

3. Linnean Society of New South Wales.

27th December, 1883. — 1. (Botanical.) — 2. Descriptions of Australian Microlepidoptera, No. 10, by E. Meyrick, B. A. This is a continuation of the Oecophoridae of Australia, and deals with the genera *Philobota*, *Leistomorpha*, *Compsotropha*, and *Eriodyta*. About 70 new species are described. — 3. Mr. Macleay read the following note: — The October number of the Annals and Magazine of Natural History, contains an article on a case of commensalism of a *Caranx* and a *Crambessa*, written by M. Godfrey Lunel, and translated by W. S. Dallas, F.L.S. In this Paper M. Lunel speaks of the commensalism of Fishes and Medusae as something doubtful and unknown, but the following extract from the report of the Royal Commission on the Fisheries of New South Wales, written nearly four years ago, will show that the fact was well known to the Commissioners. Alluding to the Yellow-tail »*Trachurus trachurus*« it says: — »The very young fry have a most extraordinary and ingenious way of providing for their safety and nutrition at the same time; they take up their quarters inside the umbrella of the large Medusae, where they are safe from their enemies, and are, without any exertion on their part, supplied with the minute organisms which constitute their food, by the constant current kept up by the action of the curtain-like *cilia* of the animal.« — Mr. Macleay exhibited a specimen of the very remarkable and rare Fish *Siphonognathus argyrophanes* of Richardson. Four specimens were received lately by the Australian Museum from South Australia. — Dr. Cox gave an interesting description, with a record of measurements, of two gigantic Land Tortoises from the Galapagos Islands, and now in Sydney. The larger of the two is in the possession of Mr. Alexander McDonald of Potts' Point. It is a male, weighs 642lbs, and measures from the nose to the tail 6 feet 2 inches; the shell is 4 feet 7½ inches in length and 5 feet 10½ inches wide. The other is a female and is owned by Dr. Manning at Gladesville. It is 5 feet 10½ inches in length from the nose to the tail, and the length and width of the shell are respectively, 4 feet and 5 feet. These far exceed in size the large tortoise at Ceylon, which was exhibited to H. R. H. the Prince of Wales when he visited that island. — The President exhibited a very large specimen of *Echinus*, obtained by Mr. H. S. Wilkinson, from Lord Howe Island. It is one of the two edible species found at the island.

4. Gesuch.

Auf meiner Reise von Süd-Brasilien nach England hatte ich Gelegenheit, eine Anzahl jener Wasserwanzen (*Hylobates*) zu fangen, welche auf der Oberfläche des offenen Meeres umherlaufen. Zur Bestimmung und näheren Untersuchung der mitgebrachten Species fehlt mir die betreffende Litteratur. Ich würde sehr dankbar sein, wenn mir Jemand die zur Bestimmung der *Hylobates*-Species nöthige Litteratur auf kurze Zeit leihweise überlassen wollte.

Unna in Westfalen.

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