

Dieser Plexus ist am deutlichsten in der Region der cylindrischen Zellen und unter den oberflächlichsten abgeplatteten Zellen, indem an beiden Stellen zahlreiche mehr oder minder horizontal verlaufende Ästchen abgegeben werden.

Ein so bedeutender subepithelialer Plexus, wie Hoyer bei den höheren Wirbelthieren gefunden hatte, wurde nie beobachtet, ohne seine Anwesenheit in Abrede stellen zu wollen, da die Darstellung der Nerven in der Fischcornea eine sehr schwierige Aufgabe ist und die Unzulänglichkeit der bisher angewandten Goldmethoden einen negativen Schluss nicht erlaubt.

Die Nervenvertheilung nähert sich am meisten der der Amphibien, zeigt jedoch vereinfachte Verhältnisse.

III. Mittheilungen aus Instituten, Gesellschaften etc.

1. Zoological Society of London.

17. May, 1881. — The Secretary read a report on the additions that had been made to the Society's Menagerie during the month of April, 1881, amongst which special attention was called to an Indian Darter (*Plotus melanogaster*), received in exchange from the Zoological Gardens, Calcutta; a female Beisa Antelope (*Oryx beisa*), born in the Gardens April 12th, believed to be the first example of this Antelope that had been bred in captivity; and a Mountain Ka-Ka (*Nestor notubalis*), transmitted as a present to the Society by Dr. A. de Lautour of Otago, New Zealand. — Mr. Sclater exhibited and made remarks on examples of four Parrots of the genus *Chrysotis* from various Islands of the Lesser Antilles. — A communication was read from Mr. Carl Bock, in which he gave an account of the Land and Fresh Water Shells, collected in the highlands of Padang, Sumatra, and in the Eastern and Southern parts of Borneo, during his travels in those districts. Eight new species were described. — A communication was read from Mr. G. B. Sowerby, Junr., containing descriptions of eight new species of Shells from various localities. — Mr. W. A. Forbes read a paper on the anatomy and systematic position of the Jacanas (*Parridae*), which he showed were in no degree related to the Rails, but form a separate group to be placed amongst the Plovers and allied Birds (*Limicolae*). The author also called attention to the peculiar form of the radius in the genus *Metopidius*, which is not developed in the other genera of this group. — A communication was read from Mr. L. Taczanowski, C.M.Z.S., containing the description of a new species of Weasel from Peru, proposed to be called *Mustela Jelskii*, after its discoverer. — A communication was read from Mr. W. F. Kirby, containing a description of the Hymenopterous Insects collected in Socotra by Professor Bayley Balfour. Of these two were apparently new to science. — A communication was read from Mr. Francis Day, F.Z.S., containing remarks on the range of *Apogon Elliotti*. — P. L. Sclater, Secretary.

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