

smell. I did never see such ugly creatures anywhere but here« (at Shark's Bay). »The guanos I have observed to be very good meat, and I have often eaten of them with pleasure. But though I have eaten of snakes, crocodiles and allegators and many creatures that look frightfully enough, and there are but few that I should have been afraid to eat of if pressed by hunger, yet my stomach would scarce have served to venture upon these New Holland guanos, both the looks and the smell of them being so offensive.« The description of the lizard is accurate and picturesque, and the old buccaneer's estimate of its flesh is much the same as that of the Murrimidgee aborigines, who look with extreme contempt upon those natives of the dry plains, who for want of better food are obliged to »patter kurragaly«. — Mr. Macleay also exhibited a specimen of *Strophura spinigera* Gray, a small lizard found in the pine scrubs of the interior, and reputed to be venomous. When irritated it ejects from pores in the tail, an acrid fluid, which, immediately on exposure to the air, becomes viscid. — Mr. Brazier, for Mr. J. F. Bailey, of Victoria, exhibited a specimen of *Bullimus acutus*, Muller, taken July 22, in a garden at Collingwood. This species has been introduced from France. — Mr. Fletcher exhibited specimens of a parasite, *Filaria macropi majoris*, or *F. Websteri* according to Cobbold, which is often to be met with inclosed in cysts about the distal end of the thigh bone, sometimes extending some way down the shank bone. Out of thirteen specimens, three males and one female shewed these parasites. They are referred to in Vol. II, p. 293 of Dr. Bennett's Wanderings in N. S. W. So far they do not seem to have been met with in any species of kangaroo but *M. major*.

### 3. Gesucht

wird zum alsbaldigen Eintritte ein Assistent (Dr. phil.) für das zootomische Laboratorium einer größeren deutschen Universität. Gehalt (bei 3—3½ stündiger Arbeitszeit während des Semesters) 900 Mark. Bewerbungen mit Curriculum vitae und Zeugnissen sind unter der Bezeichnung »Z. A. Oct.« bei der Redaction dieses Blattes einzureichen.

## IV. Personal-Notizen.

### Necrolog.

Am 7. September starb in Drayton Beauchamp der Rev. Henry Harpur Crewe im Alter von 54 Jahren. Er war als Lepidopterolog, besonders als Kenner der britischen Eupitheciën rühmlichst bekannt.

Am 15. September starb in Gent der Prof. der Physik, Joseph (Ant. Ferd.) Plateau, bekannt durch seine Leistungen auf dem Gebiete der physiologischen Optik, der Hydrodynamik u. A., Vater des Professors der Zoologie an der gleichen Universität. Er war am 14. Oct. 1801 in Brüssel geboren, erblindete im Jahre 1842, war aber nachher noch mit seltener geistiger Energie thätig, indem er sich Experimentatoren erzog, die nach seinen Angaben verfahren für ihn sahen und beobachteten.

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