

Ciò del resto avrò opportunità di completare in altra mia più estesa memoria, che con più comodo avrò cura di compilare.

La *Querquedula* in discorso secondo il Degland et Gerbe abita le contrade orientali e settentrionali dell'Asia, la Siberia, i bordi del lago Baikal e della Lena. Presso a poco simili sono le indicazioni dateci dal Schlegel, che ci dice essersi osservata nell'Asia transbaikaliana, nell'Isola Formosa ed al Giappone.

Modena, 3. Gennajo 1882.

III. Mittheilungen aus Museen, Instituten etc.

1. Zoological Society of London.

17th January, 1882. — The Secretary read a Report on the additions that had been made to the Society's Menagerie during the Month of December, 1881, and called special attention to a young male Guemul Deer (*Furcifer chilensis*), from Patagonia, and a Germain's Peacock-Pheasant (*Polyplectron Germaini*), which were new to the Society's Collection. — Prof. A. Newton, F.R.S., exhibited (by favour of Messrs. Hallett and Co.) the skin and bones of the trunk of an example of *Notornis mantelli* recently received from New Zealand. This was stated to be the third example of this almost extinct bird which had been yet obtained. — Mr. W. K. Parker, F.R.S., read a memoir on the structure and development of the skull in the Crocodilia. — Mr. Oldfield Thomas gave an account of a series of Rodents lately collected by Mr. Stolzmann in Northern Peru. The chief interest in the collection was stated to lie in the fine series of Mice of the genera *Hesperomys* and *Holochilus* contained in it. — A communication was read from Mr. T. E. Buckley on the variability of plumage exhibited by the Red Grouse. — A communication was read from Mr. G. B. Sowerby, Jun., containing descriptions of some new species of Shells in the collection of Mr. J. Cosmo Melvill. — Prof. F. Jeffrey Bell read descriptions of several new or rare species of *Asteroidea* contained in the collection of the British Museum. — A communication was read from Mr. W. L. Distant, containing the characters of some undescribed species of *Cicadidae* from the Australian and Pacific regions. — P. L. Slater, Secretary.

2. Linnean Society of London.

19th January, 1882. — Sir John Lubbock Bart, F.R.S. in the chair. There was exhibited for Mr. W. Bancroft Espeut an albino specimen of Bat (*Molossus obscurus* Geoff.) from Jamaica; Albinism in the Chiroptera being said to be extremely rare. — Dr. J. Spencer Cobbold called attention to living examples of *Leptodera* shown under the microscope. — Mr. W. Percy Sladen read a paper on the *Asteroidea* of the 'Challenger' Expedition, part I. Family Pterasteridae. After some preliminary remarks and a synopsis

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