

hibited specimens of *Tettix australis*, Walker, a small grasshopper which he had found in some numbers in shallow fresh water pools on the banks of the River Nepean, some 15 miles above Penrith (N.S.W.), in the month of September last. Mr. Olliff said that specimens were first observed clinging to the leaves of a water plant on the surface of the water, but afterwards many others were found both by Mr. Ogilby and himself on the stems of the plants 8 or 10 inches below the surface. When disturbed they swam to the bottom of their own accord. Mr. McLachlan, F.R.S., who kindly identified the species, writes that the *Tettix* of Europe usually frequent dry sandy places. — He also exhibited male and female specimens of a pelagic Hemipteron (*Halobates Wüllerstorfi*, Frauenf.) which had been captured by Mr. Wagstaff, in a towing net off the West Coast of Australia. The species is of very wide range and has been observed near Norfolk Island and New Guinea, but has not hitherto been recorded from waters west of mainland of Australia. — Mr. Masters exhibited a large Hive of Bees entirely destroyed by *Achrea grisella*, a Tinea introduced from Europe. Also a seed vessel of *Trapa bicornis*, a Chinese species, imported into the country as an edible, and known as the Buffalo Nut. — Mr. C. S. Wilkinson exhibited some fossil Turtle eggs embedded in coralsand rock, from Lord Howe Island. In the same rock are found numerous bones of Turtles, associated with bones of the extinct Horned Lizard, *Megalanina*, of which two skulls have been found. — Mr. Wilkinson also exhibited two specimens of *Trochus imperialis* from New Zealand. — Mr. Fletcher exhibited a specimen of a female of *Antechinus flavipes*, one of the smaller Dasyuridæ, having nine mammary fœtuses on the teats in the shallow pouch. Mr. Krefft (Trans. Philos. Soc. of N.S.W., 1862—65 p. 10) has recorded the occurrence of the same number in this species, and on one occasion he met with ten young ones. The specimen exhibited was kindly sent by J. D. Cox, Esq., of Cullenbone near Mudgee, a Member of the Society. Mr. Fletcher also exhibited three blastodermic vesicles of Kangaroos (*Halmaturus dorsalis* and *Osphranter robustus*) the largest of which was about the size of a large pea, and shewed a pear-shaped embryonic area. All the vesicles were quite unattached to the uteri, the cavities of which exactly corresponded to the size and shape of the vesicles. Also a uterine fœtus of *Osphranter robustus* of nearly the full period, about an inch long, with the fœtal membranes attached.

#### IV. Personal-Notizen.

Herr Dr. C. Keller ist zum Zwecke wissenschaftlicher Forschungen für diesen Sommer nach Madagascar gereist. Seine Adresse ist für Fachgenossen: Tamatave (Madagascar), poste restante.

#### Necrolog.

Am 24. Januar starb in St. Gallen Johann Jakob von Tschudi, der durch seine Fauna Peruana u. A. bekannte Zoolog u. Reisende. Er war am 25. Juni 1818 in Glarus geboren.

Mitte März starb in London Dr. T. Spencer Cobbold. Er war 1828 in Wortham in Suffolk geboren, studirte in Edinburg Medicin, wurde 1852 Curator des dortigen anatomischen Museums und zog 1856 nach London. Er ist besonders als ausgezeichnete Helmintholog bekannt.

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