entwicklung stehen geblieben ist.

St. Petersburg, 18. Jan. 1880.

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

#### 1. Zoological Society of London,

3rd February 1880. — Captain W. Vincent Legge, R. A., exhibited and made remarks upon some specimens of the Little Ringed Plovers of India and Ceylon. — A communication was read from Dr. G. Hartlaub, F. M. Z. S., containing the description of a new species of Heron, obtained in Mohambo in Northern Madagascar, which he proposed to name *Ardea rutenbergi*. — Mr. Oldfield Thomas read a note on a specimen of *Myoxus elegans* Temminck, which had been obtained by Mr. H. Pryer, near Yokohama, Japan. — A communication was read from Mr. H. Moseley, F. R. S., containing the description of a new species of Simple Coral, which he proposed to call *Desmophyllum lamprosteichus*. — Prof. F. Jeffrey Bell gave an account of *Palaeolampus*, a new species of irregular Echinoidea, which presented, among others, the following archaic points: (1) the rows of pores were completely parallel, and extended regularly to the ambitus; (2) some of the pores exhibited an elongation indicating the appearance of the connecting grove; (3) the outer row of each pore-series was continued uninterruptedly to the actinostome; and (4) two of the ocular pores retained indications of their primitively double character. — Messrs. C. J. Danford and E. R. Alston read a paper »On the Mammals of Asia Minor, Part II.,« in which they added certain species to their former list, and described a new species of Vole, under the name of *Arvicola guentheri*. — Mr. Selater exhibited and made remarks on a fifth collection of Birds from Duke of York Island and its vicinity, which he had received from the Rev. George Brown, C. M. Z. S. Four species were described as new, and proposed to be called *Megalurus interseapularis*, *Poecilodryas aethiops*, *Munia melaena* and *Rallus insignis*. — P. L. Selater, Secretary.

#### 2. Linnean Society of London,

5th February, 1880. — Dr. Francis Day exhibited examples of Salmonidae some of which had been reared under natural and others under unnatural conditions. A *Salmo fontinalis* which had passed its existence in the Westminster Aquarium had the head preternaturally elongated and a very narrow suboperculum, thus in striking contrast to examples reared from the same hatch of imported eggs and kept in a wild state in Cardiganshire. — Mr. A. Hammond showed a larva of *Tanyptus maculatus*. He mentioned that

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