

genera which are identical with some previously known, and corrects some doubtful synonyms. — 5. Note on the Flight of Insects. By R. von Lendenfeld, Ph.D. Dr. Lendenfeld contests the views of the French Physiologists that the position and movements of the wings of insects are merely the results of the mechanical influence of the resisting air, and gives instances where muscular contraction had been clearly proved. — 6. List of Recent Shells found in layers of clay on the Maclay-Coast, New Guinea. By John Brazier, C.M.Z.S., &c. The names of 38 species of Recent Shells are here given, all belonging to the surrounding seas, but collected at an elevation of nearly a thousand feet. — 7. A Revision of the Australian Laemodipoda. By William A. Haswell, M.A., B.Sc. Ten species are described as known, two of which inhabit Australian Coasts, including three species of *Proto*. — 8. A Revision of the Australian Isopoda. By William A. Haswell, M.A., B.Sc. A Revised List of all the known Australian Species, with observations on the genus *Stenetrium*, and descriptions of new species of *Anceus*, *Tanais*, and *Parathura*, and of a remarkable new Spheromid, having the head ornamented with three prominent horn-like processes. — Mr. J. G. Griffin, C.E., exhibited some Oyster Shells, obtained from the cutting (adjacent to the Yarra River) now being made by the Melbourne Harbour Trust for improving the water approach to that city. These were taken at a depth of about 30 to 40ft. He also exhibited oyster and other shells, from the shaft of the Maryville Colliery, at Newcastle, about 40ft. from the surface. Mr. Brazier said the oyster-shells from the neighbourhood of Melbourne were identical with those of England, and are named *Ostrea edulis*, while those from Maryville, were a hybrid resembling *O. sub-trigona* of this colony. — Mr. Brazier exhibited a specimen of *Trigonia Lamarckii* Gray, containing a beautiful flesh tinged Pearl, from Port Jackson. — Dr. von Lendenfeld exhibited the Ctenophora of Port Jackson, described by him as *Bolina Chuni*, in different stages of development, alive in an Aquarium. A live specimen of *Neis cordigera*, measuring a foot in length, was also exhibited by him.

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