

tisch mit *Mon. morgiensis* Dupl., so daß wir also schließlich statt dreier verschiedener Süßwassermollusken nur eine, von drei verschiedenen Fundorten vor uns haben.

Weiterer Bemerkungen in faunistischer wie anatomischer Beziehung über die hiesigen Rhabdocoeliden enthalte ich mich an dieser Stelle und verweise auf meine, voraussichtlich Ende dieses Jahres erscheinende Publication.

III. Mittheilungen aus Museen, Instituten etc.

1. Zoological Society of London.

17th November, 1885. — The Secretary read a report on the additions that had been made to the Society's Menagerie during the month of October, 1885, and called attention to a collection of North-American Reptiles, presented by F. J. Thompson, Esq., amongst which were examples of the Alleghany Snake, *Coluber alleghaniensis*, new to the Society's Collection; and to an example of the Black-eyebrowed Albatross (*Diomedea melanophrys*), obtained in False Bay, Cape Colony, and presented to the Society by W. Ayshford Sanford, Esq., F.Z.S. — The Secretary also exhibited to the Meeting two curious Millipedes, believed to be *Spirostreptus annulipes*, which had been sent home from the Cape by Mr. Fisk for the Insect-House. — An extract was read from a letter addressed to the Secretary by Major S. W. Yerbury, respecting the exact locality of a Chameleon (*Chamaeleon calcarifer*) presented to the Society by that gentleman in June 1885. Major Yerbury had obtained this specimen near Aden. — Mr. Sclater exhibited and made remarks upon two Newts (*Molge vittata*) transmitted to the Society by Dr. E. B. Dickson, of Constantinople, C.M.Z.S., by whom they had been obtained from Brussa, Asia Minor. — Mr. H. E. Dresser exhibited and made remarks on a female specimen of the Kildeer Plover (*Aegialitis vocifera*), killed, in January 1885, by Mr. Jenkinson, on the Scilly Isles; and a young female Desert-Chat (*Saxicola deserti*) obtained near Spurn Head, Lincolnshire, in October 1885. — Prof. F. Jeffrey Bell exhibited and gave an account of a specimen of a species of *Balanoglossus* obtained by Mr. Spencer at Herm, Channel Islands, being the first recorded instance of the occurrence of this Hemichordate in any part of the British seas. — Mr. F. E. Beddard read the first of a proposed series of notes on the visceral anatomy of birds. The present paper treated of the so-called omentum of birds and its homologies. It was pointed out that this structure, present in many birds, but apparently absent, or only present in rudiment, in a few others, was represented by a structure having similar relations in the Crocodile, but in no other reptile. — Mr. Oldfield Thomas read a description of *Heterocephalus Phillipsi*, an extremely remarkable burrowing Rodent from Somali-land, belonging to a genus of which the only other known species was based upon a single specimen obtained by Rüppell's collector in Schoa. Mr. Thomas considered the affinities of this Rodent to be with *Georychus* and *Bathyergus*. — Mr. Sclater read a paper containing a description of an apparently new species of Tanager of the genus *Calliste*, based on a specimen formerly in the Gould Collection, now in the British Museum.

Mr. Selater proposed to dedicate this bird to its former owner as *Calliste Gouldi*. — Mr. Boulenger gave the description of a new Frog from Perak, Malacca, which he proposed to name *Megalophrys longipes*. — P. L. Selater, Secretary.

2. Linnean Society of New South Wales.

26th August, 1885. — 1) Botanical. — 2) Catalogue of the Coleoptera of Australia. By George Masters. This is the first of a series of Papers intended by Mr. Masters to make a complete and perfect list of all the known species of Coleoptera in Australia. The present Part comprises the Cicindelidæ and Carabidæ, and numbers 950 species. — 3) Descriptions of three new Port Jackson Fishes. By J. Douglas-Ogilby, Assistant Zoologist, Australian Museum. The three species here described are *Scyllium anale*, *Heliastes immaculatus*, and *Pempheris lineatus*. — Mr. Prince exhibited a fine specimen, 10 inches in diameter, of the nidamentary capsule or »shell« of *Argonauta nodosa*, var. *pacifica*, washed ashore at Manly. Also a large Orange Cowrie, *Cypraea aurantia*, 4½ inches in length, from Fiji. — Dr. Williams exhibited a collection of arms and implements from the Soudan, including jevalins, shield of hippopotamus hide, curved and double-edged knives of fine steel, a throwing stick like the Australian »fighting boomerang«, camel-sticks for driving, hats, rosaries always of 33 pieces, phylacteries containing a verse of the Koran and worn round arm or neck, a purse, and a sort of skewer used as a comb. — Mr. Macleay exhibited a fine specimen of a Carboniferous fossil, *Aviculopecten*, found on the beach at Double Bay, and supposed to have been dropped there by a previous possessor. — Mr. Macleay also exhibited a section of a branch of an Orange Tree, completely perforated by the larva of a longicorn beetle. Also three specimens of a beetle found in the perforated wood. The exhibit had been sent by Mr. M. de Meyrick, a Member of the Society, who stated that many Orange trees had suffered in the same way in the neighbourhood of Penrith. Mr. Macleay said the injury was caused by the larva of *Monohammus fistulator*, a grub destructive to all kinds of fruit trees, but as far his experience went its ravages were confined to old or decaying trees, and it would be interesting to know if in any instance it had been found to attack young and vigorous plants. The accompanying beetles were Heteromorous Insects of the genus *Amarygmus*, and were not in any way the cause of the injury to the tree. — Mr. Brazier exhibited specimens of the following rare shells, *Paryphanta Hochstetteri*, *Trophon Cheesemani*, *Pisania flavescens*, and *Patinella flava* from New Zealand. Also two specimens of an *Astreopora* from Garden Island, Port Jackson. — Mr. Ramsay exhibited specimens of *Mewra Victorice*, male and female, with nest and egg, from Port Phillip. — Mr. A. Sidney Olliff exhibited specimens and sketches of *Cryptommatus Jansoni*, Matt., a curious beetle which was found under the fur of the common rat in Tasmania, and said that he believed new and interesting species with similar habits might be found in Australia if the smaller mammals were examined when freshly killed. Two allied species were known from Peru, one of which was found in the fur, and also in the nests of mice. The specimens exhibited were captured by Mr. A. Simson and had been obtained from Mr. Morton of the Hobart Museum.

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