

Die Farben treten nach Genanntem in gewisser Jahreszeit auf und sind von der Natur eines wachsartigen Anfluges.

Und so scheint es ein allgemeinerer Zug im Leben des Organismus zu sein, des Pflanzenkörpers so gut wie der Thiere, daß er Secrete über die Hautfläche entstehen zu lassen vermag, welche, indem sie haften bleiben, gewisse Farbtöne — darunter auch ein Blau — mitbedingen.

Bonn, im Novämber 1885.

### III. Mittheilungen aus Museen, Instituten etc.

#### 1. Zoological Society of London.

1st December, 1885. — The Secretary read a report on the additions that had been made to the Society's Menagerie during the month of November, and called attention to a pair of Pale Fennec Foxes (*Canis pallidus*) from the Soudan, presented by Capt. J. S. Talbot; and to twelve examples of the Spectacled Salamander of Italy (*Salamandrina perspicillata*), presented by Prof. H. H. Giglioli, C.M.Z.S. — Mr. F. Day exhibited and made remarks on a very curious fish, supposed to be a hybrid between the Dab (*Pleuronectes limanda*) and the Flounder (*P. flesus*). — Mr. Selater laid on the table specimens of some rare birds sent for exhibition by Mr. Whitely, of Woolwich, and called special attention to a Hornbill which seemed to prove that *Buceros cașuarinus*, described by Mr. G. R. Gray in 1871 from the head only, was merely the young stage of *Bycanistes cylindricus*. — Mr. E. Lort Phillips exhibited a fine series of heads of Antelopes obtained during his recent expedition to Somali-land in company with Messrs. James, and read notes on their habits and localities. — Mr. W. T. Blanford exhibited, on behalf of Capt. C. S. Cumberland, the head of a Wild Sheep from Ladak, supposed to be a hybrid between *Ovis Hodgsoni* and *Ovis Vignei*. — Mr. John Bland Sutton read a paper on the origin of the Urinary Bladder, in which he endeavoured to show that the atrophy of the gills in all forms of the Vertebrates above the Amphibians might possibly be explained by the assumption of embryonic respiration by the allantois. — A communication was read from Lieut.-Col. Swinhoe, containing the fourth part of his memoir on the Lepidoptera of Bombay and the Deccan. The present paper concluded his description of the Heterocera; and also contained descriptions of the Tortricidae and Tineina, which had been worked out by Lord Walsingham. — A communication was read from Dr. R. W. Shufeldt, containing a memoir on the comparative osteology of the Trochilidae, Caprimulgidae, and Cypselidae. Dr. Shufeldt came to the conclusion that the Trochilidae should form an order by themselves, and were not nearly related to the Cypselidae, which were only much modified Passeres. — Mr. F. E. Beddard read the second of his series of notes on the Isopoda collected during the voyage of H.M.S. 'Challenger'. In the present paper the author treated of specimens referable to the family Munnopsidae. — A communication was read from Mr. Martin Jacoby, containing descriptions of some new species and a new genus of Phytophagous Coleoptera. — P. L. Selater, Secretary.

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