

were duly hatched, can only be explained by one of the following alternatives: — 1) Either that she was impregnated previous to the casting of the two exuviae, i. e. in an early and therefore immature stage or: 2) Parthenogenesis occurs in the Araneidea. Hitherto no instance of this latter (viz. virgin production) has been recorded in the true spiders Araneida, though Mégnin, Kramer, and Michael have shown that the females of some Acarini couple with the males prior to their final moult and that practically there are two stages of sexual maturity; moreover Beck and others have related cases of undoubted Parthenogenesis in the Acari. — A paper was read »On the Indication of the Sense of Smell in Actiniae«, by Walter H. Pollock with an addendum by G. J. Romanes. These authors record experiments whereby it appears probable that these lowly organized creatures are aware or evince recognition of the presence of food when placed near them. This sense is evidently of a diffused kind, and as suggested may be equivalent to an imperfect olfactory kind. — A description was given of a new Infusorian allied to *Pleuronema* and obtained in ponds near Hertford by J. W. Phillips. — Thereafter two papers were read viz.: — »On *Teredo utriculus* Gmelin, with remarks upon other Shipworms«, by Mr. Sylvanus Hanley; and P. XV. of »Contributions to the Mollusca of the Challenger Expedition«, by the Rev. R. Boog Watson, in this dealing with the Families Ranellaceae, Muricidae Scalariidae and Solaridae. With a few remarks from the President concluding the session, the meeting adjourned till the 2nd November. — J. Murie.

3. Notiz.

Durch Berufung des Herrn Dr. Strasser als Prosector nach Freiburg i./Br. wird die Stelle eines Assistenten an der Anatomie zu Breslau zum October d. J. erledigt. Einkommen etc. 1800 *M.* Meldungen approbiirter Ärzte, welche zugleich Doctoren der Medicin und die Absicht haben, die academische Laufbahn einzuschlagen, nimmt entgegen

Prof. Dr. C. Hasse.

IV. Personal-Notizen.

Paris, 5. Juillet. — Mr. le Dr. Viallanes, Préparateur à la faculté des Sciences de Paris est nommé Répétiteur à l'École pratique des Hautes-Études (Laboratoire de Zoologie anatomique) en remplacement de Mr. le Dr. Brocchi, démissionnaire.

7. Juillet. — Mr. le Dr. H. A. Robin, Préparateur-adjoint à la faculté des Sciences de Paris est nommé Préparateur en remplacement de Mr. le Dr. Viallanes.

Berichtigung.

In den Artikel: Bemerkungen zu Prof. Bütschli's »Gedanken über Leben und Tod« in Nr. 116 hat sich ein sinnentstellender Druckfehler eingeschlichen. Am Schluss, S. 380, Zeile 11 von oben, muss es heißen: »bei dem Bearbeiter der Protozoen für Bronn's Classen und Ordnungen«, statt: »bei dem Bearbeiten«.

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