

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 Dipteron insect, *Stratiomys Chamæleon*, 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 *Ophidonaïs*. In this communication he makes comments on Vejdovský'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 *Ophidonaïs* 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 tarsus metatarsus 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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