

dium die Beobachtung gemacht, daß sämtliche Personen dieser Stöcke, wie bei *Xenia*, nur zwei benachbarte Gastralfilamente besitzen. Die untersuchten Arten waren als *Sympodium fuliginosum* und *Xenia umbellata* bestimmt, und sämtliches Material, das ich der Güte meines Lehrers und Freundes Prof. Hæckel verdankte, war von diesem im Rothen Meere bei Tur am Sinai gesammelt worden. Ich habe auch *Sympodium coralloides* und *Xenia coerulea* untersucht, vermag aber nichts Bestimmtes über diese beiden Arten anzugeben.

Diese Mittheilungen mache ich hier, um Fachgenossen, denen sich Gelegenheit dazu bietet, zu veranlassen, die Structur, Entwicklung und Function der Gastralfilamente bei *Xenia* und *Sympodium* gründlich zu untersuchen; zuverlässige Resultate werden von hoher Bedeutung sein für die Morphologie und Physiologie der Alcyonarien überhaupt.

Adelaide, den 7. April 1884.

III. Mittheilungen aus Museen, Instituten etc.

1. Zoological Society of London.

17th June, 1884. — Mr. H. Seebohm exhibited and made remarks on some specimens of rare Asiatic and European Birds, and called special attention to examples of a newly discovered Russian species, *Bonasa griseiventris* (Menzbier). — Mr. Sclater exhibited the knob of the culmen of the beak of a Rough-billed Pelican (*Pelecanus*), which had been shed by the bird in the Society's Gardens last autumn; and called attention to the fact that on coming into breeding-plumage again this summer the bird had grown another knob. — Mr. Sclater also called the attention of the Meeting to a very singular habit of a Vasa Parrot (*Coracopsis vasa*), as observed in the Society's Gardens. — Mr. F. Holmwood gave an account of his observations on the employment of the *Remora* by native fishermen of Zanzibar for the purpose of catching Turtle and large fishes. — Mr. R. Bowdler Sharpe read some further notes on the new Corsican Nuthatch (*Sitta Whiteheadi*), in continuation of former communications on the same subject. — A communication was read from Dr. G. Hartlaub, in which he gave the description of a new species of Creeper of the genus *Salpornis*, discovered in Eastern Equatorial Africa by Dr. Emin Bey. The author proposed to name it (after its discoverer) *Salpornis Emini*. — Prof. Flower, F.R.S., read a note on the names of two genera of Delphinidae, which he found it necessary to change. — A communication was read from Dr. Camerano, giving a summary of the distribution of the native Batrachians in Italy. — Mr. G. A. Boulenger gave the description of a new variety of lizard of the genus *Lacerta* from the South Portugal, which he proposed to describe as *Lacerta viridis*, var. *Gadovii*. — A communication was read from Mr. H. O. Forbes, containing remarks on a paper by Dr. A. B. Meyer on a collection of Birds from the East-Indian Archipelago, with special reference to those described by him from the

Timor-Laut group of islands. — Lieut.-Col. C. Swinhoe read a paper on some new and little-known species of Butterflies of the genus *Teracolus*. The author referred to and described 22 species, 16 of which were new to science and the others very rare. — A communication was read from Mr. Francis Day, F.Z.S., on the occurrence of *Lumpenus lampetiformis* off the east coast of Scotland. — Mr. Oldfield Thomas read a paper upon the Muridae collected by M. Constantin Jelski, near Junin, in Central Peru, during the years 1870—73. The collection consisted of 92 specimens, representing 12 species, mostly belonging to the genus *Hesperomys*, the 9 subgenera of which were now arranged and re-defined. One species and two varieties were described as new under the names of *Rheithrodon pictus*, *Hesperomys laticeps* var. *nitidus*, and *H. bimaculatus* var. *lepidus*. — A communication was read from Mr. W. L. Distant describing the Rhynchota collected by the late Mr. W. A. Forbes on the Lower Niger. The collection contained examples of 12 species, 11 of which belonged to the Hemiptera and 1 to the Homoptera. Two species appeared to be undescribed. — Prof. Mivart, F.R.S., read a paper on the development of the individual and of the species as forms of Instinctive Action. — P. L. Sclater, Secretary.

2. Società Entomologica Italiana in Firenze.

Adunanza generale, 15 Giugno 1884. — Stefanelli, P., Sopra un notevole sviluppo di *Cossus* a Montevarchi. — Bargagli, P., Note intorno alla biologia di alcuni Coleotteri. — id. Rassegna biologica di Rincofori europei. — id. Sul *Brachypteroma ottomanum*. — Vari. Intorno alle apparizioni della *Vanessa cardui* e di altri Lepidotteri. — Della Torre, C. E., Nota preliminare sulla struttura del tegumento nelle crisalidi di *Pieris* in rapporto all' azione del vuoto secco sulle crisalidi stesse. — Targioni Tozzetti, A., Sopra un *Gibbium* trovato in notevole quantità entro una mummia egiziana. — id. Intorno alla identificazione generica della *Ephestia enidiella* e dell' *Albinia Wockiana*. — Dei, A., Insetti raccolti al Monte Argentaro ed all' isola del Giglio. — Pavesi, P., Aracnidi critici di Bremi Wolff. — Martelli, U., Sciami di coccinelle incontrati il 7 Luglio 1883 al Monte Frasele [Tirolo]. — Bolles Lee, A., Sugli organi cordotonali. — id. Sul tegumento dei Miriapodi, a proposito di una recente nota del socio N. Passerini. — Passerini, N., Schiarimenti in risposta alle osservazioni del Sig. Bolles Lee. — Cavanna, G., Osservazioni di critica bibliografica intorno al lavoro del Signor Joyeux-Laffuie sull' apparato velenoso dello scorpione. — Magretti P., Imenotteri raccolti dal Signor J. Piccioli nei dintorni di Firenze, con la descrizione di nuove specie e di un nuovo genere. — Camerano, L., Note intorno agli Idrofilini italiani. — Turati, G. F., Note su Lepidotteri. — G. Cavanna, Secret.

IV. Personal-Notizen.

Necrolog.

Am 19. November 1883 starb zu Harburg Ernst Wehncke, Specialist für Dytisciden (geb. 16. März 1835).

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