

feeders, such as the Oribatidae and Tetryonchi. He further concludes 1. that Mégnin is correct in saying *Gamasus coleopratorum* and other allied creatures, with the conspicuously divided dorsal plates, are not species at all, but are immature stages of other species, 2. that the division of the dorsal plate is, in most cases in all events, a question of degree, and does not form a sound basis for classification, as applied by Koch, Kramer and others; 3. that the dorsal plates do not grow gradually, but alter in size, shape, or development of the ecdysis; 4. that Mégnin is right in saying that the characteristic of the so-called *G. marginatus* is simply a provision possessed by the females of a large number of species; 5. that the extent of the white margin depends upon the extent to which the abdomen is distended by eggs; 6. that Mégnin is in error in saying that *Coleopratorum* is the nymph of *Crassipes*. The nymph of *crassipes* does not show any divided dorsal plates which can be seen on the living creature; 7. that in the species bred there has not been observed any inert stage before the transformations or ecdysis; 8. that in the same species copulation takes place with the adult female and not with the immature one, as Mégnin contends, and that it is by the vulva not the anus.

IV. Personal-Notizen.

Cagliari. — Der durch die Berufung des Professors Emery nach Bologna erledigte Lehrstuhl der Zoologie und vergleichenden Anatomie ist dem Professor Corrado Parona (bisher Assistent am Laboratorium für vergleichende Anatomie in Pavia) übertragen worden.

Cambridge. — In consequence of the promotion of Mr. A. C. Haddon to the Professorship of Zoology in the Royal College of Science and Art at Dublin, the following appointments have been made:

J. J. Lister, B. A., Exhibitioner of St. John's College, to be Demonstrator of Comparative Anatomy.

A. H. Cooke, B. A., Fellow of King's College (First Classic, 1878), to be Curator in Zoology.

Necrolog.

Am 22. Januar starb in Frankfurt a. M. in seinem 74. Lebensjahre Gabriel Koch, ein durch zahlreiche Arbeiten, besonders über geographische Verbreitung der Schmetterlinge, bekannter und geschätzter Entomolog.

John Gould starb in London am 3. Februar (s. Z. A. No. 77, p. 120).

Am 20. Februar starb in Putnam, London, Walter Philip Weston, ein eifriger, äußerst tüchtiger Entomolog, in seinem 29. Jahre.

Berichtigung.

Bei der Correctur der No. 77 des Zoologischen Anzeigers ist aus Versehen die Anmerk. 3 auf p. 113, welche durch den auf p. 114 abgedruckten Zusatz hinfällig wurde, stehen geblieben. Dieselbe ist daher zu streichen.

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