

Polentstehen die Kopfkeime (bei den Kieferegeln nebst provisorischen Bildungen). Aus der vierten größeren Furchungskugel bilden sich die ganzen Rumpfkeime. Jede dieser primären Anlagen (der Kopf- und Rumpfkeime) differenzirt sich dann weiterhin in Ectoderm und Mesoderm.

Kopenhagen, December 1885.

III. Mittheilungen aus Museen, Instituten etc.

1. Zoological Society of London.

2nd February, 1886. — Mr. W. B. Tegetmeier, F.Z.S., exhibited and made remarks on a Pheasant from the Persian borders of Transcaucasia. — Mr. C. A. Wright, F.Z.S., exhibited a Dove of the genus *Turtur* from Malta, and identified it as a semi-albino variety of *Turtur auritus*. — Mr. Selater exhibited, on behalf of Mr. W. H. Dobie, a young specimen of Sabine's Gull (*Xema Sabini*), which had been obtained at Mostyn on the coast of Flintshire. — Mr. Seeböhm exhibited a specimen of Ross's Sea-Gull (*Larus Rossi*) obtained in June last in the neighbourhood of Christianhaab, Disco Bay, Greenland. — Capt. R. G. Wardlaw Ramsay exhibited and remarked on a specimen of a new bird of the genus *Copsychus* obtained by Mr. H. Pryer in North-eastern Borneo, which he proposed to call *C. niger*. — A communication was read, from Prof. R. Collett, C.M.Z.S., containing an account of the external characters of the Northern Fin-Whale (*Balaenoptera borealis*), based upon the examination of numerous specimens of this Whale killed on the coast of Norway during the past summer. — A communication was read from Dr. G. Stewardson Brady, F.R.S., containing descriptions of some new freshwater Entomostracous Crustaceans from South Australia. — Dr. H. Woodward, F.Z.S., communicated, on behalf of Dr. Monticelli, a catalogue of the species of Bats found in South Italy. — Mr. R. B. Sharpe, F.Z.S., read the first of a series of notes on birds in the Hume Collection. The present communication treated of the specimens supposed to belong to the Hawfinch of Europe, which had been collected at Attock, and showed that they belong to a different species, which Mr. Sharpe proposed to call *Coecothroaustes Humii*. — Mr. F. E. Beddard read the third of his series of notes on the Isopoda collected during the voyage of H.M.S. 'Challenger'. The present paper completed the preliminary description of the new species of this group collected during the voyage, which amounted altogether to about forty-five in number. — Mr. J. H. Leech, F.Z.S., exhibited and described specimens of a Butterfly from Mogador, which he referred to a variety of *Anthocharis eupheno*. — P. L. Sclater, Secretary.

2. Linnean Society of London.

4th February 1886. — Mr. James Dallas exhibited a specimen of the Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus* L.) which was purchased last spring from Mr. James H. Clyde, of Bradworthy Vicarage, near Holsworthy, Devon, in whose possession, or that of his family it had been from the time it

was killed in the neighbourhood 7th September 1851. This specimen has now found a permanent home in the Albert Memorial Museum, Exeter. There is another specimen of this bird in the collection, whose history is obscure and in which the beak is more curved than in the specimen exhibited. — Mr. Clarence Bartlett exhibited a remarkable specimen of Caterpillar about 7 inches long, of a steel grey colour, hairy and spiny, which he believed to have been brought from Africa? — Mr. A. Hammond drew attention to a microscopic section of the integument of the larva of a Dipterous insect, *Stratiomys Chamaleon*, raising the question as to whether the polygonal areas described by Viallanes on the external surface of the cuticle were cellular in their nature (as Mr. Hammond suggested) or mere surface markings. — A paper was read by Mr. Edward C. Bousfield on the annelids *Slavina* and *Ophidonais*. In this communication he makes comments on Vejdvovský's new genus *Slavina*, and objects to his identification of *Nais appendiculata*, with *Nais lurida*, while giving a full description of the latter, and observing the points of contrast. He also describes touch-organs in *Ophidonais* similar to those of *Slavina*, mentioning other points of similarity between the two. He further proposes to do away with the former genus, including its only species under *Slavina*. — Prof. Richard J. Anderson read a paper on the relative lengths of the segments of limbs in the Chick during development. A series of measurements have been made by him between the 6th and 20th days. On or even before the 9th day the bones of the forearm and manus are longer than the corresponding segments of the lower leg and foot. Afterwards the tarso metatars begins to lengthen and attains a greater relative size at the end of incubation. — J. Murie.

IV. Personal-Notizen.

Warschau. An Stelle des Prof. M. Ganin ist Prof. W. Uljanin aus Moskau berufen worden.

Necrolog.

Am 1. Februar starb in Freiburg i/Br. Prof. Dr. Heinr. Leop. Fischer, welcher früher als Monograph der europäischen Orthopteren, in späterer Zeit durch seine Untersuchungen über Jadeit als Mineralog und Geognost sich den Ruhm eines ausgezeichneten Forschers erworben hat.

Bemerkung.

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J. Victor Carus.

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