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OF THE
ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.

January 12, 1847.
No business was transacted.

January 26, 1847.
George Gulliver, Esq., F.R.S., in the Chair.

The following communication was read:—

DESCRIPTIONS OF SIX NEW SPECIES OF AUSTRALIAN BIRDS. BY JOHN GOULD, F.R.S.

Cysticola lineocapilla, Gould. Cys. rufa; plumis capitis et dorsi late conspicuaque per medium longitudinaliter nigro-fusco striatis; rectricibus maculat albis infra ornatis.

General plumage pale rufous, with broad and conspicuous strie of blackish brown, forming lines down the centre of the feathers of the head and back, the under surface fading into white on the throat and centre of the chest; tail-feathers with a conspicuous blackish spot on the under surface near the tip; irides light reddish brown; bill and feet flesh-brown.

Total length, 3 3/4 inches; bill, 3/4; wing, 1 5/8; tail, 1 3/4; tarsi, 3/8.

Hab. Port Essington.

Remark.—Nearly allied to C. exilis.

Mirafra Horsfieldii, Gould. Mir. cinerca; mediis plumis, capite, dorso inferiori, alisque, fuscis; alis albo-marginatis; guli serie macularum intense fuscarum semilunari ornata.

General plumage ashy brown, with the centre of the feathers dark brown, the latter colour predominating on the head, lower part of the back and tertiaries; wings brown, margined with rufous; over the eye a stripe of buff; chin white; under surface pale buff; throat.

crossed by a series of dark brown spots, arranged in a crescentic form; under surface of the wing rufous; bill flesh-brown at the base and dark brown at the tip; feet fleshy brown.
Total length, 5½ inches; bill, ½; wing, 2½; tail, 2½; tarsi, ¾.
Hab. Interior of New South Wales.

Remark.—Nearly allied to, but smaller than, the Mirafra Javanica of Dr. Horsfield.

AMYTIS MACROURUS, Gould. Amy. corpore superiore fusco; pluris
singulis lineâ angustâ alba longitudinaliter per medium ornatis;
corpore inferiore nec aliter nisi pallidius picto; scapulis infra ru-
biginosis; caudâ fusca brunneo-marginatâ.

Upper surface brown, each feather with a narrow stripe of white down the centre; under surface the same, but much paler; under surface of the shoulder pale rusty red; tail brown, margined with pale brown; irides hazel; base of the lower mandible horn-colour, remainder of the bill black; feet fleshy brown.
Total length, 7 inches; bill, ½; wing, 2½; tail, 4½; tarsi, 1.
Hab. Western Australia.

Remark.—This is a more robust species than the two previously known, viz. A. textilis and A. striatus, from which it may also be distinguished by the much greater length and size of the tail.

SERICORNIS MACULATUS, Gould. Ser. corpore superiore, alis, cau-
dque, fuscis; caudâ ad apicem latâ fusco-nigro-fusce transversim
ornatâ; rectricibus externis vix albo ad apices notatis; alis spuriis
nigris; internis pennarum pogonii albo-marginatis; corpore in-
feriore griseo-albo.

Upper surface, wings and tail brown, the latter crossed near the tip with a broad band of blackish brown, and the outer feathers slightly tipped with white; forehead and lores deep black; stripe above and a small patch below the eye white; spurious wing-feathers black, margined on their inner webs with white; under surface in some greyish white, in others washed with yellow; the feathers of the throat and chest spotted with black on a light ground; irides greenish white.

Female.—Differs in having the lores brown, and in being some-
what smaller than the male.
Total length, 4½ inches; bill, ½; wing, 2½; tail, 2; tarsi, ¾.
Hab. Western and Southern Australia.

SERICORNIS OSCULANS, Gould. Ser. (Mas) corpore superiore, alis
caudaque bruneis; rectricibus, duabus intermeditis exceptis, fuscî
nigrâ ad extremitatem ornatis; alis spuriis nigris albo-marginatis;
guld et medio abdomen albis, griseo vel flavo tinctis; paucis
oblongis maculis in guld nigris.

Male.—Upper surface, wings and tail dark brown, all but the two centre feathers of the latter crossed by a band of black near the extremity; spurious wing-feathers black, margined with white; lores black, above which on each side a patch of white continued in a fine line over the eye; throat and centre of the abdomen greyish white
in some and yellowish white in others, marked with a few oblong black spots on the throat.

**Female.**—Somewhat smaller in size, and with the lores brown instead of black.

Total length, 4½ inches; bill, ⁵⁄₁₆; wing, 2¹⁄₄; tail, 2; tarsi, ⁵⁄₈.

_Hab._ South Australia.

**Remark.**—Intermediate in size between _S. frontalis_ and _S. humilis._

*Sericornis levigaster,* Gould. _Ser. corpore superiore fusco; caudæ, ad apicem gradatim nigrante, in apice albo; alis spurias brunneis, pōgonis quarum internis albo-marginatis; corpore inferior cervino lavato._

Upper surface brown; tail deepening into black near the extremity and tipped with white; spurious wing-feathers dark brown, margined with white on their inner webs; lores and mark under the eye brownish black; above the eye an indistinct line of white; under surface washed with yellowish buff; irides greenish white.

**Female.**—Smaller than the male, and with the lores pale brown.

Total length, 4½ inches; bill, ⁵⁄₁₆; wing, 2¹⁄₂; tail, 2; tarsi, ⁵⁄₈.

_Hab._ Interior of Australia, near the Gulf of Carpentaria, where it was discovered by Mr. Gilbert.

**Remark.**—Nearly allied to _S. frontalis._
February 23, 1847.

William Yarrell, Esq., Vice-President, in the Chair.

The following communications were read:—


I shall take this opportunity of noticing some of the differences which appear to me to characterize the Struthious tribe in their breeding, and which I rather think are not generally known.

I believe the general supposition to be, that no difference exists, and that they agree at this period with most of the Rasorial birds in being polygamous; but this is by no means the case.

What may be the truth with the head of the Family, the African Ostrich, we have had too few opportunities or means of judging. The Emu is strictly monogamous; and the male, who attends to the eggs, by no means approves of any other female than the favoured one coming near the nest.

The Rheas, on the contrary, are clearly polygamous; and with them the male not only selects the place for and forms the nest, but actually collects together in it the eggs* (which are frequently laid at random about the enclosure), in order that he may incubate them. He shows no signs of anger when the females approach, and in one instance two females have laid in the same nest. By analogy we may perhaps suppose that the Ostrich follows a similar plan.

There are differences also in their modes of copulation. If my memory does not deceive me, the Struthio Camelus does not, like other birds, mount on the back of the female, but merely places one foot on her back, the necks of the pair twisting about all the while like two snakes, but without holding.

The Rhea, on the other hand, seizes hold of the back of the neck; and the Emu, I think, is the one which straddles over the female during the operation with his legs on each side of her.

The Rhea lays from fourteen to twenty-five eggs; the Emu from twelve to seventeen.

2. Description of a New Rat from South Australia. By J. E. Gray, Esq., F.R.S. &c.

Mus vellerosus. M. brunneus, albido-varius, ad caput obscurior; vellere prælongo, denso; pilis mollibus ad basin fusco-brunneis, inde

* The manner in which this operation is accomplished is by inserting the beak between the egg and the ground, and rolling it along by the assistance of his long neck, exactly in the way that a boy would roll a cricket-ball along by the aid of a long stick with a hooked end to it.

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pallidioribus, ad apicem albis; codario mollissimo, brunni-plumbeo; caudā annulatinis squamātī, rarīs brevibus et rigidioribus setīs obvītā; aurūbī mediocrībus, rotundātīs.

Hab. in campī Australiasianīs inter fluvios Murray et Glenelg.

The skull resembles the typical Rats. The cutting teeth are yellow, moderate, slightly rounded in front, without any regular groove. The grinders are \( \frac{2}{3} \) worn; the anterior upper oblong, formed of three transverse folds, the hinder being smallest; the second tooth is nearly circular, formed of two folds, the front fold largest, and having a notch on its inner side; the third tooth small, half ovate, with two notches on the inner side. The anterior lower grinder is formed of three, and the others of two folds; the anterior fold of the last tooth having a slight notch on the inside, and the posterior fold being smaller than the rest.

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This rat has the dentition and somewhat the general appearance of *Mus fuscipes*, Waterh., but the skull and animal are considerably larger, and the fur is very much longer and paler.

The specimens from which this description is taken were sent to the British Museum by His Excellency Capt. Grey, Governor of New Zealand.


I beg to lay before the Meeting the following description of what I believe to be a new genus belonging to the subfamily Certhinæ, under the name of *Caulodromus*.

*Caulodromus* Gracri. *Caul. rufescens*, plumarum scapis strigād rufo-albīd notatis, pogoniis interioribus in dorsō nuchāque nigris; tectricibus caudāe superioribus inferioribusque lāte rufrīs, alīs caudāque saturāte brunneis strigās duābus nigrīs alterād à rictu alterāque (breviusculā) à rostrī basi ductīs, guldpectore abdominēque medio rufescenti-albus rufo-brunneo variegātīs.

Rufous brown, streaked narrowly down the shaft of each feather with rufous white; the inner web of the feathers of the back of neck
and back black; the upper and under tail-coverts bright rufous; the wings and tail dark brown; two streaks of black, one from the gape and the other (rather short) from the base of the bill; the throat, breast and middle of the abdomen rufous white, varied with rufous brown.

Total length, 5 inches; bill, from gape, 1 inch; wing, 2 inches 2 lines; tarsi, 1 inch.

This proposed division differs from the typical form of Certhia by the length and form of the bill and the position and form of the nostrils, while the extreme shortness of the tail at once points out a great dissimilarity from those species that properly belong to the above-mentioned genus.

I have also before me another bird that appears to belong to the same subfamily, which I shall form into a distinct genus, under the name of

**Salpornis.**


The type of this proposed genus is already described by Major Franklin in the Proceedings of the Society under the name of *Certhia spilonota* (Proc. 1831, p. 121).

The differences exhibited between this and the former genus are at once seen in the form of the wings, which are lengthened and pointed, and of the tail, which has the ends of the feathers slightly rounded. These characters are like those of *Tichodroma*, while the form of the bill and feet are similar to those of the genus proposed above.

The specimen of *Caulodromus* was kindly lent me by J. R. Grace, Esq., who procured it in Darjeeling; that of *Salpornis* was presented by B. H. Hodgson, Esq. to the British Museum, and forms part of a collection from Behar.

4. Drafts for an arrangement of the Trochilidae, with descriptions of some new species. By John Gould, F.R.S.


This is one of the best-defined groups of the family, and is distinguished by several peculiarities, the principal of which are the greatly developed ear-coverts and their blue colour, and the similarity in the colouring of the sexes, the females possessing all the brilliancy of
the males and only distinguishable from them by their smaller size and more delicate contour: the young too assume the plumage of the adult.

The oldest known species of this form constitutes the type; it is the

**Sp. 1. Petasophora serrirostris.**


_Ornismya petasophora_, Less. Ois. Mon. pl. 1 ; Ib. Troc. pls. 12 & 59; Pr. Max. de Wied, sp. 10; Temm. Pl. Col. 203. fig. 3; Jard. Nat. Lib. vol. i. p. 120. pl. 13, male; vol. ii. p. 81. pl. 15, fem.


_Hab. Brazil._

**Sp. 2. Petasophora cyanotus.**

_Trochilus cyanotus_, Bourc. Rev. Zool. 1843, p. 1; Ann. de Lyons, tom. vi. p. 41, but not the _cyanotus_ stated by Lesson to be synonymous with _Delphine._

This species appears to be the representative in the Cordilleras of the _P. serrirostris_ of the Brazils, from which it is at once distinguished by the blue colouring of the ear-coverts.

_Hab. Bogota._

**Sp. 3. Petasophora thalassina.**


Differs from the other members of the genus by being of a smaller size and by the greater extent of the blue on the cheeks and ear-coverts; it has also a slight wash of blue on the chin and centre of the abdomen.

_Hab. Mexico._

**Sp. 4. Petasophora Anais.**


Much confusion evidently exists with respect to this species, M. Lesson having figured one bird and described another with the same appellation; under these circumstances it will be to the advantage of science to retain the specific term _Anais_ for the bird best known to ornithologists by that designation, the species so common in all collections from Bogota, the _great Anais_ of the French, and which is a very fine species, distinguished by the existence of a well-defined band of blue on the throat. The female is fully as bright as the male, but at least one-third smaller in size.

_Hab. Venezuela and all the Cordilleras in the neighbourhood of Bogota._
Sp. 5. *Petasophora iolota*, sp. nov.  *Pet. capite, et corpore superiori saturate viridibus; mento, spatio suboculari, auribus, et medio abdomeni intense, metallicè, cyaneis; corpore inferiore intense viridi; guld quasi tessellatè, quia mediae plumae quam pognonie extremae obscurius nitent; tectribus caudae inferioribus pallidis ad margines pallidioribus.*

Head and all the upper surface deep green, in some specimens tinged with gold; primaries and secondaries brown, tinged with purple; chin, space beneath the eye, ear-coverts and the centre of the abdomen rich deep metallic blue; all the under surface rich deep glossy green, the throat presenting a tessellated appearance, occasioned by the reflection from the webs throwing a darker hue on the centre of each feather; under tail-coverts pale, with lighter margins; two centre tail-feathers golden green, the remainder steel or bluish shining green, crossed near the extremity by a broad band, which is dull black on the upper surface and shining steel-blue on the under; bill and feet black.

Total length, 5½ inches; bill, 1¾; wing, 3½; tail, 2½.

The female is similar to the male in plumage, but smaller in size.

Nearly allied to the preceding, but larger and finer in every respect.

*Hab. Bolivia.*


*O. Delphinae,* Less. Rev. Zool. 1839, p. 44; Écho du Monde savante, 1843, no. 31; Less. Ill. de Zool. tom. ii. 1832, pl. 64.


It will probably be necessary at some future period to make this the type of a new genus.

The eight species enumerated above comprise every member of this beautiful genus with which I am acquainted; I possess, however, some immature specimens which may be referable to a ninth species, in which case it will prove to be most nearly allied to *P. serrirostris.* They differ from that bird in having the two outer tail-feathers rather largely tipped with white, the lower part of the abdomen greyish white, and in the ear-coverts being very diminutive. Although I have little doubt of their being distinct, I prefer seeing other specimens before characterizing them.

**Genus Oreotrochilus, n. g.**

Gen. Char.—Bill longer than the head, almost cylindrical, but slightly curved downwards; wings rather large and powerful; tail large and rounded, the feathers narrow, rather pointed and rigid; feet strong, the hind-toe and nail about equal in length to the middle toe and nail; tarsi clothed with feathers. Throat luminous, bounded below by a distinct collar.

I propose this term as a generic appellation for a section of the Trochilidae, which has hitherto only been found immediately beneath the line of perpetual congelation, where they feed upon the insects which resort to the newly expanded flowers. The type is


Sp. 2. Oreotrochilus Leucopleurus, sp. nov. Oreot. capite, corpore superiore, alisque, olivaceo-fuscis, griseo tinctis; rectricibus caudae superrioribus sordide eneo-viridibus; rectricibus duabus intermedium viridibus, eneo splendentibus; rectricibus lateralis viridibus sordide albis, apicibus et marginibus exterioribus fuscis; gula luminose viridi, fasciæ semilunari holosericæ atrà infrà ornata; medio abdomine lateribusque nigris; mediis sed lateribus et pectoralibus albis.

Head, all the upper surface and wings greyish olive-brown, passing into dull coppery green on the upper tail-coverts; two centre tail-feathers green, with bronze reflections; lateral tail-feathers dull white, margined externally and tipped, dull brown gradually blending into the white; throat rich luminous grass-green, bounded below by a crescentic band of deep velvety black; breast and centre of the flanks pure white; the remainder of the flanks and centre of the abdomen bluish black; feet dark olive-brown; bill black.

Total length, 4½ inches; bill, 1; wing, 3½; tail, 2½.

This species is nearly allied to the preceding, but differs from it in being somewhat smaller and in having the centre of the abdomen black instead of chestnut.

Hab. The Chilian Cordilleras.

Sp. 3. Oreotrochilus Chimborazo.

Sp. 4. Oreotrochilus Adela.

Sp. 5. Oreotrochilus melanogaster, sp. nov. Oreot. omni corpore superiore olivaceo-fusco aureo nitente, rectricibus caudae superrioribus viridi lavatis; alis griseo-fuscis purpureo splendentibus; gule fulgente viridi, pectore et abdomine intusse cyaneo-atris.

All the upper surface olive-brown, with a golden lustre, and washed with green on the upper tail-coverts; wings greyish brown,
with purple reflections; throat rich lustrous grass-green; breast and abdomen rich deep bluish black; flanks rusty brown; tail green, with bronze reflections; bill black; feet olive-black.

Total length, 5 inches; bill, 1; wing, 3½; tail, 2½.

*Hab.* unknown.

This fine species is in the collection of Mr. John Leadbeater, to whom I am indebted for the loan of it for the purpose of describing.

Mr. Gould then described a fourth new species of Humming Bird, belonging to the genus *Calothorax*, as

*Trochilus* (*Calothorax*) *Calliope*. Cal. corpore superiore viridi; alis caudisque griseo-fuscis; gulae plumis elongatis, attenuatis, coccineis, basibus albis in formâ stellâe ordinatis; pectore, abdomine medio, tectricibusque caudae inferioribus, albis; lateribus cervino-albis.

Upper surface green; wings and tail greyish brown; feathers of the throat elongated, narrow, and of a rich pinky scarlet, with white bases arranged in a starred form; breast, centre of the abdomen and under tail-coverts white; flanks buffy white; bill and feet blackish brown.

Total length, 2½ inches; bill, ½; wing, 1½; tail, 1.

This is a very diminutive species, much smaller than the *C. cyanopogon*, but of precisely the same form.

*Hab.* Mexico; precise locality unknown.

The Secretary, on the part of Dr. Falconer, exhibited the lower end of the left tibia of a gigantic fossil Struthious Bird from the Seward Hills. This interesting remain indicates a very close generic representation of the existing African *Struthio* in the extinct fauna of Asia. Although not altogether unexpected, this is a valuable addition to the facts previously demonstrated in relation to the genera *Cameloparadalis, Camelus, Elephas*, and *Hippopotamus*.

The Secretary also announced to the Meeting that a living specimen of *Otocyon Lalandii*, a drawing of which was exhibited, had been recently presented to the Society by Captain Sir Edward Belcher, C.B., R.N.
March 9, 1847.

William Yarrell, Esq., Vice-President, in the Chair.

The following communications were read:—

1. **Note on the Red Corpuscles of the Blood of the Meminna Deer (Moschus Meminna, Eryx).** By George Gulliver, F.R.S.

After I had made known the curious minuteness of the red corpuscles of the blood of that little ruminant the Napu Musk Deer (see Dublin Medical Press, Nov. 27, 1839, and Proceedings of the Zoological Society, No. CXV.), it was to be expected that these corpuscles would present the same character in the rest of the genus. Accordingly, I some time ago found this to be the case in the Stanley Musk Deer (see Proceedings of the Zoological Society, May 9, 1843, page 66); and it appears, from an examination which I have lately made of the blood-corpuscles of the Meminna Deer, that these are not distinguishable in size from those of the Napu Musk Deer.

The following measurements of the red corpuscles of the blood of the Meminna Deer exactly agree with the measurements of the corresponding corpuscles of the Napu Musk Deer. They are, as usual, given in vulgar fractions of an English inch:—

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\begin{align*}
13400 & \quad \text{Common sizes.} \\
12000 & \quad \text{Small size.} \\
16000 & \quad \text{Large size.} \\
\hline
12325 & \quad \text{Average of all the above sizes.}
\end{align*}
\]

So minute are these corpuscles, that vast numbers of them measure no more over the flat surface of the disc than the edge or thickness of the red corpuscle of human blood, the average of which appears from my measurements to be \(\frac{1}{1200}\)th of an inch.

The size of the blood-corpuscles in the ruminants affords a good illustration of the law, which I have elsewhere deduced from very numerous measurements (see Appendix to the English edition of Gerber’s Anatomy, p. 4; Proceedings of the Zoological Society, Oct. 14, 1845, p. 94, and March 24, 1846, p. 26; and the Notes xcviii and cviii* to my edition of Hewson’s works printed for the Sydenham Society), that in the smallest species of a natural order or family of mammals the blood-discs are much more minute than in the largest species of that family; while in the entire class of Birds, the law as to the size of the blood-corpuscles is the same as in a single order of mammals.

Therefore, when that eminent inquirer Hewson states that these corpuscles are not larger in the largest animals, citing in support of his argument the Ox and Mouse, it must be understood as applicable

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only to mammals of different orders. Among the rodents which I
have examined, the great species, as the Capybara and the Beaver,
have much larger blood-corpuscles than the smallest species, as the
Bank Vole and the Harvest Mouse.

2. Characters of Six New Genera of Bats not Hitherto Distingui-
   shed. By J. E. Gray, Esq., F.R.S. etc.

The first four genera belong to the tribe of Phyllostomina, or Nose-
leafed Bats.

1. Mimon.
   Ch. gen.—Membrana interfemoralis magna, truncata. Alæ latæ,
margine anteriore lato, a summò talo extenso. Pedes elongati.
   Crura nuda. Cauda mediocris, inclusa; apice superiore, mediano.
   Aures laterales, magnæ. Mentum tuberculò parvo utrinque sig-
natum; tuberculis strià angustà divisis. Pollex longus, attenu-
atus; articulis equalibus. Dentes incisores 4; duo medii superiores
magni; inferiores parvi, stipati.
   Ch. gen.—Interfemoral membrane large, truncated. Wings broad,
   with a broad front margin from the upper part of the ankle. Feet
   elongated. Legs bald. Tail moderate, enclosed; apex superior,
   medial. Ears lateral, large. Chin with a small tubercle on each
   side, separated by a narrow groove. Thumb long, slender; joints
   equal. Cutting teeth 4; two middle upper large; lower small and
   crowded.

In the collection at the British Museum there are two species of
this genus, viz. 1. M. Bennettii = Phyllostoma Bennettii, Gray, Mag.
Zool. and Bot. vol. ii. p. 6; and 2. M. megalotis = Phyllophora mega-
fig. 2.

2. Trachops.
   Ch. gen.—Membrana interfemoralis magna, truncata. Alæ a summò
   Cauda mediocris, inclusa; apice superiore, mediano. Aures per-
magnæ, laterales. Mentum et labia verrucosa, stria levis angusta
   in medio mento. Dentes incisores 4; medii superiores magni, lati,
   incisi; inferiores irregulariter ordinati.
   Ch. gen.—Interfemoral membrane large, truncated. Wings from
   the upper part of the ankles. Feet with the heel-bone elongate. Legs
   bald. Tail moderate, enclosed; apex superior, medial. Ears very
   large, lateral. Chin and lips covered with warts; chin with a narrow
   smooth groove in front. Cutting teeth 4; middle upper large, broad,
   notched; lower in an irregular series.
   Type, T. fuliginosus.

This species is characterized by its sooty-black colour. My son-
in-law, Mr. J. P. G. Smith, collected it at Pernambuco, and sent two
females to the Brit. Mus.

Vampyrus cirrhosum, Spix, Vesp. Braz. t. xxvi. f. 3, evidently be-
longs to the same genus, if indeed it is distinct from the species above
noticed. He describes his specimen as chestnut. It is to be observed that his figure is only one-third of the natural size of the animal he described, although it is not noticed on the plate.

3. Ametrida.

Ch. gen.—Membrana interfemoralis sublata, truncata. Ale a digitorum basi extensae. Crura nuda. Caput rotundum, rostrum perbreve, depressum, latum; frons rotundata. Mentum triangulari tuberculorum mole scabrum. Pollex elongatus, articulo superiore longo, attenuato, inferiore brevi. Dentes incisores ½; superiores medii, elongati, conici, acuti; inferiores laterales, parvi, incisi.

Ch. gen.—Interfemoral membrane rather broad, truncated. Wings from the base of the toes. Legs bald. Feet small. Tail none. Head round; muzzle very short, depressed, broad; forehead rounded. Ears moderate, lateral. Chin with a triangular group of tubercles in front. Thumb elongated, the upper joint long, slender; the lower short. Cutting teeth ½; the upper middle elongated, conical, acute; lateral and lower small, notched.

A. centurio, Epauletted Ametrida.

Ch. sp.—Sooty-brown; forehead, chin, and a spot on each shoulder at the base of the wing white. Heel-bone one-third the length of the shin. Arm-bones 11 lines. Ears moderate, rounded at the end, rather arched out at the sides. Tragus moderate, denticate at the tip and outer side. Nose-leaf ovate, lanceolate.

Hab. Brazils, Pará. Collected by Mr. J. P. G. Smith.


Ch. gen.—Membrana interfemoralis distincta, brevis, angulariter insecatæ. Ale ab summo talo tensæ. Pedes elongati, liberi. Os calcis brevis. Cauda perbrevis, inclusa, in mediâ membranâ interfemorali superior. Mentum striâ tuberculis parvis marginâ insigne. Pollex elongatus; articulo superiore attenuato, inferiore inclusâ. Dentes incisores ½; duo medii superiores largiores, truncati; inferiores seriâm fornicati.

Ch. gen.—Interfemoral membrane distinct, short, angularly cut out. Wings from the upper part of the ankle. Feet elongate, free. Heel-bone short. Tail very short, enclosed, superior in the middle of the interfemoral. Ears lateral. Chin with a groove in front, edged with small tubercles. Thumb elongate; upper joint thin, longest; lower enclosed. Cutting teeth ½; two middle upper larger, truncate; lower in an arched continuous series.


Hab. Central America.

The two following belong to the tribe of Horse-shoe Bats. Rhinolophina:

5. Aquias.

Ch. gen.—Prosthema permagnum, complicatum, parte posteriore lanceolatâ erectâ, tribus magnis cellis utrinque; processus centralis
compressus marginem anteriorem lato, expanso, foliaceo, lobato, medio basi convexo; ferrum equinum anterius magnum simplex expansum, centro inciso, setosum; labium inferius duabus verrucis triangularibus in medio notatum. Mammæ in pube distinctæ. Alæ a digitorum basi.

Nose-leaf very large, complicated; hinder part lanceolate, erect, with three large cells on each side in front; central process compressed, with an expanded broad foliaceous lobed front margin, and with a convexity in the front of its base edge, formed by a diverging ring on each side in front. The front horse-shoe large, simple, expanded, nicked in the centre, very hairy; lower lip with two triangular warts in the centre. Pubal teats distinct. Wings from the base of the toes.

This genus may be divided into two sections:—

1. The interfemoral acutely produced; tail as long as the shin and foot. *Rhinolophus luctus*, Temm.

2. Interfemoral truncate; tail as long as shin. *R. trifoliatus*, Temm.

We have a specimen in spirit in the Brit. Mus., which differs from Temminck's description of *Rh. luctus* in several particulars, but these differences may arise from his description having been taken from a dry specimen.

6. **Rhinonycteris**

*Ch. gen.*—*Prosthemia* breve, erectum, cella utrinque, et altera anteriore in medio basi; processus centralis compressus, anterius planus; ferrum equinum emarginatum, concavum; inter nares culmen fimbriatum. *Aures magnæ. Alæ a tali. Dentes incisores 4 incisi; superiores distincti; labium inferius triangulari tuberculorum mole scabrum.*

Nose-leaf short, conical, erect, with a cell on each side and one in the centre of the front of its base; the central process compressed, flattened in front, and without any pit beneath; the horseshoe deeply nicked, concave, with a longitudinal anterior fringed ridge, ending in a pit behind, between the nostrils, and with a ridge over the nostrils on each side. Ears large, separate. Tragus none. Pubes—Wings from the ankle. Cutting teeth 4, notched; upper distinct; lower lip with a triangular group of small warts in front.

Type, *Rh. aurantis = Rhinolophus aurantis*, Gray; Eyre's Central Australia, i. 406. t. 1. fig. 1.

*Hab.* Port Essington.

3. **Drafts for an arrangement of the Trochilidae or Humming-Birds.** By J. Gould, Esq., F.R.S. (continued.)

**Genus Erigopus.**

*Gen. char.*—Bill straight, moderately long; tail slightly forked; tarsi thickly clothed with downy feathers, forming a thick ruff round the leg.

Sexes nearly alike in colour.

Type; *E. vestita.*
I beg to propose the above generic appellation for a section of this family, comprising those species distinguished by the extraordinary ruffs of downy feathers with which their tarsi are clothed, and by the sexes being nearly alike in the colour of their plumage. All the species known frequent the mountain districts of the Cordilleran Andes or the valleys immediately beneath them.

I possess five species of this form, and I have seen two others in the collection of Mr. Loddiges, which I believe to be equally typical.

   Ornismya vestita, Gouy de Longuemare; Less. in Rev. Zool. 1838, p. 314; Boiss. Rev. Zool. 1839, p. 18, 1840, p. 8; Mag. de Zool. pl. ——?
   O. glomata, Less. Echo du monde savant, young?

Sp. 2. Eriopus cupreoventris.
   Ornismya maniculata, Less. Echo du monde savant.
   Ornismya glomata, Less. Echo du monde savant, young?

Sp. 3. Eriopus Aline.

Sp. 4. Eriopus mosquera.

Sp. 5. Eriopus Derbyi.

This group forms part of M. Lesson’s Race Vestipedes, the genera comprised in which have not as yet I believe been defined.

4. An account of Palolo, a Sea Worm eaten in the Navigator Islands. By the Rev. J. B. Stair, with a description by J. E. Gray, Esq., F.R.S. etc.

The Rev. J. B. Stair kindly presented numerous specimens of this Sea Worm to the British Museum, but unfortunately most of the specimens are broken into short pieces, and as yet I have not been able to discover any specimen with a head. It appears to be a new genus allied to Arenicola, which may be thus described:—

Palola, Gray.

Body cylindrical, separated into equal joints, each joint with a small tuft of three or four spicula on the middle of each side. Head ——? Last joint ending in a couple of tentacles. Eggs globular.
*Palola viridis*, n. s.

Green, with a row of round black spots down the middle of the dorsal surface; one spot on the middle of each joint.

*Hab.* Navigator Islands.

I have found accompanying this worm a single specimen of a green *Nereis*, which differs from it in being paler green above and whitish beneath, shorter, more depressed, and furnished with white tentacles.

The following is the account which Mr. Stair kindly communicated to me with the specimen from Samoa:—

"*Palolo.*—Palolo is the native name for a species of Sea Worm which is found in some parts of Samoa (the Navigator Islands) in the South Pacific Ocean. They come regularly in the months of October and November, during portions of two days in each month, viz. the day before and the day on which the moon is in her last quarter.

"They appear in much greater numbers on the second than on the first day of their rising, and are only observed for two or three hours in the early part of each morning of their appearance. At the first dawn of day they may be felt by the hand swimming on the surface of the water; and as the day advances their numbers increase, so that by the time the sun has risen, thousands may be observed in a very small space, sporting merrily during their short visit to the surface of the ocean. On the second day they appear at the same time and in a similar manner, but in such countless myriads that the surface of the ocean is covered with them for a considerable extent. On each day, after sporting for an hour or two, they disappear until the next season, and not one is ever observed during the intervening time. Sometimes, when plentiful at one island in one month, scarcely any are observed the next; but they always appear with great regularity at the times mentioned, and these are the only times at which they are observed throughout the whole year. They are found only in certain parts of the islands, generally near the openings of the reefs on portions of the coast on which much fresh water is found, but this is not always the case.

"In size they may be compared to a very fine straw, and are of various colours and lengths, green, brown, white and speckled, and in appearance and mode of swimming resemble very small snakes.

"They are exceedingly brittle, and if broken into many pieces, each piece swims off as though it were an entire worm. No particular direction appeared to be taken by them in swimming. I observed carefully to see whether they came from seaward or rose from the reef, and feel assured they come from the latter place.

"The natives are exceedingly fond of them, and calculate with great exactness the time of their appearance, which is looked forward to with great interest. The worms are caught in small baskets, beautifully made, and when taken on shore are tied up in leaves in small bundles, and baked. Great quantities are eaten undressed, but either dressed or undressed are esteemed a great delicacy. Such is the desire to eat Palolo by all classes, that immediately the fishing parties reach the shore, messengers are despatched in all directions with large quantities to parts of the island on which none appear.

"*John B. Stair.*"

The following notices refer to the animals that construct the shells of *Pyrula*, *Calpurnus*, *Radius*, *Terebellum*, *Rostellaria*, *Eulima*, *Stilifer* and some others, which I believe have not before been described, though the shells have long been known. The drawings were made from the living mollusks on the spot.

The genus *Bulina* of Risso or *Cylindrella* of Swainson has an external subcylindrical shell covered with a thin reddish-brown epidermis. The mantle is enclosed; the foot elongate, linear, truncated, and with three conical tubercles behind. The cephalic disc is subtrigonal, broad, rounded in front, and produced behind on each side into a flat tapering process, with the eyes on the outer side of its base. They crawl very slowly, moving by an almost imperceptible series of undulations of the foot. Dredged in fifteen fathoms, between Borneo and Billiton. Mr. Gray informs me that M. Lovén has recently described the animal of a northern species of this genus under the generic name of *Cylichna*.

The animal of *Aker*, Müller, *Vitrella* of Swainson, or the *Bulla resiliens*, is pale brown, with the foot very much expanded, narrower and rounded in front, broad and truncated behind, and with the sides sometimes bent up. The head-disc is elongated, rather broader, and slightly notched in front, but narrower and linear behind. Eyes none. The shell is perfectly external, and there is a fimbriated edge projecting through the slit in the spire. From Unsang, Borneo.

This animal agrees with Lovén’s description of the northern species. Müller figures the animal of *Aker bullata*, a northern species of this genus, in the ‘Zoologia Danica’; and M. Lovén in his recent work has observed, that Muller’s species emits through the slit in the back of the whorls a series of elongated slender beards, which are appended to the mantle’s edge.

The mollusk that constructs the shell of *Bulla smaragdina* would appear to form the type of a new genus. The shell is naked above. The foot moderate, rounded before and behind; the side-edges reflexed and covering the sides of the shell. The head-disc is five-sided, rather broader on each side in front, flattish above with two small tubercles in front of the central eyes, and narrower and nicked behind. It is amphibious, though entirely marine, crawling slowly on rocks immediately above the ripple of the sea. The eyes are black and sessile; the tentacula short and anterior to the eyes. The animal is dark olive-green, with the margin of the foot and mantle of a light colour, and mottled and speckled. Cagiani Islands and Disaster Island near Japan.

In *Calpurnus* of De Montfort the mantle adheres to the sides, but does not cover the shell. It is dead-white and covered with round black spots. The foot is large, thin, flat, expanded, and marked like the mantle. The tentacula are tapering with a broad black band near their extremities. The eyes are large and black, and are placed
at the outer base of the tentacles. The longest slope and narrowest end is the forepart of the shell.

Taken alive at the southern extremity of Mindoro, not far from Ylin: in shallow water and on a sandy bottom.

In Radius or Ovulum Volva the mantle is covered with nipple-shaped tubercles, the nipples and areolæ of which are dark-coloured. The tubercles extend to the extremities of the beaks of the shell. The foot is moderate and folded longitudinally. The tentacles are elongate and subulate. Dredged in five fathoms from a rocky coral bottom on the shores of Basilan.

The Radius is slow and languid in its movements, sliding along deliberately, and not more sensible to alarm than Cyprea or Calpurnus.

In the genus Pyrula, Lamk. (Ficula of Swainson), the siphon is elongate, subcylindrical, and produced in front. The head slender; the tentacles subulate, on the side of the extremity of the head, and separate from one another at their bases. Eyes sessile on the outer side of the base of the tentacles. The mantle is produced on each side into a rounded lobe equally reflexed on each side of the shell. The foot is very large and expanded; rounded in front, and rather produced on each side of the anterior margin, and expanded and broad with a small central point behind. There is no operculum. The head is marbled with light violet and the tentacles white. Six white opaque spots are arranged round the upper surface of the edge of the foot. There is another very beautiful species of Ficula with a pink mantle, mottled with white and deeper pink, the under surface of the foot dark chocolate-colour with sparse yellow spots. The first-mentioned species is from the west coast of Borneo, from seventeen fathoms, muddy bottom, and the latter from thirty-five fathoms in the sea of Mindoro.

Mr. Gray has observed that Lamarck established his genus Pyrula on this species, Bulla ficus, Linn., therefore the generic name should be retained for this form of animals, which he regards as an intermediate link between Muricidae and Cypriidea.

The animals of Ancillaria crawl with a sliding motion and with considerable celerity. The specimens we found on the east coast of Africa were of a dirty white colour with dull brown blotches. When alarmed, the entire animal is retracted within the shell.

The genus Marginella has an elongated slender tapering siphon, with the tentacles also elongate and slender, bearing the eyes at their outer side just above the base. The foot is large, broad, truncated in front, rather acute behind, and extends beyond the shell on all sides. The mantle is thickened, and reflexed partly over the entire circumference of the shell. The animal, when roughly handled, retracted itself entirely into the shell. Dredged up in three fathoms water, sandy bottom, not far from Anger in Java.

A second species from the east coast of Africa is similar to the former, but the foot is rather more expanded and more rounded behind. The left side of the mantle is rather more produced over the
back of the shell than the right. The end of the tentacula and siphon in this species is yellow and the basal part streaked with carmine. The foot and mantle are semi-transparent flesh-colour, streaked with deep carmine.

These *Marginella* are quicker and more lively in their movements than *Cypraea*, crawling pretty briskly and moving their tentacles in various directions.

The head of *Eutima* is small; the tentacles are subulate, close together at the base, rather thicker at that part, and slender beyond. The eyes are placed on the back of the head behind the base of the tentacles. The foot is rather expanded, rounded and somewhat produced on each side in front, and rounded in behind. Operculum ovate, subspiral. The animal is entirely opaque pearly white. The eyes black and generally concealed under the front of the shell. Tentacles yellow at the tip, orange in the middle, and white at the base.

Mr. Gray states that he places this genus with the family *Pyramidellidae* in his arrangement, and it chiefly differs from *Pyramidella* in having no plaits on the pillar-lip. It is a slow and excessively timid animal. From eight fathoms water; Philippines.

The tentacula of the more elongated species of *Melania* are subulate, close together at the base, with the eyes on short peduncles on the outer side of the base. The trunk is oblong, expanded and annulated, with a central cylindrical groove. The foot is expanded, rather produced and acute behind, with the operculum on the front of the upper surface. Operculum orbicular and many-whorled. They are generally found partially buried in the ooze formed by decayed vegetable matter where weeds abound, and where the water is verging towards stagnation.

The animal of *Turritella* is rather small for the size of the aperture of the shell; the head is small and oblong; the tentacula short and subulate, with the eyes on the middle of their outer side. The foot is moderate and slightly notched in front. Operculum orbicular, horny, many-whorled, with an epidermic fimbriated margin.

This mollusk is very shy and sensitive, retiring quickly within its shell on the slightest alarm. It is slow-moving and inactive.

The tentacula of *Pleurotoma* are subulate and close together at the base, and the eyes are near the outer side of the tip, which latter tapers off beyond them. They generally inhabit pretty deep water and crawl tolerably fast.

*Fusus*, Lam., has an elongated subcylindrical siphon, with subulate tentacles close together at the base, and becoming more slender beyond the eyes. Eyes placed rather above the middle of the outer side. Foot moderate. Operculum annular, oblong.

The *Cerithium truncatum* has a broad suborbicular and expanded foot, and an elongated subcylindrical annulated trunk. The tentacula are short with the eyes at the tip. It is found generally in brackish water in mangrove swamps and the mouths of rivers. Sometimes they crawl on the stones and leaves in the neighbourhood, and sometimes they are found suspended by glutinous threads to boughs.
and the roots of the mangroves. Mr. Gray (vide Proc. Z. S. 1833, p. 112) states he has found the Rissoa similarly suspended. From the swamps of Singapore and banks of rivers in Borneo.

The animals of Quoyia are amphibious like Conovuli, being found in the shallow water at the roots of the mangroves or adhering to stones not far inland, but exposed to the sun. They are fond of those little bays where the water is shallow and the ripple gentle.

In Phorus the separation from the foot is by a large space produced into a subcylindrical annulated trunk. The tentacles are tapering and elongate, with the eyes sessile on the outside of their base. The foot is small and divided into two parts, the front rather expanded, the hind part small and tapering, carrying a large operculum. Operculum ovate, subannular? Penis elongate fusiform from the right side, rather below the base of the tentacula. These animals are small for the size of the mouth of the shell, and have much the general appearance of the animal of Strombus, like which they appear to walk, but their eyes are sessile. In colour they are dull opake white, the proboscis pinkish and the eyes black. They crawl like a tortoise by lifting and throwing forward the shell with the tentacles stretched out, the proboscis bent down and the operculum trailing behind. They are numerous in the Javan and China seas, preferring deep water, and a bottom composed of detritus of dead shells and sand mixed with mud.

This genus has been generally placed with the Trochi, and some have proposed to remove it to near Calyptraea; but Mr. Gray, in his systematic arrangement of the genera of mollusca published in the Synopsis to the British Museum (1840), p. 119, formed for this genus a peculiar family under the name of Phoridae, having observed that the animal, though a Phytophagous mollusk, had the annular operculum of the zoophagous division.

The animal of Terebellum has an annulated elongate proboscis with a central groove. The eyes are on the end of long cylindrical peduncles, one placed on each side of the base of the trunk and unequal in length and origin. The body is thick and short; the foot ovate, broad, rounded in front and tapering behind. Operculum triangular, small, and serrated on the outer side with a great part free. This genus is on the confines of the family of Strombidae, where Mr. Gray first proposed to place it (see Synopsis, British Museum, 1841, p. 84, and 1842, pp. 52 and 89), for it agrees with the animal of that group in having the eyes placed at the ends of elongated peduncles, and in having the operculum triangular and serrated on the outer edge; but it differs from them in having no tentacula arising from the upper part of the peduncle beneath the eyes, and in having a thicker body and a broader and flatter foot.

One specimen, from which I made a sketch, was taken in the Javan sea, the other is from the Caramata Passage.

The animal is exceedingly shy and timid, retracting its body into the shell on the slightest alarm. It will remain stationary for a long time, moving its tentacula about cautiously in every direction, when suddenly it will roll over its shell and continue again perfectly quiet.
With regard to *Rostellaria rectirostris*, or more properly *rectirostrata*, I have a few words to say before I conclude this somewhat desultory communication.

The animal of this genus is exactly like that of *Strombus*. The body is subcylindrical, marbled with rich brown on the outer side, and white on the inner and front side. The trunk is subcylindrical, and annulated with a central broad line of deep bronze-black. The margins yellow with a narrow vermillion line externally. The eyes are on long cylindrical peduncles, of a deep blue with a black pupil. The tentacula are subulate, elongate, arising from the peduncle rather below the eye. The foot is narrow, rather dilated in front and small behind. The operculum is ovate, triangular, annular, semi-transparent and horny. Living in black muddy sand in thirty-one and a half fathoms water. The specimen I figured was dredged on the coast of Borneo.

*Rostellaria* has all the habits of the *Strombidae*, progressing by means of its powerful and elastic foot, which it places under the shell in a bent position, when suddenly by a muscular effort it straightens that organ and rolls and leaps over and over. It is however far more timid and suspicious than *Strombus*, which has a bold disposition.

The animal of the genus *Stilifer*, which I found living on the body of a starfish (*Asterias*) on the coast of Borneo, had two elongate subulate tentacles, with the eyes sessile near the outer side of their base, and a small rounded head. The mantle is entirely enclosed and covered by the thin shell, and the foot is narrow, slender, very much produced beyond the head in front and scarcely extended at all behind.

The animal of this genus was described and figured in Mr. Sowerby's *Genera of Shells* from a specimen in spirits brought home by Mr. Cuming, where the fleshy part enveloping the shell in its contracted state was considered as the mantle.

Mr. Gray, in the *Synopsis* before referred to (ed. 1842, p. 60), from the examination of these figures, placed the genus in the family of *Naticidae*, and observes that "what has been called the enlarged mantle appears like the foot;" and the above description of the animal shows the accuracy of Mr. Gray's conclusion, both as to the proper nature of the fleshy part and the position of the genus in the system.

In the shallow pools left by the receding tide on the shore of Koo-Kian-San, one of the Maiacoshima group of islands, I discovered a large species of *Dorididae*, which appears to be the type of a new genus, differing from all the other genera of the family in having the vent, and the gills which are extruded from it, situated beneath the edge of the mantle, which latter is extended beyond the circumference of the foot, while in all the other genera, as far as I am aware of, the vent and gills are situated on the mantle itself. This genus may be called *Hypobranchia*.

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*δηνο (sub), βραγχιεα (branchis predita).* The specific name might be "depressa," from its flattened appearance.
Ch. gen.—Brachiis ano circumdatis, sub posteriore pallii marginis positis. Pallio lato, ultra pedem extenso; duobus tentaculis cla-

viformibus; corpore depresso.

The animal (Hypobranchiae fusca) was of a sandy colour, the cen-
tral disc deeper, with oblong blotches of a dark brown colour. In
length about six inches, and in breadth two and a half. The under
surface was light chocolate-colour, and the tentacula reddish brown.
It crawled upon its flattened ventral disc in a slow and languid man-
ner, and when detached and thrown into deeper water floated some
time by undulating the free thin edges of the mantle, and gradually
sunk to the bottom.

6. Descriptions of new species of shells collected in the
Eastern Archipelago by Capt. Sir Edward Belcher and
Mr. Adams during the Voyage of H.M.S. Samarang. By
Lovell Reeve, F.L.S.

Chiton Coreanicus. Chit. testa ovata, elevatusculid, valvis ter-

minalibus ceterarum areisque lateralibus radiatis sulcastis, inter-
stitiis convexis peculiariter granatis, granis prominentibus, rotund-
datis, solitariis, valvi terminali posticid umbonatid, extremitate
radiatid parvii, brevi; areis centralibus longitudinaliter tenuiissimis:
granato-liratis, livrarum interstitiis excavatis; areis lateralibus
nigricante-viridibus, granis lutescentibus, areis centralibus lutes-

centibus nigro varie maculatis et variegratis; ligamento tenuiter
granoso-coriaceo, nigricante-viridi et virescente concinni tessellato.
Long. 1¼ poll.; lat. 1 poll.

Hab. Korean Archipelago, under stones.

The sculpture of this species is not much unlike that of the C. lu-
ridus; still it is distinct, and accompanied with a very characteristic
style of painting. The central areas of the shell are of a yellowish
ground, blotched and variegated with black. The terminal and
lateral areas are very dark green, with the prominent granules con-
spicuously tinged here and there with yellow. In addition to these
peculiarities, the ligament is strikingly tessellated with dark and pale
sea-green.

Chiton fuliginatus. Chit. testa oblonga, valvæ elevata, valvis ter-

minalibus ceterarum areisque lateralibus subirregulariter concentri-
cè striatis, prope marginem incisi, areis centralibus levibus, sub
lente minuissimis reticulis; sordide albo nigro plus minusve

sparsim fuliginatid; ligamento corneo, angusto, fusco.
Long. ½ poll.; lat. ¾ poll.

Hab. Korean Archipelago.

The terminal and lateral areas, the latter of which are so slightly
raised as to be nearly on a plane with the rest of the shell, are stri-
ated concentrically, the striae next the margin being somewhat deeply
engraved. Of numerous specimens collected at the above-mentioned
islands, all are of an uniform dull white, more or less sparingly be-
sooted with black.
Chiton acutirostratus. Chit. testā elongatā, medio elevatā, lateraliter subcompressa, valvis summitate obtuso-carinatis, levibus, utrinque creberrimè planigranatis, umbonibus productis, acūte rostratis, valvarum areis lateralisbus parēis, subindistinctis, concavis; albīd, summitate nigro hic illic inquinatā; ligamento corneo, spicularum cristā parvē ad latus utriusque valvae munito.

Long. 1½ poll.; lat. ½ poll.

Hab. Cape Rivers.

An elongated species, of somewhat angularly compressed growth, remarkably distinguished by the sharply beaked structure of the umbones; the flatly-grained sculpture of the valves approaches that of C. hirudiniformis, to which it offers a singular contrast of colour.

Chiton petasus. Chit. testā parvā, subabbreviato-ovatā, valvis medio areā trigōnā subprostrātā politī, utrinque rugoso-granatis; vivide coccineā; ligamento latissimō, præcipue antice, quoque vivide coccineo, setis pilisve brevibus hic illic obsto.

Long. 1 poll.; lat. ⅔ poll.

Hab. Cape Rivers.

A beautiful little bright scarlet shell enframed within a broad swollen ligament of the same very striking colour; in the form of the ligament it is the nearest approach I have seen to that remarkable species the C. Blainvillii.

Chiton formosus. Chit. testā oblongā, subangustā, valvis undique subtilissimè longitudinālītē striatīs; vivide coccineā; ligamento corneo, spicularis vitreīs nitīdē albīs densē obsto, spicularum crista densā erectā ad latus utriusque valvae.

Long. ⅔ poll.; lat. ⅔ poll.

Hab. Cape Rivers.

A most exquisite little species of a bright scarlet colour, surrounded with dense tufts of white shining glassy spicula. Of this and the two preceding species only a single specimen of each was obtained.

Cardium Bечei. Card. testā subcordato-ovatā, medio et antice levigatā, striis minutis superficiarii radiantis et concentricis sub lente decussatā, epidermide tenui corned nitente in funiculis fibrīs concentricis creberrimè dispositā; areā posticē, epidermide nullī, radiatim costatā, costis tenuibus, conflertis, quinque et viginti ad triginta, spinis brevibus compressis densissimè seriātīm ornatis; undique pulcherrimè roso, intus albi.

Alt. 2 poll.; lat. 1½ poll.

Hab. Sooloo Seas and Korean Archipelago.

I have much pleasure in dedicating this species, at the desire of Capt. Sir Edward Belcher, to Sir Henry De la Beche, Director of the Ordnance Survey and President of the Geological Society. It forms a most interesting addition to the genus Cardium, and is without exception the most striking and distinct from any hitherto known that can well be imagined. In colour it is of a pure rose tint, with the following singular contrast of character. The middle and anterior portion of the shell is smooth, presenting a peculiar soft velvety
appearance, the effect of its being minutely decussated with concentric and radiating striae, and covered with an exquisite thin shining horny epidermis, disposed in fine concentric cords, abruptly terminating at the posterior area. The posterior portion, accordingly destitute of epidermis, is very thickly rayed with ribs of short compressed spines, as if the delicately clad surface of the shell had been thus far ploughed up, as it were, into furrows.

Only two odd valves of this pre-eminently beautiful shell were obtained, and, singularly, in localities very remote from each other; one was dredged at the depth of forty fathoms in the Sooloo Seas, between the islands of Borneo and Mindanao; the other in the Yellow Sea, thirty degrees north, at one of the islands of the Korean Archipelago.
March 23, 1847.

William Yarrell, Esq., Vice-President, in the Chair.

The following communications were read:—


The female Otter was presented to the Society by Lady Rolle on the 4th of February 1840, being apparently at that time about three months old. She remained without a male till the 11th of March 1846, when a large male was presented to the Society by the Rev. P. M. Brunwin, of Braintree, Essex, in whose possession it had been for some months, and had been kept in a cellar. His weight when first taken was 21 lbs., but he was not above half that weight when he arrived at the Gardens, having wasted much in confinement and become very weak in the loins, from which he soon recovered after his arrival. About a month after his arrival there was a continual chattering between him and the female during the night, which lasted for four or five nights; but they did not appear to be quarrelling. Nothing further was observed in their manners or in the appearance of the female to make me think she was with young, until the morning of the 13th of August, when the keeper that has the charge of them went to give them a fresh bed, which he does once a week; while in the act of pulling out the old bed he observed two young ones, apparently five or six days old, and about the size of a full-grown rat: he immediately put back the bed, with the young on it, and left them. On the 21st the mother removed them to the second sleeping-den, at the other end of their enclosure, and several times after she was observed to remove them from one end of the house to the other, by pushing them before her on a little straw; her object in removing them appeared to be to let them have a dry bed: on the 9th of September they were first seen out of the house; they did not go into the water, but crawled about, and appeared very feeble.

On the 26th of September they were first seen to eat fish, and follow the mother into the water: they did not dive into the water like the mother, but went into it like a dog, with their head above water; and it was not until the middle of October that they were observed to plunge into the water like the old ones. On the 22nd of December the water was let out of the pond for the purpose of cleaning it, which is done once a week: the animals were shut up in their sleeping-den, but they let themselves out when the pond was but half-full of water, and the young ones got into it and were not able to get out without assistance; after they had been in the water

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some minutes the mother appeared very anxious to get them out, and made several attempts to reach them from the side of the pond where she was standing; but this she was not able to do, as they were not within her reach. After making several attempts in this manner without success, she plunged into the water to them, and began to play with one of them for a short time, and put her head close to its ears, as if she was making it understand what she meant; the next moment she made a spring out of the pond, with the young one holding on by the fur at the root of the tail with its teeth; having safely landed it, she got the other out in the same manner: this she did several times during a quarter of an hour, as the young ones kept going into the water as fast as she got them out. Sometimes the young held on by the fur at her sides, at others by that at the tail. As soon as there was sufficient water for her to reach them from the side of the pond, she took hold of them by the ears with her mouth and drew them out of the pond, and led them round the pond close to the fence, and kept chattering to them, as if she was telling them not to go into the pond again.


The beautiful species of *Eudromia* mentioned in my letter to Mr. Waterhouse (Proc. for 1846, p. 9) proved to be the bird characterized by Mr. Vigors under the name of *Tinamotis Pentlandii* (Proc. 1836, p. 79). On September 15, 1845, I found three couple in the pass of Tapaquilcha, between the town of Calama and the city of Potosi: they were close to the snow, at an altitude of about 14,000 feet, with the *Pepoaza*, skulking among the isolated stones which not unfrequently occur in grassy places in the valleys of the main chain of the Andes. When they rise they utter a shrill and loud whistle, and fly a mile perhaps, getting up rapidly and shooting off in a horizontal direction.

About twenty miles further on the road I stopped at a post-house, and there the natives brought a fresh-laid egg, which they said was the egg of this species. There could be no doubt about it, as I was engaged at the time in skinning one of the three specimens we had obtained. It was light green, larger than a lapwing’s, and very obtuse at each end. It had none of that polished texture which is so characteristic in the Tinamous. I regret that it was accidentally broken.

Although I sought for this bird in many similar situations throughout Bolivia, I never again succeeded in finding it.


I met with this species on the eastern side of the Andes—I believe it never occurs on the Chilian side—in the vicinity of the city of Mendoza, in the Argentine Republic. It has an immense range over the grassy plains at the base of the Andes which run southward
to Patagonia. I believe it generally is found in pairs; at least the only two I ever saw alive were together. My men informed me that it is abundant on the Pampas, near the forts of San Raphael and San Carlos, between 33° and 34° south lat.* The young bird presents no difference in plumage from the adults, having even the crest well-developed: it seems therefore to form an exception to the generally received rule, that where the parent birds have the same plumage the young is different from either.

The Indians have a singular method of taking this bird. Having attached a noose to the end of a cane four or five yards long, they walk round and round in gradually contracting circles, until they are near enough to slip the noose over its head, and then, with a sudden jerk, they strangle it.


I believe the Chilian and Bolivian species are identical. I found the bird on the same day as *Tinamotis Pentlandii*, inhabiting the margins of frozen brooks near the post-house of Tapaquilcha. The Indians there know it as the Puco-puco, from its call-note. Like *Thinocorus D'Orbignianus*, these birds evince great attachment to each other, and call immediately if separated. At that season they were in pairs and breeding, but I did not obtain the egg.

*Diglossa carbonaria*, D'Orb. & De Lafres.

*Diglossa sittoides*, D'Orb. et De Lafr.

Birds of this genus are found in the temperate region, where the thickets commence, at an altitude of from 8000 to 10,000 feet. I found these species among bushes of Salvia and Eupatorium, on the slopes which fall into the valley of Cochabamba, and most abundantly at a place called Ticquepaya. They have precisely the habits of flycatchers. *D. carbonaria* I have watched often, sitting motionless on the highest twig of a bush until he discovered a passing insect, on which he descended, and then returned to his post. I may mention that the vicinity of Cochabamba was the only district in which these two species occurred to me.

*Diglossa mystucalis*, De Lafr.; *Diglossa mystacea*, G. R. Gray in Gen. of Birds, pl. 42.

Lives entirely in the thickets, hopping from bough to bough, as if in pursuit of insects. I have often seen this species insert its bill into a scarlet and purple flower allied to the Arbutus, but whether for the purpose of capturing insects or of extracting honey I was not able to ascertain. Its habitat is the Yungas of La Paz.

I believe that the specimen described by M. le Baron De Lafresnaye was from my collection.

*Colaptes rupicola*, D'Orb., is a Bolivian species, entirely terrestrial. I found it on the elevated table-land called the Punas, which form the departments of Potosi, Chuquisaca, Cochabamba, La Paz, and

* The specimens now in the British Museum were obtained from this locality, as well as those of *Rhea Darwinii*. 


Oruro. They are occasionally intersected by valleys and isolated mountains, but the unbroken plains are sometimes several leagues in extent. You find C.rupicola at an altitude of 12,000 to 14,000 feet, and generally in the grass, where it feeds. On being disturbed it takes an undulating flight towards some rock, on which it settles, for this country is entirely destitute of trees. It most frequently occurs in little companies of five or six.

Another species of Colaptes, which frequents the warm plains of Moxas, near the town of Trinidad, not unfrequently resorts to the trees which there grow in forest patches, and in this particular it resembles C. chilensis.

The genus Dendrocopetes, as far as I have had opportunities of observing their habits, exactly resemble the woodpeckers, ascending the trees and searching the bark in a similar manner, and even supporting themselves by the tail. In the plains between the Indian town of Loretto and Trinidad, about long. 62°, I found a beautiful instance of the modification of form to a particular end, in the apparently singular species

D. procurvus, D'Orb. & De Lafr.

As far as my experience goes, it only occurs in the open palm-groves which crown the undulating elevations which here and there rise up above the ordinary level of this district. In them I found a palm called Mutacu, with foliage like the date-palm. The short peduncles of the fallen leaves afford shelter to numerous coleoptera, and they grow from the trunk in a curve exactly similar to that which characterizes the bill of this species, so that as he runs up the trunk he is able to search all these lurking-places to the very bottom, although their form renders them impregnable to every other assailant.

In the dense forests, where this particular palm is never to be found, I observed an abundance of the other species, but D. procurvus not once.


The Ornism. Sappho of Lesson, and a nearly-allied species which I shall describe in the present paper, appear to differ in so many characters from all the genera of this family hitherto instituted, that I propose to place them in a distinct genus or subgenus, under the name of Cometes, with the following characters:—

Cometes, nov. gen.


Gen. char.—Bill longer than the head, cylindrical, and curving downwards; tail much-forked, feathers broad and truncate; tarsi bare; feet moderately large; hind-toe and claw shorter than the middle toe and claw.

2. *Cometes Phaon,* sp. nov. *Com.* (Mas) *capite, collo, alarum tectricibus, et corpore inferiore, brumni-viridibus; doso, cauda tectricibus, caudqdque, intense fulgente coccineis; rectricibus ad basin nigro-fuscis, ad apicem holosericis atris; alis fuscis purpurascenibus; guld luminoso metallico viridi.*

**Male.**—Head, neck, wing-coverts and under surface brownish green; back, upper tail-coverts and tail rich deep lustrous crimson; bases of the tail-feathers blackish brown; the tips deep velvety black; wings purplish brown; throat rich lustrous metallic green.

**Female.**—Tail of the same crimson colour as that of the male; she also possesses the lengthened and curved bill.

Total length, 7 inches; bill, 1½; wing, 2¾; tail, 4.

This fine species is a native of Peru, and differs from the *Sappho,* which inhabits Bolivia, in having the tail rich crimson instead of flame-colour, and in having a much longer and more curved bill. The two specimens exhibited, which are male and female, have been kindly lent me, for the purpose of describing, by the Earl of Derby.

4. **On Eight New Species of Australian Birds; and On Anthus Minimus, Vig. and Horst., as the Type of a New genus Chthonicolia, Gould.** By John Gould, F.R.S.

_Artamus albiventris._ *Art.* *loris, spatia infra oculum, et mento, atris; capite, collo, et doso superiore, fusco-griseis; pectore et abdomine pallide griseis, colore griseo in tectricibus cauda inferiortbus albo mergente; tectricibus cauda superiortbus, caudique, nigris; tertid parte apicali rectricum omnium, intermediis duabus exceptis, albd.*

Lores, space beneath the eye and the chin deep black; head, neck and upper part of the back brownish grey; lower part of the back and the wings dark grey, becoming gradually deeper towards the tips of the feathers; primaries and secondaries narrowly edged with white at the tip; under surface of the wing white; ear-coverts, chest, and abdomen pale grey, passing into white on the under tail-coverts; upper tail-coverts and tail black; the apical third of all but the two middle feathers white; irides dark brown; bill yellowish horn-colour, becoming black at the tip; feet blackish brown.

Total length, 7 inches; bill, 2½; wing, 4½; tail, 2½; tarsi, 3½.

_Hab._ Darling Downs, New South Wales, &c.

Remark.—This species differs from the *A. cinereus,* to which it is most nearly allied, in the white colouring of the abdomen and under tail-coverts. Two specimens have come under my notice, both of which were killed by Mr. Gilbert, one on the Darling Downs, in New South Wales, and the other at Peak-range Camp, one of the stations so named by Dr. Leichhardt during his expedition from Moreton Bay to Port Essington.

_Acanthiza apicalis._ *Acan. plumis in fronte cervinis, fusce mar-

ginatis; caudâ latâ fasciâ fusco-nigrâ prope apicem transversim ornament, apice ipso albo; tectricibus cauda superioribus rufo tinctis.

Feathers of the forehead deep buff, edged with dark brown; all the upper surface, wings and tail light olive-brown; tail crossed near the extremity with a broad and distinct band of brownish black, and largely tipped with white; upper tail-coverts tinged with rufous; throat and chest greyish white, each feather margined with black, giving that part a mottled appearance; flanks, abdomen and under tail-coverts pale buff; irides light red; bill, legs and feet dark brown.

Total length, 4 inches; bill, ¾; wing, 2; tail, 2; tarsi, ¾. 

Hab. Swan River, Western Australia.

Remark.—Distinguished from A. Diemenensis, A. pusilla, and A. Ewingii, to all of which it is nearly allied, by its large size, by its larger and rounder tail, by the broad and distinct band of black which crosses the tail-feathers near their extremities, and by their being largely tipped with white.

Cysticola isura. Cys. colli lateribus, nuchâ, et uropygio pallidâ rufis; vertice, dorso, secondarisisque, saturatuâ brownii-nigris, singulis plumis stramineo marginatis, et latâ fasciâ atrâ transversim prope apicem infra ornament.

Sides and back of the neck and rump, pale rufous; crown of the head, back and secondaries deep brownish black, each feather margined with buff; tail dark brown, margined with buff, and crossed on the under side near the tip with a broad conspicuous band of black; under surface deep buff, becoming paler on the chin and centre of the abdomen; bill brown; feet yellowish brown.

Total length, 4 inches; bill, ¾; wing, 1¾; tail, 1¾; tarsi, ¾. 

Hab. Southern coasts of Australia.

Remark.—Distinguished from the other members of the genus by the shorter and more truncated form of its tail, which has suggested the specific term assigned to it.

Chalcites osculans. Chal. capite, corpore superiore, alisque, nitente olivaceo-fuscis, colore eodem in humeris primariisque saturâtore, sed in tectricibus cauda superioribus albicante; caudâ intensus olivaceo-fuscis, plumâ quaque ad apicem albâ; pectorâ et abdomen pallidâ cinnamominis.

Head, all the upper surface and wings glossy olive-brown, becoming darker on the shoulders and primaries, and fading into white on the upper tail-coverts; tail dark olive-brown, each feather tipped with white, and the lateral one on each side crossed on the inner web with five bars of white; ear-coverts black, encircled with white; under surface of the wing, throat, breast and abdomen pale cinnamon-brown, fading into white on the under tail-coverts; bill brown; feet olive-brown.

Total length, 7¾ inches; bill, ¾; wing, 4²⁄₈; tail, 3⁷⁄₈; tarsi, ¾. 

Hab. New South Wales.

Remark.—I have applied the term of osculans to this species, because in it are united in a remarkable degree the characters of the
genera *Cuculus* and *Chalcites*; but as those of the latter genus predominate, I have retained it therein.

**Synoicus Diemenensis.** *Syn. fronte, loris, et mento griseo-albis, stramineo tinctis; vertice saturate brunneo, medio lined stramineo notato; omni corpore superiore fasciei irregularibus transversis griseis, nigrisque, castaneisque, vario; mediiis plumis lined griseo-albi ornatis.*

Forehead, lores and chin greyish white, tinged with buff; crown of the head dark brown, with a line of buff down the centre; all the upper surface irregularly marked with beautiful transverse bars of grey, black and chestnut, each feather with a fine stripe of greyish white down the centre; primaries brown, mottled on their external edges with greyish brown; all the under surface greyish buff, each feather with numerous regular somewhat arrow-head-shaped marks of black, and many of them with a very fine line of white down the centre; bill blue, deepening into black at the tip; irides orange; feet dull yellow.

Total length, 8½ inches; bill, ¾; wing, 4½; tarsi, 1½.

*Hab.* Van Diemen’s Land.

*Remark.*—Nearly allied to *S. Australis*, but of a much larger size and with the markings of the upper surface more numerous and varied.

**Synoicus Sordidus.** *Syn. saturate fuscus minutè nigro maculatus; mediiis plumis corporis superioris inferiorisque laitd fascid griseo-carule longitudinaliter ornatis.*

General plumage dark brown, minutely freckled with black, each feather of the upper and under surface with a broad stripe of bluish grey down the centre; feathers of the head and back of the neck with a spot of blackish brown at the tip, those down the centre of the head and a few of the back feathers with white shafts; chin buff; flank-feathers with an arrow-head-shaped mark of black near the tip.

Total length, 7 inches; bill, ¾; wing, 3½; tarsi, ¾.

*Hab.* South Australia.

*Remark.*—With the exception of *S. Sinensis*, this species is the least of the genus yet discovered; it moreover differs from them all in the absence of any varied markings, in lieu of which all the feathers of the upper surface have a broad bluish grey stripe down the middle.

**Porzana Leucophrys.** *Por. fascid à mandibulae superioris basi ad angulum oculi posticum ductum griseo-alba; maculae latit aitd ab oculo ad rictum extendit; nuchd, corpore superiore, caudique, fusco-nigris; capitis, collis, et pectoris, lateribus griseis; mento, et medio abdomen albis.*

From the base of the upper mandible to the posterior angle of the eye a streak of greyish white; from the eye to the gape a broad patch of deep black; crown of the head brownish black; back of the neck, upper surface and tail brownish black, each feather margined with pale reddish, the latter colour becoming very conspicuous on the wing-coverts and scapulaires; wings pale brown; sides of the head,
neck and breast grey; chin and centre of the abdomen white; flanks and under tail-coverts rufous; upper mandible reddish brown; tomina of both mandibles tile-red; legs and feet oil-green, blotched with light ash-colour.

Total length, 6½ inches; bill, 1; wing, 3½; tail, 2; tarsi, 1½.

Hab. Port Essington and Northern Australia.

Remark.—This bird differs from every other species of the genus inhabiting Australia, in having a superciliary stripe of white, in the black colouring of the lores, and in the olivaceous tint of the plumage.

Plotus Novae-Hollandiae. Plot. (Mas) guli figura sagitta cus-pidis albâ notâtâ; latât fuscìd albd à mandibularum basi quatuor uncìs in colli latera extendt; scapularibus lanceolatis, lanceolâtâ maculâtâ in medio, et caulibus atris ornatis.

Male.—An arrow-head-shaped mark of white on the throat; a broad stripe of the same colour commences at the base of the mandibles, extends for about four inches down the sides of the neck, and terminates in a point; head, neck and all the upper surface of the body greenish black, stained with brown and with a patch of deep rusty red in the centre of the under side of the throat; under surface deep glossy greenish black; wings and tail shining black; all the coverts with a broad stripe of dull white, occupying nearly the whole of the outer and a part of the inner web, and terminating in a point; scapularies lanceolate in form, with a similar shaped mark of white down the centre, and with black shafts, the scapular nearest the body being nearly as large as the secondaries, and having the outer web crimped and the inner web with a broad stripe of dull white close to the stem; the secondaries nearest the body with a similar white stripe on the outer web, close to the stem; centre tail-feathers strongly and the lateral ones slightly crimped; orbits naked, fleshly, protuberant, and of a yellowish olive, mottled over with brown specks; irides of three colours, the ring nearest the pupil being dull orange-buff; to this succeeds another of marbled buff and brown, and to this an outer one of orange-buff; naked skin at the base of the lower mandible wrinkled and yellow; upper mandible olive, under mandible dull yellow, both becoming brighter at the base; feet yellowish flesh-colour, becoming brown on the upper part of the outer toes.

Female.—Upper surface blackish brown, each feather margined with greyish white; under surface buffy white. In other respects similar to the male.

Total length, 36 inches; bill, 4; wing, 13½; tail, 9; tarsi, 2.

Hab. The rivers of the whole of the southern coast of Australia.

Remark.—Very nearly allied to the Plotus inhabiting Java, but distinguished from it by the shortness of the scapularies and by its larger size.

Mr. Gould also exhibited to the Meeting a specimen of the Anthus minimus of Messrs. Vigors and Horsfield, and having pointed out the particulars in which it differs from the members of the genus Anthus, proposed to constitute it the type of a new genus, with the following appellation and characters:
Chthonicola, nov. gen.


Gen. char.—Bill short, gradually descending from the base; the upper mandible slightly notched at the tip, compressed laterally; tomia curving inwards; wings concave; the first primary very short, the third, fourth, fifth and sixth nearly equal and the longest; tail slightly concave, and all the feathers of an equal length; tarsi moderately long; toes short, the hinder toe somewhat longer than the middle one; front claws more curved than in the genus Anthus.

5. Description of a New Species of Amphioxus from Borneo.

By J. E. Gray, Esq., F.R.S., &c. &c.

Capt. Sir Edward Belcher having most kindly sent to the British Museum the various species of reptiles, worms, &c. in spirit which had been collected during the voyage of H.M.S. Samarung, I hasten to lay before the Society the description of what appears to be a new species of Lancelet (Branchiostoma, Costa = Amphioxus, Yarrell), premising that I have sent a second specimen to Dr. Clarke, R.N., of Haslar, who has kindly promised to send me some anatomical details of it, which shall be communicated to the Society as soon as they arrive.

I may remark that the specimen from Borneo very much resembles in size the specimen which Mr. Couch obligingly sent to me from Cornwall, and, like it, is more silvery and considerably larger than numerous specimens I have received through the kindness of Dr. Kolliker from Naples. This difference in colour may arise from the Naples specimens having been placed in stronger spirits; but it gives the Cornish and the Borneon specimens much more the resemblance of Annelides, which generally have this metallic iridescent silvery hue.

The resemblance of the Borneon to the Cornish specimen is so striking, that it is very difficult to draw a distinction between them with neatness or brevity; yet they appear to my eye sufficiently different to induce me to regard them as distinct species, which the great geographical distance between their habitats renders probable.

Amphioxus Belcheri.—The Borneon Lancelet appears rather thicker and more convex on the sides than Amph. lanceolatus, and the convex ridge which occupies the place of the dorsal fin appears higher and more closely divided by internal transverse septa than in that species, and these septa appear more numerous. I have not been able to observe any beards on the margin of the mouth, which is thickened and rounded; but this may arise from the specimen not being in good condition, especially in this part where it has been injured by the spines of a Spatangus which was in the same bottle.

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Hab. Borneo, at the mouth of the river Lundu.

I may remark, that the comparison of these Lancelets from Naples, Cornwall and Borneo has induced me to think that most probably the species from Naples may be distinct from the Cornish. All our specimens are smaller and more opaque; the beards of the mouth appear finer; and the dorsal ridge above referred to appears comparatively smaller, even making allowance for the difference in the size of the specimens.

6. A few Remarks on the Geographical Distribution of Birds in the West Indies. By William Denny, Esq.

Humboldt, Vigors, Swainson and other eminent naturalists, lament the defective state of knowledge respecting the zoology of the West Indies. The Flora of Jamaica has been often successfully explored; the geology of a great portion has been investigated by De la Beche; the ornithology and entomology however remain nearly in the state in which they were left one hundred years since by Sir Hans Sloane. In all the departments of the natural history of the Antilles much still remains to the inquirer, but in zoology he has an almost unexplored field for his researches. The region of Tree-ferns has been left unexamined for the botanist, the western half of Jamaica for the geologist; but with the exception of about sixty species of birds noticed by Sloane and Browne, the entire ornithology is unknown*, including all the species peculiar to the mountainous districts.

About thirteen years since an attempt was made to send out a party of naturalists to examine the animals and productions of Jamaica, but it failed; and had the party reached those shores, I doubt that their researches would have thrown much additional light on zoology. The insalubrious nature of the climate in the low grounds, the excessive heat, and many other causes, would probably have rendered their exertions fruitless. The naturalist must alike be familiar with the inhabitants of the deadly swamp and the pathless mountain; he must brave the tropical heat and mountain cold, and the sudden transitions of temperature. It is only those inured to the climate by long residence, and who have had fortitude to resist its debilitating effects, or those born in the country whose habits are active and pursuits congenial, that can sustain these difficulties and dangers.

Placed at nearly equal distance from North and South America, it might be supposed that nearly an equal number of the species of each division of that continent might be found in Cuba and Jamaica. This supposition is not however fully borne out by observation, although from our knowledge of the ornithology of Terra Firma being extremely imperfect, it is difficult to render a conclusion free from error. It will hereafter appear, that of the birds of Jamaica, one-half are common to North America, while hardly one-fifth are also found in the southern region of the New World.

Of those species common to the islands more immediately under

* This want of information has been reduced very considerably at the present moment by the appearance of Mr. Gosse's work 'On the Birds of Jamaica.'
notice, and Mexico, a great identity of genera and species might be expected. Placed in the same degree of latitude, possessing many similar features in scenery, elevation, temperature and productions, with sufficient facility of communication for the feathered tribes, they might, without actual examination, be considered as constituting the same animal kingdom or province. But Mexico is united to the southern portion of the continent by land, while Jamaica is separated by leagues of sea, a great natural impediment to families possessing feeble powers of flight.

Wilson remarks that "in passing along the chain of the Bahamas, towards the West Indies, no great difficulty can occur from the frequency of these islands, nor even to the Bermudas, which are said to be six hundred miles from the nearest point of the continent." Whether this facility of communication between the United States and the greater Antilles may be sufficient to account for the greater preponderance of species from this division than from the southern, may by some be doubted; but it may be as well to bear in mind that the Raptorese and long-winged families of the Insessores are common both to the States and Antilles, while the short-winged families are nearly all distinct.

There are many features of resemblance between the ornithology of Mexico and the great Antilles. Nearly all the birds common to the former and the United States are likewise found in Jamaica, while the latter possesses species supposed by Mr. Swainson to be peculiar to Mexico, and I believe that further investigation will tend to show that the distribution of species is very similar.

I will only make one remark, that many birds supposed to belong to the States are in reality tropical or West Indian, and merely very transient and in numerous instances accidental visitors to North America. For example, the Columba Zenaida is very rare in the States, while in Jamaica it is the most abundant species in the island, and was mentioned by Sir Hans Sloane.

I will pass over the migration of birds to and from the West Indies, as well as the influence that natural families of plants appearing in distant countries may have in producing it, as being beyond the limits which I have assigned to myself in these observations. I will now give a catalogue of all the birds that I have met with during a sojourn of six years in Jamaica, during which time my leisure hours have been constantly devoted to pursuits connected with natural history.

Birds common to Jamaica, Cuba, and the United States.

Land Birds.

1. Cathartes aura. 6. Pandion haliaetus (? carolinen-
2. Buteo borealis. 7. Strix flammea.
3. Circus americanus. 8. —— asioc.
5. Accipiter pensylvanicus.
| 11. | — americanus. | 30. | — maculosa. |
| 13. | Tyrannus intrepidus. | 32. | Fringilla tristis. |
| 15. | — virens. | 34. | Dolichonyx oryzivorus. |
| 16. | — fusca. | 35. | Sturnella magna. |
| 17. | — crinita. | 36. | Icterus versicolor. |
| 23. | Trichas personatus. | 42. | — passerina. |
| 25. | — americana. | 44. | Tyrannula Saya. |
| 26. | — canadensis. | 45. | Columba carolinensis (Cuba only). |
| 27. | — minuta. | 29. | Sylvicola coronata. |

Birds of Jamaica and Cuba observed in Terra Firma, but unknown in North America.

2. Polyborus brasiliensis. 5. Icterus dominicensis.

Birds peculiar to the West Indies, and seldom if ever detected in the United States or Terra Firma.

[These birds have been observed in Jamaica and Cuba.]

11. — fusca vel leucophthalma (undescr.). 27. — mexicanus*.

* Icterus xanthornis.
35. Picus carolinus, Linn.
36. — percussus, Vig.
37. Colaptes auratus, Vieil.
38. — Fernandina, Vig. (Cuba only).
39. — superciliaris, Temm.
40. Cuculus vetula, Linn.
41. — pluvialis, Gm.
42. Certhia flaveola, Linn.
43. — maculata, Wils.
44. Cynanthus polytmus, Linn.
45. — minimus, Linn.
46. Lampornis mango, Linn.
47. Columbia Caribbaea, Gmel.
48. — inornata, Vig.

Note.—Many of the above species have not been referred to modern genera on account of several of them being proposed from data so different that it is difficult for a Transatlantic naturalist to select from such eminent authorities as Vieillot, Swainson, Buonaparte, Cuvier or Temminck. When no authority is given, the nomenclature is that of Wilson.

Water Birds.

The following species, with one or two exceptions, seem equally distributed over the United States, Mexico, Jamaica and Terra Firma, so that no division of them will be necessary.

Ardeidæ.

Ardea virescens.
— ludoviciana.
— caerulea.
— abba.
— exilis.
— candidissima.
— herodias.
Nycticorax violacea.
— Gardenii.
Botaurus minor.
Platalea ajuga.
Phænicopterus ruber (Amer.).

Scolopax grisea.
— minor.
Totanus macularius.
— chloropyggius.
— flavipes.
— semipalmata.
Tringa rufescens.
— pectoralis.
— minutella.
— pusilla.
Numenius longirostris.

Charadriadæ.

Charadrius semipalmatus.
— vociferus.
— apricarius.
— monnellus.
— pluvialis.
— melodus.
Squatarola cinerea.
Himantopus melanopterus.
Rallidae.

Rallus minutus.
— jamaicensis.
— virginianus.
Aramus scolopaceus.

Parra Jacana.
— variabilis.
Gallinula Galatea.
— Martinica.

NATATORES.

Anatinae.

Podiceps cristatus.
— auritus.

Pelecanidae.

Pelecanus fuscus.
Tachypetes fuscus.
Phaeton æthereus.

Laridae.

Larus atricilla.
— argentatus.
— parasiticus.
Sterna fuliginosa.
— minuta.
— stolida.
Thalassidroma pelagica.
— Wilsonii.

Fuligulinae.

Fuligula marita.
— cristata.
Anas? jamaicensis.
Anas? spinosa.
Anas? dominica.

Note.—I have been guilty of discourtesy to some authors by excluding species from the catalogue which are assigned to Jamaica in their works. I have never discovered them, and I must plead that they may still reward my more successful researches. I have not included St. Domingo (Haiti) in my list, as I have no local knowledge of its ornithology, but from the writings of Vicillot it appears more extensive than either Cuba or Jamaica.

Regarding an ornithological province as a portion of the earth containing in it a greater number of land species peculiar to, and not extending beyond it, than of those common to it and adjoining countries, it may be asked—are the greater Antilles a distinct ornithological province, or merely a portion of that of Mexico or the United States?

There are however curious differences in the birds of the several West Indian islands. Trinidad has a diversified ornithology, apparently identical with the South American continent. Many of the pigeons, woodpeckers and humming-birds differ. The Columba carolin. extends to Cuba and Haiti, but not to Jamaica. The Col. Caribbea appears confined to the latter. The Lampornis mango of Jamaica is represented in Haiti by graminicus. There appears in the former island only one woodpecker, the Picus carolin., while in Cuba
and Haiti there are several. Geological researches may assist the explanation of these anomalies. There are three mountain-ranges of different date and vegetation. One of these constitutes the Bahamas, north side of Haiti and Cuba: the Cibao range, covered with pathless forests of *Pinus occidentalis*, re-appears in Cuba and the Isle of Pines, terminating in Mexico. The precipitous mountains of the Grand Anse are formed of limestone, which is prolonged through Jamaica into Yucatan, covered with its peculiar production, *Myrtus Pimenta*, equally remarkable for its individual beauty and fragrance.

"Pauca haec vidimus operum Det."

April 13, 1847.

William Yarrell, Esq., Vice-President, in the Chair.

The following communications were read:

1. **Some Observations on the Skull of Phascolomys Vombatus.**
   By J. E. Gray, Esq., F.R.S. etc. etc.

   In the collection at the British Museum there are three skulls which agree with Prof. Owen's character of *Phascolomys Vombatus*, as described in vol. iii. of the Zool. Soc. Transactions: that is to say, they have only slightly curved upper cutting teeth, short noses, &c. Two were sent from Van Diemen's Land by Mr. Ronald Gunn, and one from N. S. Wales was presented by my late friend and admirable botanist, Mr. Allan Cunningham, F.L.S.

   The specimens from Van Diemen's Land are much smaller (the largest being 6 in. 4 lines long), and more depressed and truncated behind, and have two moderate-sized oblong holes in the hinder part of the palate. The specimen from N. S. Wales is one inch longer, and has two large triangular holes in the end of the palate. All the three specimens differ in the size of the teeth, and especially in the size and relative position of the upper cutting teeth.

   1. The least of the Van Diemen's Land skulls has rather small grinders, but the upper cutting teeth are small, compressed, rather diverging from each other, forming an angle in front and only touching each other at the truncated inner edge. The crowns of these teeth are 5 lines long and $2\frac{1}{2}$ lines wide. The lower cutting teeth are small with a roundish crown.

   2. The other Van Diemen's Land skull, which is rather larger in all its measurements, has larger grinders. The cutting teeth are much larger: the upper large, oblong, diverging from each other, forming together a segment of a circle in front, and only touching
each other by the inner edge. The crowns of these teeth are 5½ lines long and 3¾ lines wide.

3. The skull from N. S. Wales has the teeth very like those of the small Van Diemen's Land specimen, but rather larger: the upper cutting teeth are considerably larger and rather more triangular, but in the same angular position.

It is desirable that more of these skulls should be compared, to determine whether these are only individual variations, or that there are more than one species confounded under this name. I am inclined to the former view; but if this is the case, it shows that the skulls and teeth do not present such good specific characters as many zoologists are willing to believe.


Troch. admirabile. Mâle adulte: bec noir, droit, cylindrique, em-plumé sur ses bases; tête allongée, couverte d'une plaque ovale-forme, bleu-clair brillant; nuque, scapulaire, dos et sur-caudale vert-gris doré: paré sur la gorge et devant du cou, d'un haussaco, vert très brillant à reflet bleu au centre et terminé en pointe sur la poitrine, continué par une bande de plumes noires maculées de reflet d'or, se prolongeant jusqu'à la région anale, garnie de plumes, gris-verdâtre; côtés du cou et les flancs vêtements de plumes blanches; ailes peu courbées, gris violacé; queue de quatre rectrices, les autres non apparentes sont rudimentaires, les externes formées par de longues baguettes, en demi-cercle, non barbulées dans leur plus grande partie et terminées par de longues barbulées arrondies en forme de raquette, noir-violacé, ses rectrices se croisant à leur base et vers leur centre représentant deux C surposés, les médiales étroites allongées en pointe, gris-vert-pâle luiant; pattes noires, dénudées.

Long. du bec 20 mm.; ailes 40 mm.; rect. ext. environ 160 mm.; raquettes 22 mm.; médiaires 60 mm.

Hab. Chachapoyas au Pérou, rapporté en 1836 par M. Matthews.


Troch. Aquila (Lodd. MSS. inéd.).

Troch. Aigle. Mâle adulte: bec très arqué, décrivant le tiers d'un cercle; mandibules robustes, très dilatées à la base et terminées en pointes; la supérieure noire, arrondie en dessus et cannelée sur les côtés, l'inférieure blanche, également cannelée sur les côtés dépassa en longueur de 4 mm. la supérieure; tête gris-noir; cou, scapulaire, dos et couverture caudale vert-glauche luiant, les plumes sur-caudales légèrement frangées de roux; gorge et toutes les parties inférieures du corps révé-
tues de plumes soyeuses gris-noir, flamées de blanc, sous-caudales grises, blanches à leur centre; ailes presque droites, à remiges larges, gris-noir; queue, arrondie en éventail, à rectrices angulaires vert-glauche pâle, blanches à leur extrémité, le blanc plus étendu sur les rectrices externes, diminuant sur chacune d'elles jusqu'aux médiales où la pointe est marquée de blanc; pattes très fortes, noires, dénudées.

Long. Bec 25 et 29 mm.; ailes 80 mm.; rect. 55 mm.

Hab. Nouvelle Grenade, les environs de Bogota, rapporté par M. Wallis.

Rem.—Les caractères de cet oiseau sont si différents des autres Troch. qu'il y a peu d'espèces avec lesquelles on puisse le rapprocher; le Troch. Mazeppa de Lesson est le plus voisin.

**TROCH. MILLERII** (Lodd. MSS. inéd.).

*Troch. de Miller.* Mâle adulte: bec noir, droit, cylindrique, blanc à la base de la mandibule inférieure; tête ronde; couverte ainsi que les côtes du cou de plumes soyeuses, vert-frais brillant; scapulaire, dos et couverture caudale vert doré luisant; gorge devant du cou, poitrine, abdomen, et sous-caudale blanc lacté, flancs maculés de vert doré; ailes à remiges moyennement étroites gris violacé; queue peu fourchue à rectrices étroites, gris-ver de pâle tachées transversalement de brun dans leur dernier quart, les médiales arrondies sans taches; pattes noires.

Long. Bec 16 mm.; ailes 50 mm.; rect. ext. 80 mm.; médiaires, 26.


Rem.—Cet oiseau peut se confondre avec l'Ornis. brevirostris de Lesson, mais ce dernier n'a pas le dessus de la tête brillante et la queue diffère de nuance.

**TROCH. SCHREIBERSII** (Lodd. MSS. inéd.).

*Troch. de Schreiber.* Mâle adulte: bec noir, fort, légèrement arqué à son extrémité, emplumé à ses bases; tête allongée, toutes les parties supérieures du corps de la tête aux couvertures caudales vert-doré luisant, la commissure du bec est prolongée d'une bande étroite de plumes fauves; gorge à plumes noires soyeuses, passant au violet glacé brillant sur le devant du cou; poitrine écaillée de plumes vertes très brillantes, le reste du dessous du corps vert foncé doré, région anale noire, sous-caudales noires à reflet vert; ailes fulciformes gris-noir; queue légèrement fourchue à rectrices larges acuminées entièrement noir-bleu, les médiales plus courtes à reflet vert; pattes noires un peu emplumées.

Long. Bec 25 mm.; ailes 70 mm.; rect. ext. 40 mm.; suivantes 45 mm.; médiaires 35 mm.

Patrie. Alto Rio Négro (Brésil), rapporté en 1836 par M. Natterer.

**TROCH. MATTHEWSII** (Lodd. MSS. inéd.).

*Troch. de Matthews.* Mâle adulte: bec noir, droit, terminé en
pointe, tête allongée; toute la tête, gorge, et cou revêts de plumes à base rousse écaillés de vert-olive brillant; scapulaire, dos et couverture caudale vert-bronze, dessous du corps et des ailes roux-cannelle, ainsi que les sous-caudales; ailes presque droites, brun-violacé; queue légèrement fourchue à rectrices larges, arrondies roux-cannelle vif et marginées de vert luisant à leur extrémité, les médiales entièrement vertes luisantes; pattes blanchâtres peu emplumées.
Long. Bec 17 mm.; ailes 80 mm.; rect. ext. 45 mm.; médiaires 35 mm.
Pat. Le Pérou; rapporté par M. Matthews.
Rem.—Cet oiseau a beaucoup de ressemblance avec l'Ornismya paradisaea de Boiss. pour la taille et les formes.

**Troch. Watertonii (Lodd. MSS. inéd.)**

*Troch. de Waterton.* Mâle adulte: bec noir, presque droit, fort, emplumé à sa base; tête allongée, couverte de plumes semi-écaillées vert doré; scapulaire, petites tectrices et dos bleu-violacé brillant, couverture caudale bleu verdoyant; gorge, devant et côtés du cou épigastre, vert-brillant, abdomen et flancs bleu foncé; sous-caudale noir-bleu; ailes falciiformes, noir-bleu; queue très fourchue à rectrices régulièrement étagées, noir-bleu violacé; pattes noires dénudées.
Long. Bec 26 mm.; ailes 55 mm.; rect. ext. 65; médiaires 20 mm.

*Hab.* Mibiri Creek, à 40 mille de la rivière Essequibo.

Rem.—Cet oiseau se rapproche de la *Meripilus* de Less., du nigro-fasciata de Gould, et du *Colombicus* de B.

**Troch. Evelynae.**

*Troch. d'Evelyn.* Mâle adulte: bec grêle, noir, droit, cylindrique; tête ronde; toutes les parties supérieures du corps vert-brun-doré luisant; gorge et devant du cou, paré de plumes écaillées, d'un rouge-violet très brillant revêtu sur les côtés du cou et la poitrine de plumes soyeuses blanchâtres; abdomen roux fauve, flancs maculés de vert, sous-caudale blanchâtre; ailes, à remiges étroites, grisé-noir-violacé; queue à rectrices étroites, allongées et acuminées, l'externe noire à reflet violet, la suivante noire violet à son extérieure et les barbules intérieures d'un roux orangé-vif, la 3e d'un roux orangé vif ne conserve du noir, que dans la dernière moitié supérieure des barbules externe, la 4e presque entièrement noire à reflet violet, est roux orangé à sa base externe, les médiales sont rudimentaires; pattes noires dénudées.
Long. Bec 16 mm.; ailes 38 mm.; rectrice ext. 30 mm.; suivantes 35 mm.; les submédiales 24 mm.

*Hab.* Nassau, New Providence, rapporté par M. Swainson.

Rem.—Cet oiseau se rapproche par sa taille et ses couleurs à l'Ornismya Elisa de Less.
Troch. Johannii.

Troch. de Jeanne. Mâle adulte: bec noir, droit, long, comprimé et rétréci en pointe à son extrémité; tête ronde; orné sur le front de plumes écailleuses, de violet glacé brillant, tête, cou, scapulaire et dos, vert-bleu cendré luisant; couverture caudale bleu-cendré; gorge grise passant au noir soyeux sur le devant du cou et le reste du dessous du corps; ailes falciforme gris-noir violacé; queue arrondie à rectrices noires, larges, acuminées, les externes cendrées à leur extrémité; pattes noires dénudées.

Long. Bec 35 mm.; ailes 55 mm.; rect. ext. 25 mm.; médiales 35 mm.

Patrie. Le Pérou; rapporté par M. Matthews.

Rem.—Cet oiseau a beaucoup de ressemblance avec le T. Ludovicia de Bour. et Muls., dont il diffère par la plaque frontale verte chez cette dernière espèce.

Troch. Conradii.

Troch. de Conrad. Mâle adulte: bec noir, droit, long emplumé sur ses bases; tête allongée, front et vertex à plumes écailleuses vertes très brillantes, le corps en dessus et en dessous entièrement d'un beau vert frais brillant à l'exception du devant du cou et de l'épigastre couverte de plumes soyeuses blanc de neige; région anale garnie de duvete gris; sous-caudale vert-brillant; ailes falciformes grisâtres, la première remige rousse sur sa côte extérieure, les tectrices vertes comme le dos; queue légèrement bifurquée à rectrices larges acuminées, les médiales vert-brillant comme le corps, les autres rectrices d'un blanc de neige et marginées de vert-brillant dans le dernier quart de leur extrémité; pattes blanches dénudées.

Long. Bec 35 mm.; ailes 75 mm.; rect. ext. 45 mm.; médiales 40 mm.

Patrie. Les environs de Caracas.

Rem.—Cet oiseau ressemble au Troch. torquatus de Boiss.

Troch. Yarrellii.

Troch. de Yarrell. Mâle adulte: bec noir, droit, cylindrique; tête ronde, le dessus du corps entièrement gris à légers reflets de vert-jaune luisant; gorge et devant du cou orné d'un haunse-col brillant bleu-clair verdoyant, et violacé au centre; côtés du cou, poitrine et abdomen garnis de plumes blanchâtres, sous-caudales longues et blanches; ailes à remiges courtes, gris-clair; queue à rectrices gris-clair, les trois externes très étroites, allongées et courbées en forme de lame de yatagan, les submédiales plus courtes, angulaires, ainsi que les médiales arrondies, sont légèrement dorées; pattes noires dénudées.

Long. Bec 12 mm.; ailes 30 mm.; rect. ext. 36 mm.; les suivantes 39 mm.; les submédiales 26 mm.; et les médiales 15 mm.

La femelle. Sauf la parure de la gorge dont elle est privée et sa queue à rectrices étroites grises à leur base, noires à leur centre
et blanche à l'extrémité, le reste du corps est semblable à celui du mâle.

_Hab._ Montevideo.

_Rem._—Cet oiseau a beaucoup de rapport avec l'Ornism. cora de Lessontl'Ornism. Labrador. de B.

**Troch. Spenchi.**

_Troch. de Spence._ Mâle adulte : bec noir, droit, cylindrique ; tête ronde, front orné de plumes écailleuses d'une nuance d'acier-bruni, toutes les parties supérieures du corps sont vert-brun doré ; gorge, devant et côtés du cou, couverte de larges plumes écaillees d'un beau violet-immortelle éclatant bordée en dessous d'une bande blanche lactée ; flancs et abdomen vert-brun broué ; ailes fal-ciformes, à remiges larges brun violacé, queue à rectrices égales noires bronzé-rougeâtres en dessus ; pattes noires dénudées.

Long. Bec 20 mm. ; ailes 55 mm. ; queue 35 mm.

_Hab._ Merida.


**Troch. Ruckeri.**

_Troch. de Rucker._ Mâle adulte : bec long, légèrement arqué, dilaté à sa base, mandibule supérieure noire, l'inférieure blanche ; tête, cou, capulaire, dos, et couverture caudale vert sombre lui-sant ; de la commissure du bec à la nuque, une bande blanch-âtre étroite ; gorge et dessous du corps gris-noir bronzé ; ailes presque droites, brun violacé ; queue arrondie en éventail, les médiales vert-bronze et blanche à leur extrémité, les autres rectrices d'un blanc lacté sont traversées dans leur dernière moitié d'une bande noir-bleu ; pattes et ongles blanchâtres et dénudées.

Long. Bec 38 mm. ; ailes 60 mm. ; rect. ext. 25 mm. ; médiales 40 mm.

_Patrie_ inconnue.

_Rem._—Cet oiseau a du rapport avec le _T. Antonius_ de Bour. et Muls., et du _T. ruficollis_ de Gmel.

**Troch. Doubledayi.**

_Troch. de Doubleday._ Mâle adulte : bec droit, dilaté à sa base, blanc, et noir à son extrémité ; tête ronde ; calotte verte, très brillante à reflets azurés ; nuque, capulaire, dos, couverture caudale vert foncé luisant ; gorge, devant et côtés du cou, épi-gastre revêtu de plumes écailleuses bleu vif brillant, abdomen moins bleu et vert sur les flancs ; région anale garnie de duvet blanc ; ailes légèrement recourbées gris-noir ; queue cordiforme à rectrices larges et arrondies, noir-bleu, les 4 médiales cendrées à leur extrémité ; pattes noires dénudées.

Long. Bec 20 mm. ; ailes 45 mm. ; rect. ext. 30 mm. ; médiales 24 mm.

_Hab._ PRÉSUMÉ DE RIO NÉGRO.

_Rem._—Cet oiseau a beaucoup de ressemblance avec l'Ornis. cyanea de Less.
**TROCH. MITCHELLII.**

_Troch. de Mitchell._ Mâle adulte: bec noir, droit, cylindrique, emplumé sur ses bases, toutes les parties supérieures du corps vert-noir légèrement bronzé; gorge devant et côtés du cou garnis d’un hausse-col brillant violet-immortelle foncé, poitrine blanchâtre, abdomen et flancs gris-noir; ailes à remiges étroites gris-noir; queue très bifurquée à rectrices étroites, allongées et terminées en pointe, gris-noir violacé, les médias très courtes et arrondies; pattes noires dénudées.

Long. Bec 15 mm.; ailes 33 mm.; rect. ext. 32 mm.; médiaires 14 mm.

_Patrie._ Zimapan.

_Rem._—Cet oiseau ressemble par sa taille et ses formes à l’Ornism. _amethystinus_ de Less.

**TROCH. NORRISII.**

_Troch. de Norris._ Mâle adulte: bec dilaté à la base, presque droit, blanchâtre et noir vers son extrémité; tête, cou, scapulaire, dos vert doré pâle, couverture caudale gris-vert pâle; gorge devant et côtés du cou, écailles de plumes vert-doré brillant, épigastre blanc de neige, abdomen et flancs fauve clair, sous-caudales gris-blanc; ailes presque droites gris-pâle; queue à rectrices égales, allongées, acuminées, toutes gris-vert pâle luisant; pattes blanchâtres dénudées.

Long. Bec 18 mm.; ailes 55 mm.; rect. 35 mm.

_Patrie._ Guayaquil.

_Rem._—Cet ois. ressemble par sa taille et ses formes à l’Ornism. _Amagili_ de Lesson et au _Troch. corallirostris_ de Bourc. et Muls. Cette même espèce existe dans la collection de la Société Zool.

M. Bourcier remarked that he had received permission from Mr. Conrad Loddiges to lay before the Society the preceding description of the species which still remained unique or uncharacterized in the superb collection formed by the late Mr. Loddiges. He was desirous also of acknowledging the kindness and courtesy with which Mr. Loddiges’ MSS. notes had been communicated to him; and of bearing testimony to the value of the ideas of a classification of Trochilidae which had evidently existed in the mind of that collector, although unfortunately he had never reduced them to writing. The collection of Mr. Loddiges has been renowned among ornithologists for many years; and there is no doubt that he was the first possessor of almost all the most beautiful and interesting forms existing in this family. The extent and richness of his cabinet cannot be better shown than by the fact of its including, at the present moment, so large a number of species which have hitherto escaped the extraordinary attention of other Trochilidists and their collectors.

In the possession of Mr. Loddiges, Mr. Gould, Mr. Rucker and Mr. Leadbeater, and in the British Museum, M. Bourcier had become acquainted with thirty species not known in the collections of France.
3. Description de deux espèces nouvelles de Trochilidées.
Par Jules Bourcier.

Trochilus Caroli.

_Troch. de Charles._ Mâle adulte: bec noir, droit et cylindrique; tête ronde; dessus de la tête, scapulaire et dos revêtus de plumes vert sombre légèrement bronzées, passant à un vert plus prononcé sur les couvertures caudales; gorge et devant du cou, pailletés de plumes grenat brillant; tache blanche sous l'œil; parties inférieures du corps gris foncé, lavé de vert; région anale de duvet blanc à base noire; sous-caudales blanchâtres, grises à leur centre; ailes falciformes gris-violacé; queue fourchue, les quatre médiales étagées, vert-bronzé, les six autres noires à reflet violacés, les latérales à barbules fauve sur le bord externe de leur extrémité; pattes noires dénudées.

Long. Bec 22 mm.; ailes 60 mm.; rect. ext. 55 mm.; médiales 30 mm.

Rem.—Cet oiseau fait partie de la belle collection de Mr. Edward Wilson.

Trochilus Georgina.

_Troch. de Georgina._ Mâle adulte: bec noir à base, large, recouverte de plumes; mandibule supérieure droite, sillonnée, légèrement relevée et déprimée à son extrémité; mandibule inférieure droite dans sa première moitié et courbée de bas en haut en forme d'alène dans la seconde; tête allongée et déprimée, toutes les parties supérieures du corps sont couvertes de plumes soyeuses vert-bronzé luisant; les parties inférieures du corps gris-vert luisant et fauve sur l'abdomen, région anale garnie de duvet fauve; ailes droites, brun-violacé; bordé de roux le long du poignet; queue à remiges larges et égales noir-bleu, tachées de blanc à leur extrémité, les médiales entièrement vert-bronzé; pattes noires et dénudées, ongles robustes.

Long. Bec 15 mm.; ailes 55 mm.; queue 40 mm.

Patrie. La Nouvelle Grenade (fait partie de la collection de T. B.)

Rem.—Cet ois. a de la ressemblance avec le _Troch. eurypterus_ de Loddiges.

4. Description of a new species of Fuligula.

By A. D. Bartlett.

_Fuligula ferinoides._ _Fulig. ferinoides fuligule ferina similis,
_sed magnitudine minori, colore saturatiori, alis speculo albo con-
spicuœ notatis, oculis stramineis, trached paulo longiore et angus-
tiore, et sterno multo minore, diversa; emarginationes tamen sterni
ejus iis ferinae sterni magnitudine aquales._

_Paget's Pochard._ Adult male: Upper part of head, neck and cheeks reddish chestnut, tinged with purple; a small triangular spot of white at the commencement of the feathers under the bill; chin, throat, lower part of neck and breast black, darkest on the breast; back, scapulars, flank and side-feathers finely freckled with trans-
verse lines of black on a greyish-white ground; greater wing-coverts and primaries greyish-black, the latter darkest at the tips; secondaries white, forming the speculum; tips of the feathers black, edged with white; rump, tail, upper and under tail-coverts brownish black; belly mottled, the tips of the feathers being white, the remaining portion brownish; bill and legs bluish slate; the tip of the former and the webs and claws of the latter black; the eyes straw-colour. The young birds differ in having the head, neck and breast of a lighter and brighter chestnut-red (becoming darker as the bird advances to maturity); the under tail-coverts greyish-white.

Entire length, 17½ inches; wing, from carpal joint, 7½; bill, from forehead, 1½; middle toe and claw, 2½ inches.

I have proposed the above specific name for this bird, as it appears more closely allied to our common Pochard than to any other species. I have called it, at Mr. Fisher’s suggestion, Paget’s Pochard, after the late E. J. Paget, Esq., of Great Yarmouth, a gentleman well-known as a zealous and accomplished naturalist, and one of the authors of the ‘Sketch of the Natural History of Great Yarmouth and its Neighbourhood,’ near which place the first authenticated British specimen was obtained.

Remarks.—This bird may be readily distinguished from the common Pochard (which it most resembles) by its smaller size, darker colouring, the conspicuous white speculum on the wing, and the colour of the eyes. The female is unknown to me, but I presume it will much resemble the female of the Pochard, and will doubtless possess the white speculum on the wings.

The trachea of F. ferinoides differs from that of F. ferina in being rather longer and narrower, the tube being much narrower at the upper part, gradually enlarging towards the middle, where it is largest, and contracting gradually towards the end, which is its smallest part: the labyrinth is smaller in front, but much wider and differently formed on the left side; the enlargement at the bottom of the tympanum is also greater than that of the corresponding part in F. ferina: although the sternum is much smaller, the emarginations are quite equal in size to these parts in ferina.

With reference to the supposition that these birds are hybrids, I beg to remark, that I have paid some attention to the subject of hybrids, and have compiled a list of the different species of Water Fowl (as far as I have been able to collect) which have produced hybrids. On referring to this list it will be seen that nineteen different kinds are mentioned; five of these are referable to the Common Goose, and five of them to the Common Duck; the remaining nine kinds are referable to species commonly kept, and which breed freely in a state of captivity. I am unable to find one instance of any species of the genus Fuligula (which includes no less than 15 species) having under any circumstances crossed. These birds are most difficult to breed in a state of captivity; I have known several pairs of the Common Pochard (Fuligula ferina) kept for years in places well-suited for breeding (where many wild species and one of this genus annually
breed), yet these birds showed no inclination to breed, although they were perfectly healthy, and assumed the breeding dress at the proper season. As these birds have the power of suppressing and checking their desires when not in a perfect state of nature, I cannot imagine or think it probable that they would associate and breed, in a state of nature, with species distinct from themselves, possessing as they do the power of travelling over the globe if necessary to find a mate of its own species. Again, the fact of three specimens having been obtained at distant periods, agreeing in internal as well as external characters, is I think sufficient to prevent any one entertaining such an opinion.

*List of Hybrids.*

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5. **Notes on some rare birds of New Zealand and Australia.**

**By Mr. F. Strange, in a letter to John Gould, Esq., F.R.S. etc.**

† *Strigops habroptilus*, G. R. Gray.—The *Ka-ka-po*, or Night Parrot of the New Zealanders, is an inhabitant of the western side of the Middle island, and like the *Kiwi-kiwi* or *Apteryx* is strictly nocturnal in its habits, and never leaves its retreat during the day; its usual place of resort consists of burrows, formed by itself, beneath the roots of large trees or under immense pieces of rock, whence they cannot, even by the natives, be easily dug out. Its food consists of fern-roots, which it digs up with its bill, and the outer covering of the leaves of flax, which it obtains by drawing the leaves between the mandibles and leaving the flax behind. They are not gregarious, more than two never being found together, except a pair of young ones, which appear to stop with the old birds until they have attained the size of their parents. This is one of the birds the natives set great store by, the head being cut off, strung by the nostrils, and
worn in the ears on their grand feast-days. It is known to the sealers by the name of the Green Bird of New Zealand.

+ "Apteryx Australis.—Kiwi-kiwi of the New Zealanders. I am told that a second species of Apteryx is to be found on the Middle island, that it stands about three feet high; it is called by the sealers the Fireman. Aware, from your figures and description, that the sexes differ considerably in size, I pointed this out to my informant; but he still persisted that there are two species, in confirmation of which opinion he added, that he had taken the eggs of the two birds, and found those of one species to be much larger than those of the other. The larger kind are nearly the size of the Emu's; they are somewhat long in form and blunt at the ends; their colour is a dirty white. They are deposited in a burrow on a nest formed of roots and sticks, and a few of the bird's own feathers.

"Scythrops Novæ Hollandiæ.—I send you the egg of this species, and also the female bird out of which it was taken, after she had received two shots."

April 27, 1847.

William Yarrell, Esq., Vice-President, in the Chair.

The following communications were read to the Meeting:—

1. Descriptions of the Eggs of some of the Birds of Chile. By William Yarrell, Esq., F.L.S.

From my earliest acquaintance with the eggs of our British Birds, I was led to consider that this department of natural history had not been studied with the attention these beautiful objects deserve; and the examination of collections of eggs made in India, Australia, North America, and more recently in Chile, have served to confirm my first impression.

The history of a plant would be incomplete if it did not include a description of the leaf, the flower, and the fruit, as these appear in succession.

Mr. MacLeay has told us in his 'Horsæ Entom.,' p. 448, that "as the knowledge of the whole life of an insect must make us better acquainted with its nature than a mere description of one of its forms, in the same proportion ought metamorphosis to outweigh every other principle of arrangement."

Of two naturalists who studied the Lepidoptera of Europe, it has been stated, that "not satisfied with an acquaintance with the insect in its perfect state, they examined it also in the early stages of its No. CLXXII.—Proceedings of the Zool. Soc.
existence; they compared the various caterpillars with the butterflies which are produced from them, traced with indefatigable industry the plan of nature in these animals, and discovered the resemblance which was invariably preserved in the structure of species related to each other in affinity, in the different stages of their existence."

With these examples in view, I have been induced to consider the egg of a bird as one stage or condition in the life of the animal:

That the colour and markings we find deposited on the external surface of the shell afford indications by which classification may be assisted:

That the eggs of congeneric species will resemble each other in colour and markings, whatever may be the geographical locality in which such species are found.

Mr. Hewitson, in the introduction to his work containing excellent delineations of the eggs of British birds, observes, that “much useful and highly interesting information might be gained towards the classification of birds, by paying some attention to their eggs; and it is gratifying to find, in thus regarding them, that, with the exception of a few instances, were we to take the eggs of our British birds as our only guide, we should arrive at the best and most approved arrangement of the different genera.”

I am aware that exceptions and discrepancies may be pointed out. The colour deposited on the egg-shells is an animal matter, dependent on the health of the bird. Fear or confinement acting constitutionally upon the organs of secretion are known to affect this colouring-matter.

The greatest amount of variation is found to occur among the Laridae.

With these preliminary remarks, I proceed to the description of a collection of eggs of some of the birds of Chile, obtained by Mr. Bridges, and exhibited here by Mr. Cuming.

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_Cathartes Iota_ of Molina; Chilian name _Ioté_.—The egg of this Vulture measures 2 in. \(\frac{1}{10}\) in length, and 1 in. \(\frac{2}{10}\) in breadth: the shape is rather peculiar, being broadest at the centre and tapering gradually in both directions, so as to become pointed at both ends. The ground colour is white, slightly tinged with red; blotched with pale red; spotted and speckled with dark brownish red.

_Haliaeetus aquia_, Temminck; _Aquila_ of the Spanish; _Calquin_ of the Indians.—The egg is 2 in. \(\frac{1}{10}\) in length by 2 in. \(\frac{2}{10}\) in breadth; elliptic; white, with a few spots of dark red and numerous spots and speckles of pale red.

_Polyborus Brasiliensis_, Swainson; Chilian name _Traro_ and _Taro_.
—The egg of this bird is 2 in. \(\frac{1}{10}\) in length by 2 in. in breadth; blotched, spotted and speckled with dark red, on a ground of reddish white. This egg, in its colour and markings, resembles those of our British Osprey.

_Mivago pezoporos_, Meyen; Chilian name _Tuique_.—The egg measures 1 in. \(\frac{9}{10}\) by 1 in. \(\frac{4}{10}\); white, tinged with red; blotched, spotted and speckled with dark brownish red.
Strix pratincola, Bonap.; Strix flammatae of Wilson; Strix Americana of Audubon. Screech Owl.—The egg is pure white, and measures 1 in. $\frac{3}{10}$ in length and 1 in. $\frac{4}{10}$ in breadth.

Turdus Falklandicus of Quoy and Gaim.; Chilian name Torzal.—This egg closely resembles those of our British Mistle Thrush. The ground colour pale bluish white, spotted and speckled with pale red. The length 1 in. $\frac{2}{10}$, the breadth three-quarters of an inch.

Geositta canicularia of Vieillot; Chilian name Cominante.—The egg is pure white, and measures $\frac{2}{10}$ of an inch in length by $\frac{5}{10}$ of an inch in breadth.

Cyanotis omni-color, Swains.; Chilian name Pajaro.—This small egg measures only $\frac{1}{3}$ of an inch in length by half an inch in breadth; of a pure and spotless white, but some specimens of the eggs are tinged with pale buff-colour.

Crithagra brevirostris, Gould; Chilian name Chrique.—The egg is white, tinged with green, speckled with brownish red, and measures $\frac{7}{10}$ of an inch in length by half an inch and $\frac{3}{10}$ in breadth.

Fringilla Diuca, Mol. The Chilian name is Thiuca or Diuca.—The egg of this bird measures 1 inch in length by $\frac{7}{10}$ of an inch in breadth; the ground colour white, tinged with green, more or less mottled all over with two shades of greenish brown.

Phytotoma rara, Mol. Called Rara by the natives.—The egg measures 1 inch in length by $\frac{7}{10}$ of an inch in breadth, and is of a delicate bluish green, with a few specks of dark reddish brown at the larger end.

Sturnella Loica, Mol. The Chilian name is Loica.—The egg of this bird measures 1 in. $\frac{1}{10}$ in length by $\frac{8}{10}$ of an inch in breadth; the ground colour white, spotted and speckled with pale red, dark brownish red, and purple grey.

Icterus Thilius, Mol. The Chilian name Thili or Trili.—This egg measures 1 inch in length by $\frac{7}{10}$ of an inch in breadth; the ground colour white, sometimes tinged with buff, with a few spots and streaks of dark reddish brown deposited over the larger end.

Zenaida aurita, Temm.; Chilian name Tortola.—The egg of this species, which is the most common of the Columbidae found in Chile, is white, and measures 1 in. $\frac{3}{10}$ in length by $\frac{9}{10}$ of an inch in breadth.

Columbina strepitans, Spix; Tortolita cyana of the Chilians.—The egg of this pretty little species of Dove is also of a pure white, smooth and shining; the length $\frac{9}{10}$ of an inch, the breadth $\frac{7}{10}$.

Nothura perdicaria, G. R. Gray; Perdiz of the Chilians.—This beautiful egg, of a uniform rich purple-chocolate brown, the surface smooth and polished, measures 1 in. $\frac{9}{10}$ in length and 1 in. $\frac{4}{10}$ in breadth.

Two other unnamed eggs in this collection, of the same character and colour as that of the Nothura last-described, and probably belonging to two species of the genus Tinochorus found in Chile, may be here referred to; the larger one 2 in. $\frac{1}{10}$ in length by $\frac{1}{2}$ in.
breadth; the other 1 in. \( \frac{9}{10} \) in. in length and 1\( \frac{1}{2} \) in. in breadth. Elliptic in shape, of a rich and uniform purple-chocolate brown; the surface highly polished.

Another egg in this collection, not named, but apparently belonging to some species of Tinamou, may be mentioned on account of its beauty. It measures 1 in. \( \frac{3}{10} \) in length, and 1 in. \( \frac{3}{10} \) in breadth; the shape is elliptic, and the colour a uniform delicate siskin-green.

Rhea Darwini, Gould, 'Voyage of the Beagle,' Birds, page 123, plate 47.—The egg of this fine species measures 4\( \frac{3}{4} \) in. in length and 3\( \frac{1}{4} \) in. in breadth: elliptic in form; the colour whitish, but tinged with very pale asparagus-green. This egg is figured by Dr. Thienemann in his new work now in course of publication on the incubation of birds in general, part 1. page 4. tab. 2. fig. 2, with the additional name of Rhea pennata D'Orbignii.

Scolopax Paraguaiae, Vieill. Called by the Chilians Avecasina and Porrotero.—The egg is 1\( \frac{1}{2} \) in. long and 1\( \frac{1}{4} \) in. broad; olive-brown, blotched and spotted with dark reddish brown and pale brown. This egg, in colour and markings, exactly resembles the egg of our most common British Snipe.

Vanellus Chilensis.—The egg thus marked measures 1 in. \( \frac{9}{10} \) in length and 1 in. \( \frac{3}{10} \) in breadth: olive-brown, spotted with black and greyish brown; closely resembling the eggs of our British Vanellus.

Rallus sanguinolentus, Swains. ; Chilian name Piden.—This egg is 1 in. \( \frac{3}{10} \) long and 1\( \frac{1}{4} \) in. in breadth: the ground colour white, tinged with red, partially spotted with yellowish red. In its ground colour and markings very similar to the egg of our British Rallus.

Gallinula crossirostris, J. E. Gray. Called by the Chilians Taguita. —The egg reddish white, spotted with two shades of reddish brown; the length 1 in. \( \frac{9}{10} \) by 1 in. \( \frac{3}{10} \) in breadth.

Fulica galeata, G. R. Gray.—This egg, closely resembling that of our Common Coot in its colours and markings, measures 2 in. \( \frac{1}{10} \) in length, and 1\( \frac{1}{4} \) in. in breadth: pale brownish white, or stone-colour, speckled over with nutmeg-brown.

Cygnus nigricollis, Gmelin. Cisne is the Chilian name for this Black-necked Swan. The egg is near 4 in. in length by 2\( \frac{1}{2} \) in. in breadth; white, tinged with pale buff

Rhynchospis maculatus. The Chilian name of this bird is Pato Abaston.—The egg measures 2 in. \( \frac{3}{10} \) in length and 1\( \frac{3}{4} \) in. in breadth; dull, greyish white, tinged with green.

Querquetula carvalata, Eyton. The Chilian name of this little Duck (the Anas Rafflesii of Vigors) is Pato colorado.—The egg is 2 in. in length and 1 in. \( \frac{1}{10} \) in breadth: the colour a uniform pale buffy white.

Anas Bahamensis? Linn., called Pato Jergon grande by the Chilians, produces an egg \( \frac{1}{2} \) of an inch larger in both its dimensions than the egg of the Pato colorado last-described, and of a richer and more decided buff-colour.

Podiceps Chilensis, Garnot. Called by the Chilians Guala and
Gualita.—This large species of Grebe produces an egg of 2 in. $\frac{3}{4}$ in length by 1½ in. in breadth, of a dull white, stained with earthy brown.

Podiceps Kalipareus, Quoy and Gaim. The Chilian name Gualita de la Mar.—The egg of this Grebe measures 1 in. $\frac{3}{4}$ by 1¼ in., of a dull white, some of them more or less stained with dirty brown, depending on the number of days they may have been deposited in the nest.

The egg of a third species of Podiceps, bearing the Chilian name Gargari, is yet a little smaller than the egg of the Gualita last described, measuring only 1 in. $\frac{3}{4}$ in length and 1 in. $\frac{1}{4}$ in breadth; the colour as usual in the eggs of all the Grebes.


In the museum of the Zoological Society is a fine specimen of a large freshwater Tortoise, presented by Lieut. Mawe, R.N., who found it in South America in the year 1833.

It is marked by Mr. Fraser "Emys Mawai, Bibron, original of M. B.'s description, No. 6899," but I can find no such species described in M. Bibron's work, nor is it an Emys as defined by that author.

It differs from all the known Emydæ in being covered with very thin membranaceous scales, and in having a broad sternum with a series of four large distinctly defined plates placed over the sterno-costal suture. The gular plates are very small, and there are no axillary or inguinal plates.

My genus Platystemon has the same kind of sterno-costal plates, but quite a differently formed shell. The head is very large and the tail elongate.

Dermatemys, n. g.


Head —— ? Toes webbed? Claws —— ?

Shell oblong, convex, not keeled; sides rounded, hinder edge expanded, slightly reflexed, covered with very thin membranaceous shields. The hinder marginal shields broad. Sternum flat, rounded in front, notched behind; the gular plates small, triangular, united to the upper shell by a long symphysis; the sterno-costal suture covered with four large distinctly defined plates; the anterior smaller, the two hinder largest. The axillary and inguinal plates none. The cavity of the shell is scarcely contracted at the opening.

Hab. South America.
Dermatemys Mawii, n. s.—Vertebral plates: 1st broad, seven-sided; 2nd, 3rd and 4th longer than broad. Colour pale brown; the upper surface covered with small, close, irregular depressions of a darker brown colour; the shields pale, nearly transparent, very brittle when dry; the under surface uniform pale yellowish white, with slightly sunken grooves.

Length of upper shell 17 inches; width 11 inches; length of sternum 12½ inches.

Remarks.—The specimen appears to be not quite full-grown. It has much of the external appearance of Phrynops Geoffroyii, and the general thinness of the scales of Cheleididae; but there is no appearance of any scar on the inner surface of the sternum for the attachment of the pelvis; and though the gular scale is worn and nearly obliterated, yet it is sufficiently distinct to show that it has no inter-gular plate.


By Adam White, F.L.S.

Family Inachidae.

Genus Doclea, Leach.


Carapace with seventeen large spines on the back and sides, and sixteen smaller tubercles on the upper surface; seven of the large spines down the middle of carapace, six of them erect, the sixth springing from the base of the much-elongated horizontal terminal spine; the last of the spines of the side much longer than the other three. The whole surface seems to have been covered with hairs. The four hind pairs of legs are very long and slender.

Breadth of carapace 1 inch 4 lines; length 1 inch 10 lines.

A species distinguishable at first sight from the four species hitherto described, of all of which there are specimens in the Museum Collection.


Family Maiade.

Hyastenus, White.

Carapace rather oblong, rounded on the sides behind, before and behind the eyes straight; a slight transverse groove in upper orbit; front with two horns as long as the carapace, at first parallel and then diverging and directed slightly downwards; outer antennæ with all the joints cylindrical; the insertion of the basal joint concealed by the frontal horn.

Fore-legs slender; second pair of legs the longest and very slender; terminal joint with the edge spined.

A genus allied to Hyas and Chorinus, the only species of which was long ago figured in the large work of Seba.

Upper surface somewhat roughish, and covered with a delicate down.

Cancer araneus cornutus alter, Seba, Thes. iii. 45. t. 18. f. 12. Hab. Philippine Islands. From the collection of Mr. Cuming. Also found by Capt. Sir Edward Belcher, C.B.

Family Parthenopidæ.

Ceratocarcinus, Adams & White.

Form of the carapace somewhat pentagonal; the sides, over the insertion of the first pair of legs, produced into a large spine directed slightly forwards; front wide and prominent, projecting on each side in the form of conical horns, widely separate from each other. Eyes rather small, peduncles short, the eye fitting into a groove on the side of the beak. Outer antennæ considerably developed, the terminal appendages at least half the length of the whole antennæ, and projecting beyond the horns of the beak.

First pair of legs much-elongated; the sides nearly parallel; the wrist somewhat pear-shaped, without spines on the inside, the edges of the pincers meeting and serrated. The second pair of legs longer, more slender than the last three pairs; the tarsal joint slender and elongated; fourth and fifth pairs of equal length; the fifth pair, as in Eumedonius, placed so high as nearly to conceal the insertion of the fourth pair; the tarsal joints of these legs thick; the claw at the end translucent. Abdomen of male as in Eumedonius; the female unknown.

This genus is closely allied to Eumedonius of Prof. Milne Edwards (Crust. i. 349), and, like it, comes from the Eastern Seas.


Two pointed transverse tubercles, tufted with hair at the end, on the back of the carapace, behind the eyes; the first pair of legs covered with minute warts and with several deep longitudinal grooves; the pincers blackish brown, except at the base. Hab. North coast of Borneo (Balambangan): British Museum. Presented by Capt. Sir Edward Belcher, C.B., R.N.

When alive, according to the observations of Arthur Adams, Esq., who found it, the colour of this species is blood-red, with five light bands across the carapace.

Gonatonotus, Adams & White.

Carapace pentagonal, depressed, the lateral angles very sharp; the front very wide, lamelliform, dilated, rounded, slightly notched at the end. Eyes large, prominent; peduncles short, inserted in a deepish notch on the side. Outer antennæ with the terminal appendage elongated.

First pair of legs thickish; the wrist rounded and spined on the inside, the claws serrated on the edge; third and fourth pairs of
legs rather longer than the second and fifth; the tarsal joints of the second, third, fourth and fifth pairs of equal size and thickness; the fifth pair of legs inserted above the fourth pair.

Abdomen of female seven-jointed; three or four of the basal joints seen from above. Male unknown.

This genus is allied to *Eumedonus*.


Carapace above closely verrucose, the warts depressed; a strongish ridge across the back, extending from one lateral angle to the other, with two tubercles in the middle; the front grooved down the middle; the centre of the back with two longitudinal impressions; terminal joint of abdomen in female verrucose.

First pair of legs verrucose; the pincers grooved.

Mr. Adams found this species on the coast of Borneo. When alive it is of a brick-red colour, with the chelae crimson; under surface rufous.


Front depressed, flat, thin; upper surface of carapace with three largish protuberances behind, one in the middle and one on each side; carapace longer than wide; sides about the middle crenated; forelegs very long.

Breadth of carapace 4½ lines; length 5½ lines.

*Hab.* Philippine Islands. From Mr. Cuming’s collection.


Carapace longer than wide; front small, depressed and considerably grooved in the middle, the side with a small tooth on each side; back of carapace with four elevated spines, thickened and blunt at the end, the first about midway between front and back; behind it another much higher, and one on each side of this; on the hind margin of carapace, in the middle, are two spines.

Arms very long, verrucose; legs very slender and smooth.

Breadth of carapace about 4 lines; length about 4½ lines.

*Hab.* Philippine Islands: British Museum. From Mr. Cuming’s collection.

Also brought by Capt. Sir Edward Belcher, C.B., R.N.


**Genus Pieris.**

**Pieris Phaola.** *Pi. alis omnibus supra albis, antica rum margine externo late nigro, postica rum punctis sex nigris notato, subtus pallide flavescentibus, basi flavis, marginibus externis nigro-punctatis.* Exp. alar. 2½ unc. vel 57 millim.

*Hab.* Fernando Po.
Above, all the wings white, very slightly tinted with yellowish at the base; anterior wings with the costa narrowly black; the outer margin with a broad black border, dentate internally, broadest at the apex. Posterior wings with a series of seven round black dots on the margin.

Below, pale cream-colour or white, slightly tinged with yellow; palest on the disc of the anterior wings; the base and costa of the anterior and the costa of posterior wings yellow; apex and outer margin of anterior wings with a series of nine black dots, of which the first to the sixth are minute, the seventh larger and double, the eighth and ninth larger than any except the seventh. Posterior wings with a marginal series of seven black dots: the first, second and third very minute, fourth, fifth and sixth progressively larger, seventh small.

Head, thorax and abdomen black, sprinkled especially below with white scales. Antennae black, annulated with white.

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This species is closely allied to P. Eudoxia, but differs in wanting the bright orange patch at the base of the anterior wings, and in the form and number of the dots on the posterior wings, as well as in the colour of the under surface, which is pure white with a silvery lustre in the males of that species.

_Pieris Matuta_. _Pi. alis omnibus supra albis, apice anticarum nigro; margine posticarum nigro punctato; subtus albidis basi anticarum costaque posticarum luteis._ Exp. alar. 2½ unc. vel 63 millim.

_Hab._ Fernando Po.

Wings above white, the anterior with the apex and outer margin as far as the third median nervule irregularly black; a black spot on the margin above the first and second median nervule. Posterior wings with a slender cuneiform dot at the extremity of each nervule. Below, anterior white, the costa itself very narrowly black, the base marked with a broad luteous patch. Posterior wings very pale cream-colour, with slight pearly reflections, the costa at the base luteous. Extremities of the nervules slightly fuscous. Head and thorax black, clothed with white hairs. Abdomen black, covered with white scales. Antennae black, annulated with white.

**Genus Aterica.**

_Aterica Barce._ _At. alis omnibus supra aeneo-nigris, marginibus externis fuscis, subtus ochraceis, fascia communi transversa, plaga discoidali anticarum, strigis undatis maculisque bruneis._ Exp. alar. 2½ unc. vel 55 mill.

_Hab._ Sierra Leone.

Above, all the wings aeneo-fuscous, with green and bluish reflections; the outer margin of the anterior broadly fuscous at the apex, less so at the anal angle; a slight fuscous cloud at the end of the cell and another much larger beyond it. Posterior wings with the costal and abdominal margins and the outer angle broadly fuscous; outer margin, except at the angle, narrowly so. Abdominal fold

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thickly lined with long hairs. Cilia fuscous, spotted with whitish. Below ochre brown, the anterior wings with a minute dark brown spot in the cell close to the base; a large, irregular, subtriangular, dark brown patch before the middle, divided in the cell by a spot of the ground colour. Beyond the middle is a much-waved abbreviated brown striga, and a similar one extends along the whole outer margin. Between these two strigae is a transverse band of a vinous brown, commencing at the apex and extending to the middle of the inner margin, narrow at its commencement, broad at its termination, where it occupies nearly the whole space from the middle of the wings to the anal angle, and is divided by a faint ochre cloud. Posterior wings with a broad reddish brown band across the middle, divided by a pale ochreous spot near the costa, beyond which is a paler brown cloud. Near the margin is a much-waved brown striga, and the outer angle is brown. Near the base is a somewhat reniform brown spot, paler in the centre, and below it a ring of the same colours.

Head, thorax and abdomen fuscous above, rufescent below. Antennae very long, black.

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**Genus Charaxes.**

**Charaxes Phraortes.** *Ch. alis omnibus supra fulvis, nigro limbatis maculatisque, anticis serie marginali punctorum, posticis lunularum fulvarum; subtus saturato fulvis, fascia media alteraque submarginali argentaeis, maculis plurimis, vittisque numerosis nigris argenteo cincitis.* Exp. alar. 4½ unc. vel 116 mill.

Hab. Madagascar.

Above, all the wings fulvous, with a broad black border externally, broadest on the posterior wings, marked on the outer margin of the anterior with a series of fulvous dots between the nervules, and on the posterior just within the margin with a series of lunules also placed between the nervules; this border is irregularly dentate within on the anterior wings, and divided near the apex by a row of four fulvous dots; not dentate internally on the posterior wings, but less defined, being slightly shaded into the fulvous. The base both of the anterior and posterior wings is slightly shaded with fuscous, and the anterior are marked, in the cell, with two rounded spots, an elongate subquadrate one on the disco-cellular nervules, a subquadrate one immediately beyond the cell above the third median nervule, a longer one immediately below this, and another broadly lunate between the first and second median nervule, all black. Between these spots and the black margin is a short submacular band extending from the costa to the second disco-cellular nervule. Outer margin of anterior wings sinuate, dentate, of posterior dentate, caudate.

Below, the anterior wings are bright deep fulvous at the base and along the costa beyond the middle of the wings; marked as above with black spots and a short marginal black band, but all these mark-
ings are broadly margined with silvery white; and there are, in addition to the spots of the upper surface, a small round spot in the cell close to the base, and an oval one above the first median nervule near its origin, both black with a silvery border. Beyond the middle is a silvery white irregular band, narrowed on the costa, where it is marked by four black dots, the third and fourth indistinct, broadest on the inner margin, where it becomes of a pearly hue. Between this band and the margin the prevailing colour is a pale fulvous. A band composed of a series of silvery grey lunules commences on the costa and terminates on the submedian nervure. These lunules have their points directed inwards, and are margined internally with black, those nearest the costa less broadly than the others. The terminations of the nervules are bordered with silvery grey, and beyond this with black, and the cilia are spotted with the same colours. The posterior wings are bright deep fulvous, paler towards the outer margin, traversed beyond the middle by a flexuous silvery band. At the base, before the precostal nervule, is an oval black spot bordered with silvery white; beyond this is a macular band composed of four black transverse vittæ bordered with silvery white, extending from the costa to the abdominal fold; the inner vitta transverse only at its origin, extending down the abdominal to unite with a similar fold which traverses the cell and descends obliquely between the first median nervule and the submedian nervure. The inner margin of the silvery band is marked with a series of black spots and vittæ, and the abdominal fold is beautifully marked with alternate silvery, bright fulvous and black vittæ. Near the outer margin is a broad silvery white band sprinkled with grey and fulvous scales, and clouded with these colours, bordered externally with black. On the outer margin itself is a narrow black border, margined internally with white. Cilia, except on the tail, white.

Head fulvous. Thorax fulvous above, streaked below with fulvous and white. Legs white.

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This beautiful insect is closely allied to Ch. Castor, but may at once be known by the silvery markings below.


With reference to the interesting particulars about Strigops habroptilus, communicated by Mr. Gould (supra p. 50), I am induced to remark that this singular bird was first noticed under the native name of Kakapo in the Appendix to Dr. Dieffenbach’s Travels in New Zealand, where it was suggested to belong to the family of Cuculidae, from the supposed similarity of the few feathers brought by that gentleman to those of the genus Centropus. This idea was at once dispelled by the arrival of the perfect specimen now in the British Museum, from which a figure was made by my friend Mr. Mitchell, and published as pl. 105 in the ‘Genera of Birds.’ The singular appearance of the feathers of the head, and especially their arrange-
ment about the bill, gives it much of the expression of the family *Strigidae*. It was this resemblance that induced me to give it the above generic name. Dr. Diefenbach states that its native name implies that its habits are nocturnal: the natives catch the bird by torchlight. He further informs us that it chiefly inhabits the South island of New Zealand, but is very rare even in that locality, which is in some degree the result of the destruction it meets with from the attack of cats and dogs, to which its habit of frequenting the lower branches only of trees the more readily exposes it.

As I have never published a specific character, I subjoin the following:—

† *Strigops harroptilus*, G. R. Gray. *Str. olivaceo-viridis viridigriseo tinctus, plumis singulis strigd medianâ flav d nigro-marginatâ extus irregulariter transversè nigro-fasciatis, tectricum majorum remigum secundariorumque pagonis exterioribus caudisque total pallide umbrinis transversè luteo-fasciatis fasciis irregulariter nigro-marginatis; subtâ pallidior luteo tinctus plumis singulis strigd medianâ luted piceo-marginatâ extus irregulariter transversè piceo fasciatis; fronte, genis, regionibus auricularibus plumisque ad rostri basin prominentibus pallide umbrinis medio luteo-notatis; rostro albo, pedibus plumbeis.*

Upper surface sap-green, with a verdigris tinge on the wings; each feather marked in the middle with yellow, which is margined on the sides with black, from which spring irregular transverse bands of the same colour; the outer webs of the greater wing-coverts, quills, secondaries and the entire tail, brownish buff, irregularly banded transversely with black; between every alternate set lemon-yellow; the inner webs of quills and secondaries black, more or less transversely banded with lemon-yellow. Under surface pale greenish yellow, tinged with lemon-yellow, more or less marked along the shaft with pale yellow, which is narrowly margined with brownish black; some of the feathers have transverse bands of the same colour.

The top of the head brownish black, margined outerly with sap-green, tinged in some places with verdigris, and marked in the middle with pale yellow; the front, cheeks, ear-coverts and the projecting feathers of the face pale umber, marked in the middle with yellowish white. Bill white; feet plumbeous black.

Length, 2 feet 4 inches; bill, 1 inch 8 lines; wings, 11 1/2 inches; tail, 9 1/2 inches; tarsi, 1 3/4 inch.
May 11, 1847.

William Spence, Esq., F.R.S., in the Chair.

The following paper was communicated to the Meeting:—

ON THE Genera of the FAMILY CHITONIDÆ. BY J. E. Gray, Esq., F.R.S., F.Z.S. etc.

This family now contains so many species, offering such varied modifications of form and structure, that it becomes necessary to separate it into several genera, for the purpose of more accurately determining the species and showing their relations to each other.

Most authors have regarded the family as a single genus, and even M. De Blainville, who formed the family into a class under the name of Polyplakiphora, so regarded them. He forms of this class and his Nematopodes or Barnacles a subtype of the animal kingdom, which he called Malentozoa or Molluscarticulata; but there is no sufficient character to separate the Chitons from the other Mollusca, and the Nematopodes are now known to be Crustacea, so that this division or subtype of the animal kingdom has been erased from the system by most succeeding authors.

Dr. Leach in his MSS. proposed to divide this family into genera, according to the form of the appendages which cover the upper surface of the mantle; and Risso, who was in constant correspondence with Dr. Leach, has in his work published two of Dr. Leach’s genera. Mr. Guilding has formed some genera on the same principles in the Zoological Journal, and I have added two others in the Synopsis of the British Museum for 1841.

I may remark that these appendages of the mantle form exceeding good characters for the more minute division of the groups, but the scales so gradually pass into spines or tubercles on the one side, and on the other they so gradually diminish in thickness to furfuraceous scales, which are easily decidable that it is difficult to define when they are quite absent; therefore they do not afford characters of sufficient importance to use them as Leach, Risso and Guilding have done, for the primary divisions of the family.

Lamarck divided the family into two genera, Chiton and Chitonellus, but he left in the former genus several species which are more naturally allied to the latter.

M. De Blainville in 1825 published a monograph of the family, under the article ‘Oscabrin’ in the Dict. Sci. Nat. xxxvi., in which he introduced some new characters for the division of the species into sections. He observes: “Les organes sur lesquels nous appellerons successivement l’attention pour le distinction des espèces sont les suivants:—

“1. L’existence ou l’absence des paires de pinceau de soies dis-
II. Mantle with a series of pores (each furnished with a tuft of spines) on each side. The plates of insertion of all the valves with only a single notch on each side, which is sometimes rudimentary.

12. Cryptonconchus. Exposed part of valves very small, linear, much longer than broad; mantle smooth.

13. Amicula. Exposed part of valves small, subcordate, as broad as long; mantle bristly.

14. Acanthochitrus. Exposed part of valves moderate, broad, cordate, as long as broad; mantle spinulose.

15. Chitonellus. Exposed part of valves linear-lanceolate, elongate; body vermiform; mantle spinulose.

1. Chiton, Linn. (part), Guilding, Z. J. v. 27; Swainson; Gray, Syn.


*Scales of the margin moderate, smooth, polished; valves thickish.

Ch. striatus, Barnes. Ch. olivaceus, Frembly, Sow. C. Ill. f. 3, 41. Chiloe.


Ch. squamosus, Linn. Ch. bistriatus, Wood. Ch. obscurus, Sow. West Indies.

Ch. sulcatus, Wood, Sow. C. Ill. f. 12.

Ch. granosus, Frembly. Chili.

Ch. Barnesii, Gray. Coquimbo.

Ch. glaucus, Gray, Spic. Zool. =Ch. viridis, Quoy.

Ch. granulosus, Frembly. Conception.


Ch. lyratus, Sow. C. Ill. f. 126.

Ch. foveolatus, Sow. C. Ill. f. 60.

Ch. excavatus, Gray, Sow. C. Ill. f. 131.

Ch. fasciatus, Wood, Sow. C. Ill. f. 153.

Ch. australis, Sow. C. Ill. f. 46.

Ch. Stokesii, Brod., Sow. C. Ill. f. 24.

Ch. virgulatus, Sow. C. Ill. f. 132.

Ch. patulus, Sow. C. Ill. f. 134.

Ch. marmoratus, Gmelin, Sow. C. Ill. f. 148. West Indies.

Ch. evanidus, Sow. C. Ill. f. 139.

Ch. articulatus, Sow. C. Ill. f. 18. California.

Ch. lavigatus, Sow. C. Ill. f. 18*. California.

Ch. Goodallii, Sow. C. Ill. f. 50. Galapagos.

** Scales of the mantle small, smooth, polished.

Ch. Bowenii, King, Sow. C. Ill. f. 37. Magellan Str.
*** Scales of the margin transversely grooved; valve rounded, not keeled, thin.

This section forms a very natural group.

Ch. textilis, Gray, Spic. Zool. = Ch. longicymba, Blainv., Quoy.
Ch. Indicus, Sow. C. Ill. f. 55. Ch. Solea, Sow. C. Ill. f. 61. Cape of Good Hope.
Ch. Magdalenis, Hinds.

**** Scales of the margin lanceolate, elongate, erect, closely pressed.

Ch. lævis, Mont. = Ch. corallinus, Risso.


* Valves broad, transverse.

T. rubra. Ch. ruber, Linn. Ch. marmoreus, O. Fab. Ch. latus, Lowe. Ch. fulminatus, Couth.
T. lineata. Ch. lineatus, Wood, Sow. C. Ill. f. 77.
T. Swainsonii, Sow. C. Ill. f. 5. Peru.
T. cerasina.
T. lævigata. Ch. lævigatus, Flem.
T. lyrata.

** Valves moderate, subcordate, rounded, and far apart on the sides; lobes of insertion wide; mantle broad.

T. disjuncta. Ch. disjunctus, Frembly, Zool. Journ. t. 77. f. 5, forms the passage to the Chitons, which have only a small part of the valves exposed.

3. Acanthopleura, Guild. Z. J. v. 27; Gray, Syn.

Canthopleura, Swains.

This genus gradually passes to Onithochiton.

* The plate of insertion of the hinder valve well-developed, regular; valves thin; lateral area distinct; margin bristly.

A. Peruviana. Ch. Peruvianus, Lam., Sow. C. Ill. f. 44. Peru.
A. bicolor. Ch. bicolor, Adams. West Indies.
A. Watsonii. Ch. Watsonii, Sow. C. Ill. f. 81, 82, 130 = Ch. castaneus, Quoy.

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** The plate of insertion of the hinder valve narrow, rather irregular.
† Margin bristly; lateral area distinct.

†† Margin spinose or spinulose; lateral area indistinct.
A. picea. Ch. piceus, Sow. C. Ill. f. 147. West Indies.
A. spinigera. Ch. spinigerus, Sow. Conch. Ill. f. 68. Peru.
A. Owenii, Gray. West coast of Africa.
A. magnifica. Ch. magnificus, Gray, Sow. C. Illust. f. 52.

††† Margin smooth?; lateral area very distinct.

4. Schizochiton.
Valves elongate, subcordate, narrow; lateral area short, distinctly defined; the hinder valves large, with a subposterior superior apex and a deep notch on its hinder lower edges, and the plate of insertion small, with a few oblique notches, scarcely pectinated. Mantle broad, covered above with small chaff-like scales, deeply notched behind.

5. Corephium.
Valves broad; wing of insertion of the anterior valve lobed and pectinated; the hinder valve oblong, with a subcentral, subposterior, not produced apex; the edge of insertion distinct, not lobed on the sides, with a single nick behind, and slightly denticulated; mantle spinose.

6. Plaxiphora.
See also Ch. setosus, Sow. C. Ill. f. 19.

7. Onithochiton.
O. hirtosus. Chiton hirtosus, Blainv. 546.
O. undulatus. Ch. undulatus. Van Diemen’s Land.
8. *Enoplochiton.*

The valves become very much eroded.


Valves broad, transverse, depressed; margin of insertion moderate; the hinder valve with a rounded lobe on the hinder edge; mantle moderately broad, bristly above, narrow behind.

* Margin moderately wide in front.

M. Hindsii. Ch. Hindsii. West coast of America.

** Margin very wide in front.


The gill only occupies the hinder part of the sides.


11. *Cryptochiton.*

The gill only occupies the hinder part of the sides.


Body oblong, rather convex; back flatish or concave in the centre, with the tuft of spines on the upper part of the back of the side.
The gills extend about half the length of the sides.


Body ovate, convex; back convex; mantle bristly.


Body oblong, elongate, rather depressed; mantle spinulose; tuft
of spines generally large; gill extending about two-thirds the length
of the sides.

M. De Blainville says, the valves of this genus are always without
any trace of lateral area (D. S. N. xxxvi. 537). but this must have
arisen from his only having examined worn specimens.

A. Hookeri, Gray, Dieffenbach, 262.
A. polychetus. Ch. polychetus, Blainv. 553.
A. roseus. Ch. roseus, Blainv. 553.
A. Lesueurii. Ch. Lesueurii, Blainv. 553.
A. scaber. Ch. scaber, Blainv. 553.
A. violaceus. Ch. violaceus, Quoy, Voy. Astrol. 73. f. 13, 16, 17, 20; not Sow. Ill. f. 133.
A. hastatus. Ch. hastatus, Sow. C. Ill. f. 127.
A. hirundiniformis. Ch. hirundiniformis, Sow. C. Ill. f. 148.
A. strigatus. Chitonellus latus, Guild. Z. Journ. v. 28. Chitonellus
strigatus, Sow. C. Ill.

15. CHITONELLUS, Lam.

Chitonella, Desh. Cryptoconchus, “Blainv.” Burrows. Crypto-
plax, Blainv. Chitoniscus, Herrm.

Body elongate, compressed, convex above; mantle covered with
crowded spines; the exposed part of the front valves oblong, square,
broad, often worn; of the hinder ones narrow, lanceolate; the plates
of insertion large, produced in front, and scarcely notched on either
side. The gills occupy the hinder third of the sides.

M. De Blainville inserts Lamarck’s species of Chitonelli with
the spiny Chitons in section D., and in section E. he redescribes them,
from specimens in spirits in the British Museum.

Chitonellus laevis, Lam. Chiton vermiciformis, Blainv. D. S. N.
xxxvi. 553.” Oscab. fascie, Quoy, Voy. Astrol. t. 73. f. 21, 29.
t. 28. f. 2, 4; Wood, Cat. t. 1. f. 40. Philippines.

ocule, Quoy, Voy. Astrol. t. 73. f. 37, 38. Australia.

The fossil Chitons of the older strata described by Munster, more
lately by Ryckholt, Bull. Acad. Brux. 1845, xii. 36. t. 1—4, appear
to belong to a peculiar genus, which may be called Gryphochiton,
most nearly allied to Chitonellus.

I have described some peculiarities in the development, disposition
and structure of the valves of the Chitons in a paper which will be
read at the Royal Society on the 16th of June next.
May 25, 1847.

Harpur Gamble, Esq., M.D., in the Chair.

The following communications were made to the Meeting:—


In the young salmon, the par, we have the remarkable example, now well-authenticated, of the precocious development of the testes with functional activity. What I have witnessed in the young male goat in this island (Barbadoes) as regards its generative power, is hardly, it appears to me, less remarkable. I shall briefly notice the few circumstances which have come to my knowledge illustrating it; such as I can state with certainty as facts.

On the 2nd of May, 1846, a goat which belongs to me gave birth to two kids, a male and a female. When less than a month old, the former exhibited strongly the sexual propensity. When about five weeks old, the penis was protruded in his attempts to copulate. When four months old the mother was in heat, and was then covered and impregnated by her offspring. Five months after, viz. on the 2nd of February, 1847, she gave birth to four kids—three females, one male, all of the usual size and vigorous. On the 10th of February I had the male kid castrated: each testis was about the size of a French bean. A little transparent fluid was obtained from the vas deferens, which under the microscope, viewed with a high power, exhibited some granules, a few fine fibres, and one that had the appearance of a pretty well-formed spermatozoon. The fluid procured from the incised substance of the testis contained many blood-corpuscles, some dark granules and a few small spermatozoa; these were best seen after having been dried on the glass support.

The young female received the male shortly after the mother, but was not then impregnated.

It is said here that the goat breeds at six months old. It is also said that both male and female are two years in attaining their full size.

The goat of Barbadoes appears to resemble in every respect the common goat of Europe, from whence it is supposed to have been originally brought.

The precocity of the young male, as I have described it, and of the effect of which in its generative power there can be no doubt, as the female had access to no other male, is here not considered extraordinary. Whether the same function at so early an age is exercised in a cooler climate, I am ignorant. Should it be found to be so exercised, it may perhaps be considered a provision of nature to secure the preservation of the species, endangered by the localities
the animal in its wild state inhabits amongst precipitous rocks, subject to the attacks of birds and beasts of prey. In accordance with this idea I may remark, that the young pair of kids when five weeks old, when they began to eat grass freely, kept constantly together, and were more frequently absent from than with the mother. The colostrum and the milk of the goat, I may add, containing an unusual proportion of nutritive matter, as indicated by their specific gravity, may also be considered in accordance with this idea. The colostrum first drawn, I have found of the high specific gravity 1088; it coagulated at about 170°. The milk drawn the following day was of the specific gravity 1041; it formed a soft coagulum at about 182°, and a firm one at about 190°. The milk drawn two days later was of specific gravity 10343. After this it underwent very little change; some drawn a week after was of specific gravity 10333, and some drawn three weeks later was of the same specific gravity.

Barbadoes, April 15th, 1847.

2. DESCRIPtIONS OF SOME NEW GENERA AND SPECIES OF ASTERIAE. By John Edward Gray, Esq., F.R.S. etc.

In the 'Annals and Magazine of Natural History' for November 1840 I published a monograph of the species of this group then known to me, and divided them into five families and several genera; since that time the British Museum has received numerous specimens further illustrative of those which we then possessed, and many other specimens, several of which are the types of new genera. Some of these I shall proceed to describe in the following communication, intending on a future occasion to send the remainder.

I may remark, that for several years before the publication of that paper, I had been engaged in the study of these animals, with the intention of publishing an illustrated monograph of the order. The preparation of the plates has occupied many years, but I hope it is now in the course of fulfilment.

In the same year in which I published my paper, Professors J. Müller and D. Troeschel read at the Berlin Academy a paper on the same subject, and in 1842 they published a 4to work, with the description of various species.

M. Müller has there reduced the number of genera to eighteen, and for these has most unnecessarily changed the generic names, much to the confusion of the science. I do not know why the Stellonia of Forbes is not to be used for Asterias glacialis and its allies. If the generic name of Asterias is to be erased from the list, I do not see in what respect Asterocanthion is preferable to either of these names, or why he rejects Link's name of Pentaceros for Orestaster (he says Cuvier has used Pentaceros for a genus of fish, but I do not find this name in any of Cuvier's works; and if it had been so used, Link has the priority over Cuvier), or why Astrogonium is preferable to Gonaster, or Asteropsis to Gymnasteria.

The Star-fish have generally been described as having no vent. Colonel Sabine, in figuring Asterias polaris, represented a projecting
tube near the middle of the back, and Professor Müller in his ‘System’ uses the presence or absence of this tube, which he regards as a vent, as a character to separate the class into two divisions; but I think his table of genera shows that this division can scarcely be considered as natural, for he has been obliged to separate species of Astropecten from their allies, and to place them, on this single character, in another division of the family. Secondly, it is very difficult to observe the presence or absence of this part, especially in Astropecten, on account of the *pazilli*, and some species, which are said to be without it, may have it; for it is to be observed, that Müller and Troschel place the genus in which Sabine first observed the vent, in the family characterized as not having one.

I must consider their work as a retrograde movement, after the publication of my paper, which they quote; for though they might not adopt the genera, yet it cannot but be allowed, that what I have considered as genera are natural groups; and it would have facilitated the making out of the species they have described, if they had used them as sections; they have done so in a few instances (thus after the publication of their paper they have divided the genus *Goniaster* into two, adopting my sections as their genera; but as in the case of *Asterias*, because they have divided it, they blot the names from the system); thus their first section of *Ophidiaster* is the same as my genus, and their second is my genus *Linkia*, and the second section of *Asterocanthion* appears to be my *Tonia*.

It has always appeared to me, that the great advantage of dividing the species into small groups (let us call them genera or sections, as we may) is, that it enables one more accurately to determine and neatly describe and distinguish the species, and prevents the necessity in each description of repeating what has been given as the character of the group, as is the case in the system of Star-fish.

Lastly, I suspect that had M. Müller had the opportunity of examining and comparing the number of specimens of this genus to be found in English collections, he would have come to the same conclusion as I have done with regard to the distinctness of several species which in the work above referred to he has regarded as mere synonyma of some well-known species. At the same time it is remarkable that it should not occur to M. Müller, that when the specimens on which a certain number of species have been established are contained in a single collection, and divided into minute groups, and arranged side by side, it is not so easy to make mistakes in this particular as when the materials are to be collected from various scattered museums; as the differences and the similarities are then more easily to be seen, and any errors which may have been made, more easily discovered.

Thus I am convinced, if he had seen the series of specimens of *Asterias Helianthus* and *Cumingii*, and *A. multiradiata*, which have passed through my hands, and the selection of them in the Museum collection, it is quite impossible that he could have confounded them into a single species. The same may be observed with regard to *Linkia Typhus*, *L. Brownii*, *L. bifasciatus* and *L. unifasciatus*; with
Stellaster Incei.

Purplish, minutely granular; back with scattered, conical, convex tubercles, those down the centre of the arm largest. The lower marginal plates are flattish.
This species is very like Stellaster Childreni, Gray, Ann. and Mag. Nat. Hist. 1840, 278; Müller, Aster. 62. 128. t. 4. f. 3; Asterias equestris, Retzius, Diss. 12; but it is purplish when dry; the back is tubercular; the whole surface is minutely granular; while the Japanese species is always white, the back smooth, and the granules of the surface are so minute and thin that they are very easily eroded, and the lower marginal plates are more convex and the central ones much larger than the others.

Stellaster Belcheri.

Back convex, with two or three large conical tubercles on the line extending to the centre of the arms. Arms slender, tapering, rather longer than the diameter of the disc.
Inhab. Amboina or New Guinea.
This species is intermediate between S. Childreni and S. Incei, having the white colour and the slender arms of the former, and the convex back and tubercles of the latter, but the tubercles are larger and fewer, and the arms are more slender, having only a single series of plates between the marginal ones.
There are two specimens in spirits and one dry, in the British Museum collection.

Calliderma.

Body flat, five-sided, rays rather elongated; attenuated end only formed of the marginal plates. Ossicles all minutely granulated; the dorsal ossicules flat-tipped, six-sided, some with a larger, globular, central tubercle-like granule. The marginal ossicles broad, gradually becoming smaller near the tip, short-edged, minutely granular, those of the upper and lower series alternating; the edge of the upper ones with some indistinct spines on the margin, the lower ones with scattered mobile spines on the oral surface. The ossicles of the oral surface three-, four-, or six-sided, granular, with one (rarely two) central, compressed, acute, mobile spines. The ambulacralspines very small, close, fourteen or sixteen on each ossicule, forming a rounder group, with two or three series of large, scattered, mobile, acute spines on the outer side.
This genus resembles Stellaster, but differs from it in the oral surface being furnished with scattered spines.
There is a fossil species very like the one here described found in the chalk, and figured in Mr. Dixon's work on the fossils of Worthing, which I propose to call Calliderma Dixonii. There are probably several other fossil species from the same locality; they have been referred to the genus Tosia, but the ossicles are granular and the oral surface spinose.
Calliderma Emma.

Flat, pentangular, the sides concave, the arms elongated, produced, tapering to a fine point, about two-thirds the length of the diameter of the disc. The dorsal ossicules six-sided, regular, flat-topped, covered with minute roundish granules; the central granules of the central ossicules and those down the centre of the arms larger, globular, tubercular-like. The margin sharp-edged, concave in the centre; the ossicules of the upper and lower series alternating, minutely granular, with one or two larger subspinose granules on the middle of the upper margin. Marginal ossicules about fifty on each surface on each side, the lower series with scattered, acute, compressed spines on their oral side.

The ossicules of the oral side four- or six-sided, rather irregular, minutely granular, each armed with a central, compressed, acute, mobile spine.

Inhab. ?

This species most nearly resembles a fossil found in the chalk, which has hitherto been referred to the genus Tosia, and figured in Mr. Dixon's forthcoming work on the fossils of Worthing.

I have named this fine species in compliment to my daughter Mrs. J. P. G. Smith, who before her marriage commenced a series of plates to illustrate a monograph of this genus.

Anthenea.

This genus may be divided into two sections, one having a very large two-lipped pore on each ossiculus of the oral surface; the back netted and chaffy, as in A. Chinensis and the following new species.

Anthenea tuberculosa.

Back obscurely netted, rather chaffy, with scattered, long, flat-backed tubercles. Marginal ossicules with some moderate granules, the upper ossicules with one or more large flat-topped tubercles on their upper part.

Inhab. Port Essington.

This species is very like Anthenea Chinensis, Gray (Asterias pentagonula, Lam. ?), but differs from it in being more convex and netted and more distinctly tubercular, and in the upper marginal tessera being armed with tubercles.

Like the Chinese species, all the ossicules, both marginal and discal, of the oral surface, are furnished with large, elongated, two-lipped pores.

The second section contains the following species, which have one or more small two-lipped pores on some of the ossicules of the oral surface; the back subtubercular, and the ossicules all covered with large roundish granules.

Anthenea granulifera.

Both surfaces covered with small roundish granules, the back with
rather convex ossicules; the arms as long as the diameter of the body; back with one or two scattered tubercles.

Var. Back with a blunt tubercle on the centre of each of the ossicules of the middle of the back.

Inhab. —?

This species is easily known from the former by the smaller granules on the surface, the length of the arms, and the small size of the two-lipped pores; those of the dorsal surface are very minute.

*Hosia spinulosa.*

Body flat, pentagonal, sides concave; arms not half the length of the diameter of the body; ossicules large, subequal, six-sided, very minutely granular. Marginal ossicules \( \frac{1}{16} \) on each side, convex, deeply separated from each other with a series of two or three small, acute, spine-like tubercles in the centre of each. The ossicules of the oral surface flat, minutely granular, with small two-lipped pores.

Inhab. Indian Ocean; Philippines.

This species nearly resembles the shape of *Tosia australis*, but is at once known from that species by the granular ossicules, the spines on the margin, and the two-lipped pores beneath; it differs from *Hosia flavescens* in its being five-sided instead of five-armed, and in having no spines on the middle of the back.

**Astrogonium (restricted).**

Body pentangular, flat above and below. Back and oral surface protected by triangular ossicules, each covered with numerous erect, cylindrical, truncated tubercles or granules, those of the oral surface longest. Margin strengthened with regular, oblong, four-sided ossicules, covered with small regular granules, except on the most convex part of their centres, those of the upper and lower series opposite each other. Dorsal wart single. Ambulacra with cylindrical truncated spines, in groups of four on each ossiculus of equal size, not forming a rounded group, and with a series of similar, rather larger spines on their side, and a series of small ossicules with terminal granules on their outer sides. Bilabiate slits are on either surface.

Messrs. Müller and Troschel have proposed a genus under this name, which I have here restricted to smaller limits, to more accurately distinguish the species. I have described all we have in the Museum.

A. Body flat, five-sided; granules short; ossicules flat-topped, not tubercled.


Pentagonal, sides rather concave. Back bright crimson; oral surface yellowish; marginal ossicules oblong, \( \frac{1}{4} \) on each side, rather convex, covered, except at the most convex part of the upper and lower surface, with very minute granules. Dorsal ossicules hexagonal, flat-topped, with short flat-topped granules; ossicules of oral surface similar, but granules longer.

This species is very like *Tosia australis*, but is at once known from it by the granules covering the greater part of the surface of the marginal ossicles.

**Astrogonium miliare.**

Flat, dark red, pentangular; rays rounded at the end, about one-third the length of the diameter of the disc. Margin rounded, ossicles $\frac{2}{3}$ or $\frac{3}{3}$ on each side, covered with uniform, close granules. Dorsal ossicles rather convex, covered with uniform granules.

Inhab. New Zealand.

Like *A. granulans* in form, but the margin is round, and the marginal plates are more numerous.

**Astrogonium inaequale.**

Pentagonal, sides rather concave. Arms acute. Dorsal ossicles rather convex, covered with small roundish granules. Marginal ossicles $\frac{4}{9}$ on each side, the two central ones small, narrow; four others large, convex, the two at the tip very small.


B. Back rather convex, the marginal and dorsal ossicles with a small central convexity or rounded tubercle; the granules of the oral surface rather elongate, rounded.

**Astrogonium tuberculatum.**

Body pentangular, sides concave; arms rather produced, acute, tapering; the ossicles of the dorsal surface, of the upper and lower marginal series, each furnished with a small, central, rounded tubercle. Marginal ossicles $\frac{2}{3}$ on each side, the dorsal tubercles on the middle of the back and down the centre of each arm rather larger.

Inhab. Port Natal.

C. Body flat; ossicles of the dorsal, marginal and oral surface entirely covered with rather elongated uniform granules; marginal ossicles small, erect, rounded above.

**Astrogonium paxillosum.**

Blackish (perhaps discoloured). Pentagonal, flat. Arm nearly as long as diameter of disc, rounded at the end. All the ossicles of the back, edge, and oral surface, covered with regular, uniform, rather long, erect granules, forming a level surface; granules of the oral surface longest. The marginal ossicles narrow, erect, rounded above. Ambulacral spines elongate.

Inhab. Port Essington.

This species, from the length of the granules, passes towards the *Astropectens*, the elongated tubercles having much the appearance of those which are called *paxilli* in that genus.

**Pentagonaster Dübeni.**

Body flat, five-rayed; rays two-thirds the length of the diameter
of the disc, rounded at the end; ossicules all convex, rounded. Marginal ossicules \( \frac{1}{10} \), large, round, those near the end of the arms largest and most convex.

Inhab. W. Australia.

This species differs from *P. pulchellus* in the marginal ossicules being more equal, and in the arms being much longer and more slender. The ossicules of the dorsal disc are unequal in size and rather irregularly formed; those near the margin on the middle of the sides are oblong and narrow, those of the oral surface are more regular and not so convex, those near the angles of the mouth being the largest and subtriangular.

I have named this beautiful species in memory (I regret to say) of M. W. Von Düben, who has lately published a very admirable paper on the northern species of this family.

**Tosia**, Gray.

The granules between the ossicules are deficient in the dead and washed specimens. It has been thought that the fossil species found in the chalk belonged to this genus, but the surface of the ossicules of most of the specimens I have seen show, from the scars with which their surface is covered, that they were covered with granules, therefore they rather belong to the restricted genus *Astrogonium*.

In some species of this genus the ossicules of the oral disc are more or less entirely covered with crowded, flat-topped granules.

**Tosia grandis**.

Dorsal ossicules very unequal, flat-topped. Marginal ossicules \( \frac{1}{4} \) or \( \frac{1}{8} \) on each side, rather convex; the ossicules of the oral surface are furnished with two or three rows of crowded granules, and those near the ambulacra are most covered.

Inhab. Western Australia.

Link, under the name of *P. regularis*, t. 13. f. 22, 23, copied (E. M. t. 96. and Séba, iii. t. 8. f. 4) a species like the above, but it has only ten marginal plates. Müller, who thought he examined Link's specimen at Leipsic, describes it as having seven upper and five under marginal plates.

**Tosia aurata**.

Golden yellow. Dorsal ossicules flat-topped, the five in the centre, between the central lines of the arms, largest, and round; the marginal ossicules \( \frac{1}{8} \), or \( \frac{1}{2} \), rather convex and nearly equal (that nearest the top not being longer than the others); the ossicules of the oral disc, all except a few in the middle of each area, entirely covered with flat-topped granules.


*In others, the ossicules of the oral surface are only edged with a single series of granules, like those of the back.*

**Tosia tuberculansis**.

Yellow, edges reddish. The dorsal ossicules convex, subtubercular,
those of the centre of the arms highest, those between the arm in the centre largest, nearly flat. The marginal ossicules \( \frac{2}{3} \) or \( \frac{3}{4} \) on each side, convex, subtubercular, the one near the top of the arm largest and oblong, longitudinal, convex. The ossicules of the oral surface small, each surrounded with a single series of granules.

Var. ? or young ? The ossicules of the oral surface near the edges covered with granules.

Inhab. Swan River.

There is a specimen in the British Museum with six marginal ossicules very like the above, but differing from it in the dorsal ossicules being only convex and rounded; it has the same convex and large marginal plate.

**Tosia rubra.**

Red brown. Dorsal ossicules rather convex, rounded. Marginal ossicules \( \frac{3}{4} \) on each side, rather convex, equal, that at the tip of the arms smaller, narrow. The ossicules of the oral surface flat-topped, with a single series of marginal granules.

Inhab. Australia.


Yellowish or reddish. Dorsal ossicules rather convex, rounded. Marginal ossicules \( \frac{3}{4} \) on each side, rather convex, equal; the ossicules of the oral surface flat-topped, with a single series of marginal granules.

Inhab. W. Australia, Swan River.

**Petricia.**

Body convex, five-rayed. Skin above and below varnished and spineless. Back strengthened with numerous, sunken, moderate-sized ossicules; the margin with two series of larger oblong ossicules, but spineless; the oral surface with rather regularly disposed smaller ossicules. Ambulacral spines subulate, placed in pairs, with a second series of similar but rather larger spines on the outer side of them.

This genus is very like *Porania*, but the back does not appear to be angular, the margin is edged with spines, and the ambulacral spines are in pairs, and not single as in that genus. The ossicules of the back and oral surface are punctured, and one of them situated near the edge of the back, in the middle space between the arms, is furnished with a linear pore edged with convex lips.

**Petricia punctata.**

Orange, when dry.

Inhab. the Reef of Attagor. J. B. Jukes, Esq.

There is a single species of this genus in the British Museum collection.

I may here remark, that the specimen of *Porania gibbos*, the *Asterias gibbosus* of Leach, and *Goniaster Templetoni* of Forbes, in the British Museum from Arran, are exactly like *Asterias pulvillus* of Müller, received from Norway, in the same collection.
The upper side, between the angles of the arms, is covered with small, roundish groups of spines.

This genus may be divided into three sections:

1. **Body pentagonal; the dorsal ossicules lunate, narrow; the edge of the arms acute.**

**Patiria coccinea**, Gray.
Asteriscus coccineus, Müller & Trosch. 43.
The roundish group of spines between the lunate ossicules are very abundant.

2. **Body five-rayed; rays thick, rounded; dorsal ossicules lunate, sub-triangular; arms convex above and rounded on the sides.**

**Patiria granifera.**

? Asterias granifera, Lam. n. 24?; var. à petits grains, Oudart, t. Brown. Back rather convex. The arms broad, rounded at the end, nearly as long as the diameter of the disc, rounded above, flat beneath; the lunate dorsal ossicules covered with short, crowded spines, and with only a few small tufts of spines between them, the ossicules of the oral surface each with a transverse line of six or eight spines.

Inhab. — ?

Variety, the arms more slender, about one-third longer than the diameter of the disc.

The variety may be a distinct species, but the specimen is not in sufficiently good preservation to determine this point with accuracy.

3. **The body five-rayed, rays thick, rounded; the dorsal ossicules, especially those at the end of the arms, broad, rounded, the back covered with two or three beaked pedicellaria nearly hiding the tubercles.**

**Patiria ocellifera.**

Asterias ocellifera, Lam. 45; Oudart, t. . fig.

Body five-rayed; arms thick, rounded, as long as the diameter of the disc, bluntish at the end; the dorsal ossicules broad, oblong or roundish, reddish, covered with short, crowded spines; the oral surface with transverse rows of three to five mobile spines.

Inhab. — ?

This species much more nearly resembles Oudart’s figure than the species I have described under the name of Nectria oculifera.

**Patiria obtusa.**

Brown, depressed, five- to six-rayed; rays depressed, rounded at the end; dorsal surface with lunate ossicules crowded with short spines; oral surface with circular groups of crowded spines in the middle of each ossicule.

Inhab. Panama. Sandy mud, six to ten fathoms.
Patiria f grassa.

Pale yellow (dry), five-rayed; rays thick, rather tapering, about half as long again as the diameter of the disc. Dorsal surface formed of convex, subhemispherical ossicles, covered with crowded minute spines. The oral surface with roundish groups of short, crowded spines, like *paxilli*.


*Pteraster Capensis.*

Body subpentagonal, swollen, edge very thick, rounded; back convex, reticulated, with rounded groups of very small ossicles at the junction of the reticulations.

Inhab. Cape of Good Hope.

The spines of the ambulacra are like those of *Pteraster militaris*, but they are longer, and the series of webbed spines on their outer margins are scarcely longer than those of the ambulacra, while in the northern species they are much longer and thicker, and there is no appearance of the two long glassy spines at the angle of the mouth, so distinct and peculiar in that species.

*Ganeria.*

Body flat, five-rayed. Back coriaceous, strengthened with numerous small, linear and curved series of very short cylindrical spines. Margin perpendicular, with two series of narrow ossicles, each armed with a central, erect, linear series of short cylindrical spines. Oral surface covered with diverging spines, one being placed on each ossicle. Ambulacra linear, with two series of tentacles, and edged with subulate spines, two on each ossicle, and with a series of diverging spines at the angles near the mouth.

*Ganeria* Falklandica.

Body five-rayed; rays as long as the diameter of the disc, rather blunt at the tip.


3. **Description of a new species of Fulgora.**

By Arthur Adams, Esq., R.N.

Fulgora (Hotinus) Sultana, Adams and White. *Fulg. thorace superiore et rostro sanguineis; elytris ad basin nigro-fuscis lineis ochreis venosis, ad apicem ochreo-fuscis; alis ad basim intensè carmineis, ad angulum analen roseis, ad apicem fuscum quatuor vel quinque maculis rotundatis albis ornatis.*

Rostrum and upper surface of thorax of a rich blood-red colour. The form of the beak intermediate between that of *H. clavatus* of Westwood and *H. pyrorhynchus* of Donovan. Elytra blackish brown at the base, traversed by ochraceous veins, with the tip ochraceous brown. The wings with the base of a deep carmine fading to pale pink towards the anal angle, the tips brown, with four or five roundish white spots. Body above straw-coloured.

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Body covered, when alive, with a white mealy substance. Lantern not luminous by day or night. Remains in a torpid state during the heat of the day, and becomes more active in the evening.

Forest of Borneo near Tampasook.


Family Parthenopidæ.

Cryptopodia dorsalis, White and Adams, n.s.

Carapace narrower and wider than the same part in the Cryptopodia fornicata, the greater part of the back covered with slight pustules; on the posterior part of the carapace are two deep grooves placed longitudinally and slightly bent, so as to have a lyre-shaped form; posterior edge of the carapace with coarser and rounder crenations than in C. fornicata; the ridges on the chelae with blunter tubercles.

This distinct and beautiful species of a singular genus was found by Mr. Adams in the Sooloo Sea, where the bottom was stony.

When alive, it is of a dirty flesh-colour, with brown markings and minute black specks; on each chelae there is an orange linear spot: under surface of a dead white, on the breast reddish.

Mr. Adams informs me that the species of this genus resemble those of Calappa in their habit of simulating death when disturbed, folding the chelae close to the front of the carapace and concealing their legs under the dilated sides of the carapace. They are always found in deep water, while the Calappidæ are found on sandy flats, sometimes buried under the sand.

Family Ocypodidæ.

Gelasimus crassipes, White, Cat. Crust. in Brit. Mus. p. 36.

Carapace very much arched, suddenly narrowed behind; four hind pair of legs thicker and stronger than in other species; front with a lobe, without narrow stalk.

Hab. Philippine Islands (Siquejor). From Mr. Cuming’s collection.

Gelasimus bellator, White, l. c.

Carapace with the fore-part just behind the insertion of eye-peduncles sinuated, the front slightly dilated into a rounded lobe. Larger hand with the fingers very long, the moveable with the sides nearly parallel, two or three larger tubercles on the edge near the base; fixed finger margined on the under side; the cutting edge with a very wide shallow tubercular sinus at base; at the end of sinus beyond the middle a strong wide tooth, which gradually slopes down to the end, which curves up.

Hab. Philippine Islands. From Mr. Cuming’s collection.

Gelasimus cultrimanus, White, l. c. p. 35.

Front between the eyes with a small dilated rounded lobe. Edge
of lower orbit very distinctly crenated; carapace with the upper surface smooth; the lateral edges rounded, without any sharp keel from the outer orbital angle. Larger hand with the fingers wide, both at the end slightly curved outwards, the lower finger with a very wide sinus in the middle; near the end a wide lobe serrate-crenated on the edge; moveable finger with the lower edge nearly quite straight.

Hab. Philippine Islands. From Mr. Cuming's collection.

_Gelasimus forcellanus_, White, l. c. p. 36.

Eye-pedicels very long; the frontal portion of carapace not narrowed at base; the hind part of carapace much longer than the side. Lower finger thickened at the end, the inner margins of both fingers with four larger tubercles amongst the small crenules.

Hab. Borneo. Presented by the Lords of the Admiralty.

Family _Maiadje_.

_Tyche_, Bell.

_**Tyche emarginata**, White, l. c. p. 10._

Carapace with the dilated part behind, deeply notched in the middle; the tubercles on the sides of the depressed part with hairs.

The genus _Tyche_ was established by Professor Bell in the Zoological Transactions for a species from Panama, which he has described and figured under the name of _T. lamellifrons_. The specimen from which the above brief description is taken is very much mutilated, but is clearly distinct from Mr. Bell's.

Hab. West Indies. British Museum.

Family _Thelphuside_.

_Valdivia_, n. g.

Outer jaw-feet with second joint wider than long; third joint longer than wide, slightly notched at the end. Carapace depressed, rather more rounded in the outline than in _Thelphusa_; the latero-anterior edge with four sharp teeth directed forwards; legs very long, last joint very long, smooth.

This genus is closely allied to _Trichodactylus_.

_Valdivia serrata_, White, l. c. p. 31.

Front quite straight; a strong distinct keel from last tooth on side of carapace to hind part; the whole upper surface of carapace and legs is covered with a brownish epidermis.

Hab. —? British Museum.

Family _Grapside_.

_Utica_, White, n. g.

Carapace somewhat eight-angled, tabular, the latero-anterior margin with three teeth; the latero-posterior part of the carapace ob-
lique; carapace behind very straight; behind the middle there is a very strong transverse ridge. Outer jaw-feet with the third joint on the outside straight, not dilated. Fore-legs small; hind-legs very long; tarsus not particularly dilated, somewhat elongated, fringed with hairs, as is the preceding joint.

This genus, which is shortly characterized above, belongs to the family Grapsidae, being nearly allied to Trichopus, De Haan, which is synonymous with Varuna, M. Edwards.

**Utica gracilipes**, White, l. c. p. 43.

Front wide, fore-edge very straight; behind it, and extending to the middle of the carapace, there is a considerable, wide, somewhat three-sided elevation, separated from the transverse ridge by a deep lunated depression, from the ends of which a slight impressed line proceeds to the side of the ridge where it deepens; legs very slender and fringed with hair.

This species is a native of the Philippine Islands, from which it was first brought by Mr. Cuming. He found it in a freshwater rivulet among the mountains of the island of Negros. Mr. Adams found it also in the island of Mindanao, and from his journal has given me the following description, taken from the crustacean when alive:—

"Carapace dark liver-colour; legs reddish brown; under surface dark brown, on the legs with a lighter tinge; abdomen also of a lighter colour, with a yelllowish line down the middle.♀. Frequents the deep, still, muddy freshwater rivers of the island of Mindanao, hiding under weeds and rotten wood. When caught this singular crustacean feigns death, contracting its limbs and rendering them rigid, as if it were in a catalepsy."

5. **Descriptions of Several New Species of Spondylus.** By G. B. Sowerby, Jun.

**Spondylus unicolor.** Spond. testa solid, oblique ovale, rubro-viola, costis 6 principalibus, squamis crassis, arcuatis; subitus concavis, paululcum palmatis, propé marginem numerosis; costis interstitiatis spinis crassis, brevibus, arcuatis ornatis; inter costas sulcis nonnullis.

*Hab. ——?* Mus. M. Grüner; G. B. Sowerby.

**Spondylus Cumingii.** Spond. testa liber, regulari, subrotundatd, subdepressa; ared cardinali parv; costis principalibus 6 elevatis, levibus, squamis subelongatis, levibus, arcuatis, palmatis, ad latera palmarum undulatim fimbriatis; interstitiis imbricatim striatis; colore fusco rubescente.

A free-growing species, with short cardinal area, in some degree resembling *S. regius* and *S. imperialis*, but most remarkable for the beautiful manner in which the arched palmated scales are frilled and fluted at the sides.

*Hab. ——?* Mus. H. Cuming.
**Spondylus limbatus.** *Spond. testa ovali, crassd, vix costatd, squanmis depressis, laevibus, palmatis, brevibus, irregularibus, inaequalibus, 9 ad 11 dispositis; interstitiis minutissimè striatis, car- dine magno; colore squamarum croceo, interstitiis obscurè violaceo; intus limbo purpureo.*


**Spondylus sinensis.** *Spond. testa laevi, elongato-ovali, ared cardinali plerumque elongatd; costis 5 ad 6 principalibus, vix elevatis, squanmis laevibus, depressis, palmatis; interstitiis laevibus, costis inaequalibus et squanmis minoribus; colore pallide fulco, vel roseo, vel albo, prope umbonem fusco variegato.*

Remarkable for the smooth, depressed, palmed, spoon-shaped scales on the five or seven principal ribs, which are repeated in miniature in the interstices.

From China.

**Spondylus lingua-felis.** *Spond. testa ovali, crassd, ared cardinali et auriculis magnis; costis numerosis, vix elevatis, spinis brevibus, æqualibus, numerosis armatis; colore fusco, subtus croceo.*

A much more solid shell than *S. asperrimus*, with the hinge large; the colour is a uniform dark brown, which is shown in the interior by a well-defined border. The shell is covered by nearly equal ribs, which are armed by short, thick, slightly curved prickles.


**Spondylus digitatus.** *Spond. testa subrotundatd, tenui, costatd; costis 6 ad 9 principalibus, vix elevatis, squanmis rectiusculis, arcuatis, ad terminos palmatis, aculeatim divisis; interstitiis spinosis; colore fusco, vel rubro, vel purpureo, ad umbones rubro variegato.*

The peculiarity of this species consists in the beautifully branched and digitated palmations which terminate the erect and arched scales.


**Spondylus asperrimus.** *Spond. testa subrotundatd; costis numerosis vix elevatis, subæqualibus, aculeis brevibus, erectis, creberri- mis, subtus canaliculatis; interstitiis scabriculis et spinosis, colore valva superioris fusco, prope umbonem variegato; valva inferiori croceo.*


**Spondylus tendispinosus.** *Spond. testa ovali, tenui, costis principalibus 8 spinis elongatis, tenuibus, erectis, numerosis, spinis interstitiialibus minutis; interstitiis minutè imbricatis; laminis valvæ superioris elegantissimè foliaceis; colore pallide cinereo, prope umbonem rubro variegato, valvæ inferioris albo, prope umbonem fla- vida rubro radiato.*

This species is distinguished by the thin, sharp, erect, white spines which ornament the numerous ribs. The upper valve is of a pale ashy colour, variegated with red near the umbo, and the under
valve is white, with beautifully foliated laminae and a few graceful spines.


June 8, 1847.

Harpur Gamble, Esq., M.D., in the Chair.

The following papers were read:—

1. **On the Finner Whales, with the Description of a New Species.** By J. E. Gray, Esq., F.R.S. etc.

Sibbald has described and figured two specimens of Finner Whale. Artedi, and after him Linnaeus, regarded these figures as representations of separate species, but the characters which they gave for the species appear to depend solely on the state the specimens were in when described and figured. These species have been generally adopted in the Fauna of this country.

The **Whales** appear to differ greatly from one another in the degree of mobility of the neck, as is well-shown in the union or separation of the cervical vertebrae, and in the variations in the development of their lateral and spinous processes.

The union or separation of the cervical vertebrae appears to afford good generic distinctions.

Duvernoy, in the second edition of Cuvier's 'Comparative Anatomy,' has observed, "In the Cetacea the seven cervical vertebrae of the genus *Balæna* are all soldered together, and sometimes the first dorsal is equally soldered to the cervical.

"In the genus *Physeter* the atlas is distinct, and the six other vertebrae are soldered.

"In the *Delphinus* the atlas and axis only are united, and the five other vertebrae remain separate, but they are very thin.

"Lastly, in the Rorquals (Pike Whales), *Delphinus gangeticus* (the genus *Platanista*), the Dugong and Lamantin, they are all or nearly all separate."—Duvernoy in *Cuv. Anat. Comp.* ed. 2. i. 195.

I may further observe, that in *Balænoptera rostrata*, which I have considered as the type of *Balænoptera*, the second and third cervical vertebrae are united by their spinous processes, while the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh vertebrae are separate and well-developed; while in *Physalus Boops, antiquorum* and *Sibbildii*, and in *Megapteron longimanus* they are all well-developed, and separate from one another. In the *Grampus* (*Orca gladiator*) the first five cervical vertebrae are united together into one body, and the sixth and seventh are very thin,
rudimentary and separate. In *Hyperoodon* all the cervical vertebrae are rudimentary and united, as in *Balena*. In *Monodon* the first and second cervical vertebrae are separate and large, and the remainder are very thin, separate, and nearly rudimentary.

M. Cuvier (*Oss. Foss. v. 378, 380*) has observed that the second and third cervical vertebrae of the Cape *Megaptera* are united together by their bodies: this does not appear to be the case with the Greenland *Megopteron longimanus*.

The union of the vertebrae in the different genera appears to take place at an early period in the life of the animal, for in the skeleton of a young *Balenoptera rostrata* which has the epiphysis of the vertebrae and arm-bones quite separate, the vertebrae were firmly united.

Cuvier, in his researches on the Whales (*Oss. Foss. v. 378, 380. t. 26. f. 13 and 18*), observes that the two kinds of true Whale (*Balena*) might be distinguished by the form of the lateral processes; and Professor Eschricht of Copenhagen has made the same observation with respect to the Finner or Pike Whales (*Balenoptera*); and from what I have observed, they appear to present the best character for the distinction of the species, for there can be no doubt that the expanded lateral processes of the *Physalus antiguorum* must be for a very different purpose, and require very different muscles for their movements than the short lateral processes of *Physalus Boops* and *Sibbaldii*.

In my Essay on the Cetaceous animals published in the *Zoology of H.M.S. Erebus and Terror*, from the examination of several skeletons and their fragments and the descriptions of different authors, I attempted to establish that there were three distinct British species, distinguished by good zoological and osteological characters. Having lately had occasion to examine other specimens, and being enabled to make more minute comparison, I am now satisfied that there is a fourth species which inhabits our coast, and the re-examination of these specimens has enabled me to correct some inaccuracies in my former account.

In the paper above referred to I proposed to divide the genus *Balenoptera* into three subgenera; but on reconsideration I think it preferable that it should be divided into two genera, retaining the name *Balenoptera* for one of the species, and using the old generic name of *Physalus* for the other three, the genera being established on both zoological and osteological characters.

**Genus Balenoptera, Pike Whales.**

The pectoral fin one-third and the dorsal fin two-thirds the length of the body from the end of the nose. The second and third cervical vertebrae united by the spinous process. The lateral process of the second cervical vertebra rather expanded, united, wing-like. Vertebrae 46 to 48. The pectoral fin moderate, about one-eighth the length of the body. Dorsal fin behind the office of generation. Chest with longitudinal folds.

Balæna rostrata, Müller, Hunter, &c.
Rorqualus minor, Knox, Jardine N.L. 142. t. 7.
Inhabits the British coast, North Seas, Greenland.

There is a skeleton of this species in the British Museum, and a skull in the museum of the Hull Philosophical Society.

In this species the first cervical vertebra is rather broader than long; the central hole is half as high again as broad. The second and third cervical vertebrae are united together by the upper edge. The second cervical vertebra has a broad, much-expanded, lateral process, with an oblong central hole near the body of the vertebra, reaching rather more than half its length. The third, fourth, fifth and sixth cervical vertebrae have two (upper and lower) lateral processes; the upper process of the third is the shortest and least developed, and these processes increase in length to the sixth. The lower process of the third is the thickest; the fourth and fifth rather small, and in the sixth the basal part of the process is shorter, and the upper part much-elongated and thinner. The seventh has only the upper process, which resembles that of the first dorsal in form, but is smaller.

This species is the smallest of the family, and rarely if ever exceeds twenty-five or thirty feet in length. It is easily known by the white spot on the base of the upper side of the pectoral fin.

Genus Physalus, Finner Whales.

The pectoral fin one-fourth, the dorsal fin three-fourths the length of the body from the end of the nose. The cervical vertebrae all separate and free. Vertebrae 54 to 64. Pectoral fin moderate, about one-eighth the length of the body. Dorsal fin behind the orifice of generation. Chest with longitudinal folds.

This genus may be divided into two sections, according to the form of the transverse apophyses of the cervical vertebrae.

* The transverse apophyses of the cervical vertebrae much-expanded, united, forming a ring in the second to the sixth vertebra. Physalus.

1. Physalus antiquorum.

Balæna Physalus, Scoresby.

Balænoptera antiquorum, Fischer, Syn. 325; Gray, Z. E. & T. 50.
Rorqual de la Mediterranée, Cuvier, Os. Poss.
Inhabits British Ocean, Mediterranean.

Skeleton at Black-Gang Chine, from Isle of Wight, and in Mr. Patch's show, from Plymouth.

The transverse apophyses are as broad as the body of the vertebra, and the latter is oblong, half as broad again as high. Vertebrae 54, viz. 7 cervical, 13 dorsal, 17 lumbar, and 17 caudal. The ribs are simple.

The lateral processes of the cervical vertebrae are much longer than
the width of the body of the vertebra; the lateral process of the second cervical has a small, nearly central perforation, and this perforation gradually becomes larger on each succeeding vertebra, until in the sixth it nearly occupies the whole disc of the lateral process, the seventh being only found with a narrow elongated process from the upper edge, the lower process being reduced into the form of a small tubercle.

The Plymouth specimen is travelling the country, curiously mounted in three caravans (the first containing the head, the second the thorax, and the third the middle of the tail), so as to exhibit the parts of the skeleton in their proper situations when the caravans are placed one after the other with their ends removed, and the cervical, lumbar, and caudal vertebrae suspended between or beyond them.

This specimen was found floating on the sea in a decomposed state on the 20th of October, 1831, in Plymouth Sound, and is said to have been 102 feet long and 75 feet in circumference, but most likely the abdominal cavity was distended by internal decomposition.

The lumbar vertebrae are thick and large; both these characters must render this Finner much more powerful and active in the water than any of its allies. The lower jaw 17 feet long; the blade-bone 32 inches by 51; the upper arm-bone 20 inches long by 10½ wide; the lower arm-bone 31 inches long. The lumbar vertebrae are 11 inches long and 14 inches wide; the first rib 59 inches long and 10½ inches wide at the sternal end. The chest-bone is 28 inches wide and 18 inches long.

In this skeleton the proprietor has placed a blade of Greenland whalebone (Balæna mysticetus) on one side, and several of South Sea whalebone (Balæna australis) on the other side of the upper jaw, in the place of the true baleen of Physalus.

There is a second skeleton, which most probably belongs, or is very nearly allied to this species, exhibited at Black-Gang Chine, on the south side of the Isle of Wight, which was caught near the Needles. It was 75 feet long, of a greyish colour.

The skull is 16 feet 7 inches long, 5 feet wide at the orbital notch; the lower jaw 16 feet 9 inches long; the sternum 26 inches wide and 14 long; the upper arm-bone 24 inches long, the lower 33 inches long.

This skeleton chiefly differs from the former in the bones of the arms being rather longer, though the body is one-third shorter; but the length of the Plymouth specimen may be over-estimated.

**The transverse apophyses of the cervical vertebra short, of the third, fourth, fifth and sixth separate.** Rorqualus.

2. Physalus (Rorqualus) Hoops.

The transverse apophysis of the second cervical vertebra thick, short, converging, but separate at the end; of the other cervical
vertebrae slender, rather longer, far apart. The upper apophysis of the sixth bent down, rather elongate, the lower one thicker, shorter, and bent up at the end.

Skeleton in the British Museum. Taken on the coast of Wales and towed into Liverpool in 1846.

The length of the skeleton of the Liverpool specimen is 38 feet; the head is 9 feet long. The vertebrae are 60 in number, and there are 15 pairs of simple ribs.

The cervical vertebrae are all separate, and nearly equally developed; the body of the cervical vertebrae is squarish oblong, about one-fourth broader than high. The spinal canal is oblong, depressed, twice as wide as high. The second vertebra is twice as thick as the other, with two large broad lateral processes scarcely as long as half the width of the vertebra, coming together at the end, but separate, and leaving an oblong hole between them. The third, fourth, fifth and sixth each with superior and inferior narrower lateral processes, the upper one of the third being the narrowest, and gradually increasing in thickness to the sixth; the lower of the fourth rather the broadest, and of the sixth the thickest and most tapering at the end.

The third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh have only two rather short processes on each side, the upper process being the most slender, compressed and bent down, and the lower one conical, stronger, compressed; the processes of the third vertebra are the thinnest, and they gradually increase in thickness and strength to the seventh or last.

The specimen here described was mentioned in the papers of the day as a *spermaceti whale!*

3. *Physalus (Rorqualus) Sibbaldii.*

The transverse apophyses of the second cervical vertebra rather elongated, united, leaving only a small subcentral hole; of the other cervical vertebrae slender, shorter and far apart, nearly straight, directed out laterally.

Inhab. Coast of Yorkshire.

There is in the museum of the Hull Literary and Philosophical Society a very perfect skeleton of this species, taken in the Humber, which is fifty feet long. It has 64 vertebrae, as follows: cervical 7, thoracic 16, lumbar and caudal 41; and the arms and paddles are 6 feet 9 inches long; the ribs 16 pair, all simple. The baleen is black.

This specimen is said to have been eight years old, but on what authority I cannot learn.

I have to thank my friend Mr. Pearshall, the curator of the above museum, for his kindness in sending me a detailed drawing of the natural size of the cervical vertebrae of this interesting species.

For the purpose of comparison with the foregoing description, I here add the following account of the cervical vertebrae of *Megapteron longimanus*, or *Hunchback Whale*, from a fine skeleton in the collection of the British Museum.

The second cervical has two very large, thick, converging, lateral processes, as long as half the diameter of the body of the vertebra.
The third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh have elongated, slender, superior lateral processes, which bend rather downwards, and the sixth and seventh rather forwards. The fourth and fifth have a very short, rudimentary, inferior lateral process, which is smaller on the left side. The other vertebrae are without any process. The cervical vertebrae are all free.

The upper part of the spinous process of the second vertebra is very large and convex, covering this part of the next vertebra.

I may here remark that Professor Eschricht informed me that he could find no difference between the *Megapteron* of the North Sea and the Cape specimen in the Paris Museum. I may also observe that Cuvier (Oss. Foss. v. 381) described the Cape specimen as having the second and third cervical vertebrae united by the upper part of their body, which is not the case with our Northern specimen, and that Cuvier's figures of the lateral process of the Cape specimen are very different from the Northern one here described.

2. **On a new species of *Apteryx*. By John Gould, Esq., F.R.S. Etc.**

We have abundant evidence that at some former period New Zealand, and probably the Polynesian Islands, have been inhabited by a remarkable group of Birds, of which the *Dinornis*, so ably described by Professor Owen, formed a part, and of which the genus *Apteryx* is the only form at present known to exist; this form, so different from all others, has been, and will ever be, regarded with great interest, as the sole remnant of a race of which every other genus is believed to be extinct. Hitherto a single species only of this genus has been recorded; I have therefore no ordinary degree of pleasure in introducing to the notice of this Meeting a second, and if possible a still more extraordinary one than that previously described, and as I reported to the meeting held on the 13th of April, I have intelligence of the existence of a third and much larger species than either of them.

The bird I am now about to describe has just arrived from New Zealand by way of Sydney, but unaccompanied by any information as to the locality in which it was procured, or any particulars of its habits and economy.

It appears to be fully adult, and is about the same size as the *Apteryx Australis*, from which it is rendered conspicuously different by the irregular transverse barring of the entire plumage, which, with its extreme density and hair-like appearance, more closely resembles the covering of a mammal than that of a bird; it also differs in having a shorter, more slender, and more curved bill, and in the structure of the feathers, which are much broader throughout, especially at the tip, and of a loose, decomposed, and hair-like texture. I propose to characterize this new species under the name of *Apteryx Owenii*, feeling assured that it can only be considered as a just compliment to Professor Owen, who has so ably investigated the group to which I believe it pertains.
Apertyx Owenii. *Ap. corpus superius fuscus et fulvo transversim radiatum; plumis singulis, ad basil argentoo-fuscis, in medio saturatius fuscis, deinde fasciâ semilunari transversd fulvò, cui macula succedit informis nigra, ad apicem fulvis. Corpus inferior superiore pallidius, pluma enim quœque inferioris corporis tribus radiis fulvis, superioris tantum duobus ornatur; fulvus quoque color inferioris longius quam superiore corpore in apicibus plumarum extendit.*

Face, head and neck dull yellowish brown; throat somewhat paler; all the upper surface transversely rayed with blackish brown and fulvous; each individual feather being silvery brown at the base, darker brown in the middle, then crossed by a lunate mark of fulvous, to which succeeds an irregular mark of black, and terminated with fulvous; under surface paler than the upper, caused by each feather being crossed by three rays of fulvous instead of two, and more largely tipped with that colour; the feathers of the thighs resemble those of the back; bill dull yellowish horn-colour; feet and claws fleshy-brown.

Total length, from the tip of the bill to the extremity of the body, 18 inches; bill, from the gape to the tip, $3\frac{3}{8}$; bill, $\frac{2}{3}$ broad at the gape; tarsi, $2\frac{1}{4}$; middle toe and nail, $2\frac{1}{2}$.

Hab. New Zealand.

Remark.—In this species the wing is even more rudimentary than in the *Apertyx Australis*.


Metallura, gen. nov.


Gen. char.—Bill straight, moderately long; plumage soft and silky; tail rather large and rounded; throat and under surface of the tail-feathers very luminous, like shining metal; wings moderately large and apparently adapted for an easy mode of flight; tarsi bare; feet rather large; hind-toe and nail as long or longer than the middle toe and nail.

Females.—Much less brilliant than the males in every respect, and in most of the species wanting the luminous mark on the throat.

The species are—
- *Trochilus cupreocauda*, Gould,
- *Trochilus Alardi*, Boucc.
- *Trochilus smaragdinicollis*, D'Orb.
- *Trochilus Williami*, Boucc.

* See ante, pp. 7, 16, 30.
DORYFERA, gen. nov.


Gen. char.—Bill long, straight for three-fourths of its length, and inclining upwards to the extremity; wings moderately large; tail rounded, rather rigid, each feather ending in a point; tarsi partly clothed; feet moderate in size; hind-toe and nail as long as the middle toe and nail.

The species are—

Trochilus (Doryfera) Louise.

TROCHILUS (DORYFERA) VIOLIFRONS. Troch. fronte maculat rotundata metallicè violaceæ notata; occipite, collo, et dorso superiore aeneo-viridibus; dorso inferiore, et tectricibus caudæ superioribus, sor-dide griseo-caeruleis; gêlâ, et abdomine, nigris viride splendentibus; tectricibus caudæ inferioribus intènse violaceis; caudâ ipsâ nigro violaceo subnîtente.

On the forehead a round spot of beautiful metallic violet; back of the head, neck and upper part of the back bronzy green, passing into purer green on the back and shoulders; lower part and upper tail-coverts dull greyish blue; throat and abdomen black, with green reflexions; under tail-coverts deep violet-blue; wings purplish brown; tail black, slightly glossed with green; bill black; feet brown.

Total length, 4¾ inches; bill, 1¹/₄; wing, 2¹/₂; tail, 1³/₄.

Remark.—This most interesting addition to the Trochilidae is precisely of the same form in every respect as T. Louise, but differs most remarkably in the colouring of its plumage, the forehead being violet instead of green, and the under surface black instead of golden green.

LOPHORNIS REGINÆ. Loph. vertice, et cristo, ferrugineo-rubris, plumis singulis maculat viride ad apicem ornatis; loro, gêlâ et colli lateribus, viridibus, candentibus; maculâ plumarum lanceo-latarum subviridâ albbâ; nachâ, et dorso superiore, fulgente viridibus; dorso inferiore, uropygio, et tectricibus caudæ superioribus, aeneo-fusciâ; uropygio lined albbâ transversim fasciâtâ; caudâ castaneo-fusciâ, rectricibus duabus intermediis ad apicem et margines, rectricibus etiam duabus externis ad margines, aeneo-viridibus.

Crown of the head and crest bright rusty red, each feather with a beautiful dark green spot at the tip; lores, throat and sides of the neck resplendent metallic green, beneath which is a patch of white lanceolate feathers; back of the neck and upper part of the back lustrous green; lower part, rump and upper tail-coverts bronzy brown; rump crossed by a distinct line of white; tail chestnut-brown, the tips and margins of the two middle and the margins of the external feathers rich bronzy green; abdomen light metallic green; wings purplish brown; bill reddish brown at the base, dark brown at the tip; feet brown.
Total length, 2½ inches; bill, ¼ ; wing, 1½ ; tail, 1½.

Remark.—Nearly allied to Lophornis Regulus and ornatus, but differing from the former in having the crest-feathers broader and the green spots on the tips much larger. It is a very beautiful species.

**Trochilus (Glaucus?) Cereleogaster.** Troch. vertice, nuchâ, uropygio, et tectricibus caudâ superioribus, aeneo-viridibus; mento, colli lateribus, et dorso viridibus; guld, et abdomine, cyaneis; tectricibus caudâ inferioribus magnis, albis; caudâ nigrid pallide cyaneo nitente.

Crown of the head and back of the neck dull bronzey green; back green, passing into bronzey green on the rump and upper tail-coverts; chin and sides of the neck green, gradually passing into the beautiful blue of the throat and abdomen; under tail-coverts largely developed and of a pure white; tail black, with steel-blue reflexions; wings purplish brown; bill black; feet brown.

Total length, 4¾ inches; bill, 1½ ; wing, 2½ ; tail, 2.

Remark.—About the same size as, and similar in every respect to, T. Buffonii, Lesson, but differs from it in the throat and abdomen being beautiful blue instead of green.

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June 22, 1847.

Harpur Gamble, Esq., M.D., in the Chair.

The following communications were read:—

1. **Description of a New Lizard discovered by Mr. Dyson in Venezuela.** By J. E. Gray, Esq., F.R.S., F.Z.S.

In the 'Annals and Magazine of Natural History' I described a lizard, from Columbia, which Mr. Brandt sent me under the name of *Argalia marmorata*, and considered it as the type of a peculiar family. In Mr. Dyson's collection, just received at the Museum, there is a second species of this genus from Venezuela, differing from the former not only in the colouring, but in the size of the head and the comparative length of the tail.

This genus has much the appearance of the *Barisio*, but is at once known from them and other New World *Zonuridae* by having femoral pores, by the position of the nostrils, and by the scales on the side of the body not being granular, though rather smaller than those of the back.
ARGALIA OLIVACEA.

Olive-green; beneath pale brown; sides of neck and body yellow spotted; tail rather longer than the body and head, thick at the base. Palms of the feet bright yellow.

Inhab. Venezuela.

Mr. Dyson found a pair of these lizards on a tree in the mountains, 8000 feet above the level of the sea, near the Colonia de Tova, by a tree called Grand Cedro, the largest known in Venezuela, and much larger than that described by Humboldt.

They now form part of the collection of the British Museum. The sexes are quite alike in form and colour.

2. ACCOUNT OF A BLACK AND WHITE MOTTLED SWAN, ON THE WATER IN THE DEMESNE OF THE EARL OF SHANNON, CASTLE MARTYR, COUNTY CORK. BY MAURICE GLENCON, GAMEKEEPER TO THE EARL OF SHANNON. COMMUNICATED BY THE PRESIDENT.

In the year 1843 a male black swan paired with a white female swan; she laid six eggs, and hatched four cygnets. Before they got to the age of six months, three of them met with untimely deaths. This bird in 1845 paired with its father, and laid four eggs, which came to nothing. It is very like the father about the head, but about the body it resembles the white swan. It lives on the water with others, black swans and white swans, and agrees with both.

The above statement may be relied on as authentic and correct, because I have witnessed it from beginning to ending.

Upon the same island where this bird was born I have seen more than eighty cormorants' nests, on Scotch fir-trees not under sixty feet in height, in which they hatched their young. This was fourteen years ago.

Castle Martyr, June 1847.

3. ON THE PORCUPINES OF THE OLDER OR EASTERN CONTINENT, WITH DESCRIPTIONS OF SOME NEW SPECIES. BY J. E. GRAY, ESQ., F.R.S., F.Z.S. ETC.

This genus, on account of the similarity of the appearance of the species, has been very imperfectly examined. M. F. Cuvier, in the eleventh volume of the ‘Mémoires du Muséum,’ has given a paper on the crania and teeth of the family, and divided them into genera, forming those of the old world, which alone came within the scope of this communication, into two: the first he calls Hystrix, and figures as the type a skull which he considers as that of the Porcupine of Italy; and formed a second genus under the name of Acanthion for a skull brought by Leschenault from Java, and a skeleton described by Daubenton (Buffon, H. N. xii. t. 53) in the Paris Museum. He gives a general description and some observations on the relative size of the face and brain-cavity, rather than a character for these genera, and no distinctive character by which the two species of the genus Acanthion can be recognized.
The Baron Cuvier does not take any notice of the genus *Acanthion* in the second edition of the 'Règne Animal' (i. 215), but merely observes that the Indian and African species have their heads less swollen; but he formed for the *fasciculated Porcupine* (*H. fasciculata*) a genus under the name of *Atherura*, characterized by the muzzle not being swollen, and the tail elongated and not prehensile. Some authors, as Fischer (Synopsis Mam. i. 267, ii. 603), have considered this animal as the one on which F. Cuvier established his genus *Acanthion*. See on this subject the excellent remarks of Mr. Bennett on the gardens and menageries of the Zoological Society, i. 176.

J. F. Brandt, in the 'Mémoires de l’Académie Impériale des Sciences de Saint Pétersbourg' for 1835, on the Rodent in the museum of that Academy, has also overlooked M. F. Cuvier's genus, and he observes, "The genus *Acanthion* of F. Cuvier I add to the genus *Hystrix*, on account of the resemblance of the cranium of *H. hernitorostris* with that of *Acanthion Daubentonii*. G. Cuvier, although he proposed the new genus *Atherura*, does not say a word respecting *Acanthion* in the new edition of the 'Règne Animal'; and I should almost conclude from his words under the genus *Hystrix* (i. 215),—'there are (in the genus *Hystrix*) species with the head less swollen;' that he himself regarded the quotation *Acanthion* and *Hystrix* as one and the same."—Mém. Acad. Pétersb. 1835, 267, note.

I may here remark, that the skull figured by M. F. Cuvier as that of the *Italian Porcupine* does not agree with our specimen of the skull of the European species, and belongs to what I have considered the genus *Acanthion*, as I keep the name of *Hystrix* for the old Linnean species *H. cristata*: that the skull figured by Brandt as a new species, under the name of *Hystrix hernitorostris*, does agree with our specimen from Xanthus, which I regard as the European species; and though he compares it in the note above quoted with F. Cuvier's figure of the genus *Acanthion*, it differs from that figure in most important characters; while the skull which Brandt figures for that of *Hystrix cristata* very nearly resembles F. Cuvier's figure above referred to, which represents, according to the characters pointed out in this communication, what I regard as the genus *Acanthion*.

Having had the opportunity of comparing the various skulls and skeletons of the species of this genus contained in the British Museum with the skulls of the Indian species in the collection of Colonel Cautley, and with the three skulls in the collections of the Zoological Society, I have been induced to make the following communication to the Meeting, as containing the results of this examination, and with the hope of calling the attention of the Members to the necessity of further attention to this hitherto neglected genus. These skulls form themselves into three groups, and that I may not encumber science with new names, I have used the three already proposed by the brothers Cuvier, though the characters I have given for the genus *Acanthion* may not be such as M. F. Cuvier had in his mind when he formed the division.
Synopsis of the Genera.

I. Tail short; skull convex above; the nasal and intermaxillary bones large to (or to behind) the front edge of the orbit; the (upper) grinders all with a fold on the inner side.

1. Hystrix. The intermaxillary broad and truncated, and as wide behind as before. The grinders oblong, longer than broad, with one very distinct fold on the inner and three or four on the outer side.

2. Acanthion. The intermaxillary triangular, tapering behind; the grinders subcylindrical, not longer than broad, with a distinct fold on the inner and two or three on the outer side.

II. Tail elongate, tufted at the end; skull nearly flat above; the nasal and intermaxillary bones short, not nearly reaching to the front of the orbits. Intermaxillary narrow, truncated behind; the front (upper) grinders (and perhaps all but the last) without any fold on the inner side.

3. Atherura.

1. Hystrix.

Tail short; crown and nape crested; spines subcylindrical, striated; the skull very wide, swollen, convex above; the nasal and intermaxillaries large, reaching to the line even with the front edge of the orbit. The intermaxillaries very large, broad, oblong; as wide behind as before, and truncated behind; the palate wide between the grinders; the grinders oblong, longer than broad. The development of the face is produced by the dilatations of the hinder part of the intermaxillary bones.


Black; spines of the sides greyish, softish, subcylindrical; of the back thick, tapering, with several black rings and a moderate white tip. The upper part of the intermaxillary wider than the width of the nasal. Skull very convex and wide, the palate wider than the width of the teeth.

Inhab. South Europe and Africa.

The spines are described from a specimen from South Africa, presented to the Museum by Dr. W. Burchell, and the skull, from that of an Italian specimen, received from a menagerie, and a young skull with only three grinders, brought from Xanthus and presented to the British Museum by G. Scharff, Esq.

The skull figured by Brandt, Mém. Acad. Pétersb. 1835, t. 8. f. 3, 4, 5, 6, as that of his Hystrix hirsutirostris, well represents the skull of the young H. cristata from Xanthus.

The skull of the Italian porcupine figured by F. Cuvier, and of H. cristata figured by Brandt, do not belong to the species above described.

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Black; spines of the throat white-tipped (forming a half-collar); of the sides rigid, angular, of the back very long, slender, with several black rings, and a very long, slender, white tip. Skull elongate, rather narrow; the hinder part of the intermaxillary as wide as the nasal. The palate narrow, not wider than the width of the teeth.


The above description is taken from two adult and one young specimens in the British Museum,—one presented by Colonel Sykes and the others by B. H. Hodgson, Esq.,—two skulls from Mr. Hodgson's specimens, three skulls from Colonel Cautley's collection, and a skull in the museum of the Zoological Society.

The young skull, which has three well-developed and worn grinders, is the same length as the young skull of H. cristata from Xanthus, which has the third grinder partly developed. The Nepal skull is much less swollen, less convex above, and nearly one-third narrower, and the teeth are smaller, occupying about one-fourth less space than the three teeth in the European skull.

I may observe, that though these skulls preserve a very distinct character, yet they vary so much amongst themselves as to show that skulls afford no better character for the distinction of species than any other single character, such as colour, but can only be depended on when taken in connexion with the rest of the organization.

In Colonel Cautley's collection there are three adult skulls (nos. 32, 34, 35) of this species from Northern India; they agree nearly in size and in the comparative width of the intermaxillary and nasal bones; one differs from the other two considerably in the width between the orbits, and slightly in the convexity of the frontal line. They are all much larger than Mr. Hodgson's specimen from Nepal.

No. 34 is peculiar for having a fifth grinder appearing behind the fourth on the left side above.

This species is easily known by the very elongate slender spines of the back and by the form of the intermaxillary, though they are subject to some variation.

The figures by Harvey published by Mr. Bennett above-quoted well represent the elongated drooping dorsal spines of this species.
Measurement of the Skulls in inches and lines.

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2. Acanthion.

Tail short; crown and nape not crested. Spikes short, flattened and channeled above. Skull rather elongate, convex above; the nasal and intermaxillary reaching to the line even with the front, or even to the middle of the orbit; the intermaxillaries triangular, narrowed behind; the palate moderately wide between the grinders; the grinders subcylindrical, not longer than broad.

F. Cuvier established his genus *Acanthion* on a skull and skeleton in the Paris Museum. He gave as the character the less convexity of the head and the smaller size of the nose; but he takes no notice of the size and form of the intermaxillary, which appears to be the best character of the group.

M. G. Cuvier and Brandt have not adopted M. F. Cuvier's genus. This genus presents two very distinct sections:—

* The nasal very long, broad to the middle of the orbit. **Acanthion.**

† Malar bone simple. Palatine opening parallel.

1. Acanthion Hodgsonii, n. s. **Lesser Indian Porcupine.**

Crown and nape without any crest. Blackish brown, neck with a very narrow indistinct white collar. Spines of the head and neck slender, bristle-like; of the front half of the body short, angular, acute, with a deep groove; of the hinder part of the back longer, with a very small pale tip and some white ones; some of the latter are moderately long and thick, with a black end; and others are longer and slenderer, with a subcentral black band. Skull rather elongate, narrowed before the orbit; the intermaxillaries very narrow, and rather
acute behind. Palatine opening narrow and nearly parallel. Malar bone moderately wide, and rather gradually narrowed behind. The nasal holes large; the front end of the nasal over the base of the upper cutting-teeth.


The spinous process of the second cervical vertebra is very large and recurved; of the first dorsal is shorter than the second or others; the ribs are 15.15, very broad and large. The caudal vertebrae are deficient.

This species is described from a half-grown specimen and its skull, and a skeleton of an adult animal from Nepal, presented to the British Museum by B. H. Hodgson, Esq.

†† Malar bone with a deep notch behind. Palatine opening diverging.

2. Acanthion Cuvieri, n. s.

Black? Spines? Skull very convex above, very wide over and before the orbits. The hinder part of the intermaxillary rather broad, and rounded at the end. The palatine openings wide, and diverging from each other behind. The malar bone very broad in front, narrow behind. The nasal hole very large; the front edge of the nasal far back behind the base of the cutting-teeth.


This species is described from an adult skull, with the hinder part of the upper surface cut away, which is contained in the museum of the Zoological Society. It agrees in almost every particular with the skull figured by Brandt and F. Cuvier as that of the European Porcupine. Brandt's figure is just half, and Cuvier's rather more than half the size of this specimen. Brandt's figure is most characteristic, both in the posterior position of the nasal bone and the notch in the lower edge of the orbit produced by the sudden narrowing of the malar bone.

** Skull narrower in front. Nasal bone moderate to the front edge of the orbits. Malar bone with an obtuse post-orbital process.

Acantherium.


Acanthion Javanicum, F. Cuvier, Mém. Mus. ix. t. 1. f. 3, 4. From a skull; and Mus. Leyden.
Hystrix brevispinosus, Wagner.
H. torquatus. Mus. ——?
Greyish black, throat with a large square white spot. Spines of the head elongate setaceous; of the front half of the body short, dark, with a deep groove and a white tip; of the hinder part of the back longer, more cylindrical, white, with a black tip and bands; of the under-side of the tail white; the sides with a few scattered, very slender, white spines. The palate narrowed behind. Condyles of
the skull small. Dorsal vertebrae thirteen, with thirteen pair of rather elongate slender ribs; the spinous process of the first dorsal vertebra as long as the second and following ones. The caudal vertebrae fifteen.

Inhab. India? Java?
There is a skin and skeleton of this species in the collection of the British Museum: it is a male which lived in the Surrey Zoological Gardens for ten or twelve years.

M. F. Cuvier established a species under the name of *Acanthion Javanicum* on a skull from Java in the Paris Museum. In the Leyden Museum there are several specimens of this or the next species, which they regard as M. F. Cuvier's species. Neither M. Cuvier's nor my notes on the Leyden specimens enable me to distinguish to which the names belong.

While living in the Surrey Zoological Gardens it bred with a female of the Common Crested Porcupine, and produced a hybrid specimen, which, with its skeleton, is now in the British Museum collection. The animal is intermediate between the two species, having only a short compressed crest; and the skull is equally intermediate in character, having the broad palate and oblong teeth of *H. cristata*, and the more elongated form of the skull and the triangular inter-maxillaries of the male parent.


The palate between the grinders narrow (2½ lines), and rather wider behind between the last grinders. Condyle of skull large.

The dorsal vertebrae fourteen, with fourteen pair of rather wide ribs; the spinous process of the first dorsal is nearly as long as the second and third; and of the second cervical is large and recurved. Caudal vertebrae seventeen.


**Measurement of Skulls in inches and lines.**

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We have a skeleton of this species, which was purchased of Mr. Bartlett as "the Square-spined, not Crested Porcupine," but unfortunately the skin was not preserved.

I ought in justice here to remark, that Edward Gerrard, who has the preparation and the care of the skeletons in the British Museum collection, and Mr. Bartlett both informed me there were osteological distinctions between these very distinct species.

3. ATHERURA, Cuvier.

Tail elongate, tapering, ending in a tuft of peduncled, compressed spines. Skull elongate, rather suddenly narrowed in front, rather depressed and flattened above. The nasal moderate, not reaching to the front edge of the orbit. The intermaxillary rather narrowed behind, square at the hinder end. The malar bone broad in front, subtriangular, very narrow behind. The palatine foramen rather far apart, linear and rather diverging behind. The grinder subcylindrical. The upper front one with two large folds on the outer side, reaching nearly to the inner edge, and with a smaller fold on middle of the outer, and three similar folds on the hinder edge; the other upper grinder with two grooves or folds on outer edge, and one on the middle of the inner: these grooves become isolated, oblong rings of enamel as the teeth become more worn: the fold on the inner side of the last grinder is most distinct. Palate truncate behind.

1. ATHERURA FASCICULATA, Cuv.

Landak, Marsden, Hist. Sumatra. Raffles.
Hystrix macoura, Linn. From Seba.
Hystrix fasciculata, Shaw. From Buffon.
Inhab. Sumatra, Raffles; Malacca, Buffon; Celebes, Seba.


Inhab. Fernando Po, Lieut. Vidal; Sierra Leone, Mr. Frazer.
Skull, without lower jaw, in collection of Zool. Soc.

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"The animals are found in such plenty (in the colony of Fernando Po) as to afford a staple article of food to the inhabitants."—Bennett, l. c. 175.

In the testicle of the elephant that died on the 7th of this month in the menagerie of the Society, there was scarcely any semen. The seminal tubes measured from the \( \frac{1}{10} \)th to the \( \frac{1}{8} \)th of an English inch in diameter; they contained a brownish pulpy matter, which, under the microscope, appeared to be composed of a liquid loaded with a multitude of minute, shining, oil-like molecules, either free or aggregated into roundish and shapeless corpuscles. There were also a few objects like altered epithelial corpuscles; but not a single spermatozoon, either free or in a cell, could be discovered.

Within the tube of the epididymis, however, a few distinct spermatozoa were found; and the drawing of them now shown is on a scale of \( \frac{1}{10000} \)th of an inch, the objects being magnified between 700 and 800 times, linear admeasurement.

It will be seen that there is nothing peculiar either in the form or size of these spermatozoa of the elephant. They resemble generally those of numerous other mammalia. For the sake of comparison I exhibit drawings, made on the same scale, of spermatozoa from the Cervidae, Camelidae, Ursidae, Mustelidae, Soricidae and Sciuridae, all of which are noticed more or less in my papers in the Proceedings of the Society, July 26, 1842, April 11, 1843, and February 24, 1846.

The elephant was supposed to be about forty years old.

I may mention, that while engaged in looking for the testicles of the elephant, we exposed two large muscles arising from the pubes, and inserted into the dorsum of the corpora cavernosa penis. Each of these muscles was quite as large as the biceps muscle of the human arm.

The use of these muscles in the elephant, to elevate, retract and suspend his immense penis, is indicated by their attachments. Under the microscope the fibre of these muscles of the penis was found to possess all the characters of common voluntary muscle.

5. Brief notes on the Habits of Noctilio mastivus.

By P. H. Gosse, Esq.

The following notes are extracted from a journal kept in Jamaica during a residence there in the years 1845 and 1846:

"Being out on a shooting excursion on the 18th of October, 1845, round Crabpond Point, on the southern coast, about the middle of the day I looked about for a seat on which to rest while I ate some refreshment. A gigantic cotton-tree (Eriodendron anfractusum) in the grass-piece of Mount Edgecumbe seemed to promise in its long root-spurs the seat I was seeking. On arriving at it I found the tree was hollow, the trunk forming a wide chimney of unknown height, as being closed at the top, the darkness prevented my seeing more than a few yards up. I remarked to my servant that it was a likely locality for bats; but the appearance of a large Gecko drew off my attention, and I attempted to capture it. The reptile darted
however within the cavity, and I then noticed that beneath the hollow was piled a heap, several feet in diameter, and at least a foot in height, of a soft granular substance, which on examination I found to be the dung of some insectivorous animals, with a very rank peculiar odour. I had now no doubt of the tree being the abode of bats, but had little expectation of being able to ascertain the fact. While peering carefully up, however, I distinctly heard the flapping of wings and some shrill squeakings, and this determined me to fire my fowling-piece at random up the cavity. This I did twice, and though I brought down nothing but a little rotten wood, yet presently, when the smoke had a little subsided, on looking up again I discerned amidst the darkness one or two heads, which seemed those of rats, and immediately another just above them, evidently crawling downwards. I pointed them out to my negro lad, who saw two or three more, and presently, as it became more clear of smoke, the whole sides of the cavity appeared full of curious round faces. I now fired, no longer at random, and had the pleasure of bringing down this beautiful bat, which fell dead. The smoke of this discharge made the others more anxious to come down to the fresh air, and we could see them descending fast, head downwards. As the shot lacerated the membranes considerably, I bethought myself of another plan: cutting a long switch with a few twigs at its extremity, I stood at the bottom and whipped one down; he came sprawling with expanded wings on the ground, apparently with but little notion of flight, although unwounded. On being taken up by the wings he displayed uncommon fierceness, biting savagely and powerfully anything within his reach. Three or four more I obtained in the same manner and brought home.

"When thrown up into the air in a room, they would not fly, but merely opened the volar membranes to break their fall, as with a parachute. Two, which I kept alive, hung themselves up by the hind-feet from the side of a cage into which I put them, and would not move, except to shift an inch or two; nor did the approach and arrival of night excite them to activity. One, however, which had contrived to secrete himself in the room, when, having taken both out of the cage, I turned my back for a moment, and which I had vainly searched for, I found at night, by going into the room with a candle: hearing a scrambling, I looked up to the top of the wall, where was my lost bat, endeavouring to suspend himself. On being touched he flew off, but immediately alighted, and so repeatedly; sometimes, when he failed of taking a hold of the wall, he came to the floor, whence he readily rose, though very obliquely. I was struck with his expanse of wing when performing his noiseless flight around the room, and with his resemblance to a bird, aided by the enormous interfemoral membrane, which being expanded by the hind-legs and depressed, looked like the broad tail of a flying bird, and appeared to guide the motion in like manner.

"While taking some drawings of one, as it hung from the immense hind-feet, I was amused to see how it would thrust its nose into every part of the volar membranes, apparently searching for para-
sites (of which several were briskly crawling among the hair); and now and then it brought down one hind-foot, and scratched itself with exactly the motion of a monkey; and once I observed, after scratching its breast, it delivered something into its mouth. The flexibility of the ankle-joint was extreme, so that the foot could reach with ease any part of the body.

"I presented to one a large cockroach, which he seized greedily and munched up, moving the jaws only vertically. The eating was attended with a loud and very harsh _crunching_ of the teeth—not produced by crushing the horny parts of the insect, for it was equally perceptible when munching a bit of soft flesh. The jaws moved rapidly, but yet the mastication was a long operation, _for it appeared to me to be performed almost wholly by the canines_. As the insect was progressively masticated, portions were allowed to fall into the cheek-pouches (the one being pretty well filled before the other was used), which when full hung down on each side of the lower jaw, to the depth of three or four lines, like distended bags, displaying a warded surface. When the whole of one cockroach had been masticated, and deposited in the pouches, it would take another, which was gradually disposed of in the same receptacles; then, after a few moments' intermission, by a contortion of the jaw, aided by the motion of the muscles of the pouch, a portion was returned to the mouth, and again masticated. This was repeated till all was swallowed, and the pouches appeared empty and contracted up out of sight. The whole process was much like ruminatio. Small portions of the muscle of a bird, which were presented to one, he chewed up and deposited in the pouches; but after being regurgitated, and a second time masticated, they were expelled instead of being swallowed. The process of eating seemed an awkward one; it was a rapid succession of choppings with the long canines, through which the tongue was thrust about so nimbly that it appeared a wonder it was not impaled perpetually.

"In order to rest, like other bats they crawled upwards and backwards by means of the hind-feet, seeking the greatest elevation they could attain which afforded a hold for the claws. They were social, though both were males; usually hanging side by side, or sometimes with the leg of one crossing the leg of the other, or even one upon the other. Sometimes they brought their faces together, and licked each other's open mouths in a singular manner; and this appeared grateful to them. I did not hear either of them click or squeak.

"Pressed by numerous engagements, I was prevented from again visiting the tree until about ten days after. I then went thither in the afternoon, wishing to see the bats emerge for the night; but though I waited till after sunset, not one appeared. The next morning I smoked the cavity again, using the fumes of burning nitre and sulphur, but entirely without success. I hence inferred that they had deserted the tree as a dwelling on the first molestation. After some months, however, I again found it tenanted by the same species, if not the same individuals, and succeeded in obtaining another spe-

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cimen, whose manners in captivity were identical with those recorded above.

"I have never seen the species abroad (so as to identify it), but my intelligent negro lad, Sam, observed two about noon on the 16th of April, the sun shining vertically. It was at a provision-ground at Belmont, where they were clinging to the limb of a young Avocado Pear (Persea). A Banana-bird (Icterus leucoperyx) was flying towards them, apparently with the intention of pecking them, on whose approach they flew away in different directions. The lad did not perceive them until the very moment of separation and flight, but he noticed that they were in actual contact, though he could not tell their position. No hole or hollow tree was near. Could they have been in copula?"

I conjecture that it is the present species to which reference is made in the following paragraph, which appeared in the Salisbury Journal of February 6th, 1847:—"Mr. Thomas Dickon, an eminent farmer in Lincolnshire, had been induced to go to Jamaica, as manager of some extensive estates there, with the intention of introducing the best systems of farming where they had been hitherto unknown. Accounts have been received that there is already every probability of a considerable increase of sugar being produced by applying a new guano as tillage. It is the dung of large bats. The bats are said to amount to myriads; and Mr. D. having observed many of these singular animals entering the crevices of one of the numerous rocks, caused an opening to be made and the place explored. The cave was found to be 250 feet long, 20 feet broad, and from 20 to 80 feet high. The interior contained thousands of these animals, and appeared to have been their dwelling for ages. At the bottom of the cave, bats' dung, at least four feet in thickness, and amounting to about 600 tons in weight, was discovered, and found to be equal to the best Ichaboe guano."

I sent a copy of the above notice to my esteemed friend Richard Hill, Esq., of Spanish Town, who thus replied: 'I know Mr. Dickon, to whom your newspaper paragraph relates. He details his experience in the parish of Westmoreland [the same part of Jamaica as that in which my own observations were made.—P.H.G.]; I will however endeavour to ascertain the precise locality in which he had discovered his extraordinary colony of bats. The Council of the Royal Agricultural Society of Jamaica, of which I am a member, had had its attention called to the manure to be obtained from fecal deposits in caves frequented by bats, and they had analysed the material, but found it so largely charged with the comminuted wing-cases of insects, and so little acted upon by decomposition, that the azotized ingredients combined but slowly as a fertilizer. Several similar accounts were given to us of cave-deposits, to that furnished by Mr. Dickon. His discovery however being made in an unopened cavern, into which the bats had penetrated through crevices in the rock, has special recommendations to notice.

'My attention was some time ago drawn to a similar harbouring-
place of our *Cheiroptera*. One evening, as I was crossing the marshes between Spanish Town and Kingston, by the high-road, I was surprised at sundown at the sudden rushing out of a stream of bats from the face of a clifty hill that rises precipitously from the swamp. They continued pouring out for some quarter of an hour or twenty minutes; they stretched like a string for some hundred yards, in consequence of the one-by-one file in which they came forth from the crevice, and then dispersed themselves up and down and all about, covering the whole expanse of the contiguous marsh. The long highway perspective across the swamp; the level bed of rushes bending in wavelets to the evening wind; the distant mountains with beetling summits and broken declivities, lighted in angular patches by the setting sun, exhibited a wide, dilated and diversified scene, in which no object rose to interrupt the line made by the flitting swarms as they streamed out from the face of the cliff, and spread their myriad numbers over the plain. I have myself noticed the great depth of the rejectamenta of bats in these caverned recesses, but a great deal of it consisted of *undeayed down*, as well as faecal mutings, and undevoured fragments of insects.

In a subsequent communication my friend favoured me with a sample of the excremental deposits from a bat-cavern on Swansea estate in the Vale of Luidas; and I forward it, with this paper, to the Zoological Society.

I close this article with a few particulars of description, some of which are better observed on the living animal than on specimens dried or in spirit. A male measured as follows:—"Muzzle to insertion of tail, 4 1/10 inches; expanse of volar membranes, 24 2/3; ear, from posterior base of tragus to tip, 1 7/10; ditto, from anterior base to tip, 1; tragus, longest side, 1 2/5; shortest, 2/3; nose to front angle of eye, 1 5/10; nose to front of tragus, 1 6/10. Colour varying; upper parts yellow-brown, more or less bright; a well-defined narrow line of pale fulvous runs medially down the back from the head to the tail; under parts pale fawn, bright fulvous or orange; face purplish; the muzzle and chin are much corrugated; face warty; the ears fall into elegant curves. The volar membranes are delicately thin, transparent and glossy; studded with minute, white, papillary glands, which for the most part follow the course of the blood-vessels, but are largest and most numerous in the vicinity of the trunk. The membranes being attached along each side of the spine, with an interval in the middle of the back of but 7 6/10ths of an inch, the body is, to a great extent, free. The wing, when at rest, has but a single fold, the ultimate joint of the second and third fingers being brought back upon the penultimate. The reproductive organs are large and prominent. At the base of the penis are two follicles, secreting a dark brown substance, dry and lumpy, but friable between the fingers, most insufferably musky, the odour from which is strongly diffused by the animal during life."

From the width of the gape, the length of the teeth, and the power of the jaws in this species, together with the ferocious eagerness with which my captive specimens snatched at large cockroaches, I
conjecture that its insect-prey is large; probably nocturnal beetles and the larger moths and sphinges.

July 13, 1847.

William Yarrell, Esq., Vice-President, in the Chair.

The following papers were read:—


Doubtless it will be remembered that in many Mammalia the last cervical vertebra has a transverse process of simple form, wanting the perforation for the passage of the vertebral artery, so characteristic of the remaining vertebrae in this region of the spine, and which, together with the absence of articulated ribs, has been considered as the definite character by which such a vertebra may be distinguished. However, it is now well known that the existence of this foramen in the transverse process of the seventh cervical vertebra is rather the exception than the rule among the mammalian class, since it is wanting in most of the lower Quadruped, as the Cebi and Lemurs*, in nearly all the Carnivora and the Rodentia (except the Hares), in the Ruminantia, and several of the Pachydermata and Edentata; but as its presence or absence has but little importance either in a zoological or physiological point of view, it is needless to enter minutely into that question.

It is perhaps scarcely necessary to add, that in the six upper cervicals this foramen is formed by the existence of two exogenous processes, the diapophysis and parapophysis, and the junction of their extremities through the intervention of a small autogenous element, a pleurapophysis or vertebral rib, which becomes ankylosed to them in the warm-blooded animals, at an early period of existence. One of the cervical vertebrae of a whale, described by Mr. Gray in a paper recently read, affords a very interesting example of the existence of

* As some of the exceptions to this generalization possess some interest, it is perhaps as well to notice them. We need not descend lower than the Chimpanzee to witness the disappearance of the foramen, as in this animal its existence is only indicated by a minute process thrown out from the transverse process, and another from the body of the vertebra, but they do not meet; this would render it most probable that the stylet enclosing the foramen beneath is exogenous. In the skeleton of a half-grown *Cynocephalus leucophaeus* in my own collection, the foramen is wanting on one side; on the other it is very small, and the stylet enclosing it shows no trace of separation from the other parts. But the most remarkable peculiarity is that occurring in the Orang-Utan, whose neck is short, and usually hangs forward. In the skeleton of this species presented by Sir Stamford Raffles to the College of Surgeons, not only does the transverse process of the seventh cervical vertebra show no foramen, but even that of the sixth has it very small on one side and quite obliterated on the other. On the other hand, in the *Indri brevicaudatus*, a rather long-necked Lemur, the foramen is very distinct in the seventh.
both the processes, but without the little element which would unite their extremities.

In the seventh cervical vertebra the upper transverse process only exists, and the small rib is generally also absent. When the foramen is present in this vertebra, it appears to be enclosed beneath simply by the extension of a little osseous stylet from the under side of the diapophysis to the body of the vertebra, just as the neck of one of the true ribs extends between the points where its head and tubercle are articulated; but whether this stylet be autogenous or exogenous, that is, developed from a separate point of ossification or not, I have at present no means of ascertaining.

I was led to remark on this subject through the accidental discovery in the skeleton of a Polecat (Mustela putorius) of a pair of rudimental ribs, or rather portions of ribs, moveably articulated to the extremities of the transverse processes of the seventh cervical vertebra; their length is exactly one-fourth of an inch of true bone, besides a little cartilaginous appendage at the tip. In a second specimen I searched for a similar peculiarity, but was unable to perceive its existence. The two specimens were both males, of mature age and robust dimensions, resembling each other in every particular. This circumstance naturally led me to observe with considerable minuteness the skeleton of the Three-toed Sloth (Bradypus tridactylus), in which the existence of nine vertebrae anterior to those forming part of the thorax has long been known; and the discovery by Professor Bell of rudimental ribs articulated to the eighth and ninth of the series renders that exceptional instance additionally interesting. I therefore attentively perused the paper contributed by that learned naturalist to the first volume of the Society's Transactions.

It may indeed appear presumptuous on my part to dissent from the conclusions which so eminent a professor has drawn from his discovery, but my observations led me irresistibly to the conclusion, that if there is any essential distinction between the vertebrae of the cervical and dorsal regions, the eighth and ninth vertebrae of the Bradypus tridactylus must be classed among the former.

The skeleton upon which my notes have been made is that contained in the Museum of the Royal College of Surgeons; it must be perfectly mature, although the epiphyses at the distal extremities of the ulna and radius still remain distinct, for every other epiphysis has lost all trace of separation from the bone to which it belongs, and the characteristic ankylosis which unites most of the bones of the foot is completely effected. The sternal ribs are all perfectly ossified; the first four of them are ankylosed to their corresponding vertebral ribs, and the first one also to the manubrium sterni;—so small, comparatively, is the amount of respiratory action required by this slow-moving quadruped.

The differences existing between the eighth and ninth vertebrae and those immediately above them are most clearly and accurately described by Professor Bell; surely it can hardly be necessary here to quote his words; but on comparing either the description that he has given, or the skeleton itself, with the cervical vertebrae of almost
any other mammiferous quadruped, it is most easy to perceive that the *eighth* and *ninth* vertebrae of the Sloth differ from the other cervical vertebrae in precisely the same manner as do the *sixth* and *seventh* vertebrae of other Mammalia from those preceding them in the series. He observes, in describing the *eighth* vertebra, "In the first dorsal each transverse is completely divided into an anterior flattened process, which is turned forwards, and a true lateral or transverse one, which supports the little articulated rib. The transverse process is smaller, but considerably longer, than those of the true cervical, and stands more in a lateral or transverse direction." These characters are precisely the same, excepting that the little articulated rib is wanting, in the *sixth* vertebra of nearly all Mammalia, and in most of them still more distinctly and strikingly manifested. But in the excellent description given by the learned professor, one point at least has been omitted, and that is the existence of the foramen for the vertebral artery in the *eighth* vertebra of the Sloth: no doubt the coexistence of the same foramen in the upper vertebra will account for its not being mentioned, but its presence tells strongly in favour of the cervical nature of the vertebra.

The transverse process of the *seventh* cervical of the Sloth, also so carefully described by Professor Bell, accords exactly with that of the *fifth* of other Mammalia, in presenting a character intermediate between that which precedes and that which follows it. In speaking of the *ninth* vertebra of the Sloth, he proceeds, "In the second dorsal vertebra the anterior processes do not exist, and the body assumes the form of the succeeding ones. The transverse processes are simple and obtuse, and the articular surface is slightly excavated." I have already pointed out the character presented by the seventh cervical in most Mammalia, which will be seen to agree well with that just cited of the ninth in the Sloth.

In the skeleton examined by myself, the upper pair of rudimental ribs, that is, those attached to the *eighth* vertebra, are wanting—no doubt accidentally lost, and therefore in no way influencing the present argument; but the second pair, attached to the *ninth* vertebra in a manner just similar to that which I have noticed as occurring abnormally in the Polecat, have contracted a complete ankylosis with the extremities of the transverse processes to which they are connected, thus showing, what it seems that Professor Bell's specimen did not exhibit, that this rib is not permanently moveable, but at some period of life becomes a fixture. The figure given by Professor Bell in illustration of his most valuable paper does not show any indication of the existence in the transverse process of the *ninth* vertebra of the foramen for the passage of the vertebral artery; but as this foramen is but small, and the position in which the figure is taken not a very favourable one for exhibiting it, it may nevertheless have existed in his specimen; the minute foramen which he mentions, "for the passage of intercostal vessels," must be one pierced in the rib itself. In the specimen which I examined however, we have the *ninth* vertebra presenting the foramen for the vertebral artery, enclosed, as I have already shown in the *seventh* of other Mammalia,
by a little osseous stylet extending between the under side of the transverse process and the body of the vertebra, imitating the neck of a true rib; and as this is coexisting with the rudiment discovered by Professor Bell, but here anchylosed with the end of the transverse process, it really presents the appearance of the upper portion of a true rib, merely having the neck a little thinner than usual. This circumstance may perhaps seem to weaken my position; but when I consider that this vertebra presents the same general characters as the seventh cervical of most Mammalia, where, although the rib be wanting, the foramen is generally wanting also; and also the existence of the rib together with the absence of the foramen in the Polecat, I think the balance of evidence will still be in my favour. And Professor Owen has shown to me, in the College of Surgeons' Museum, a preparation from the human subject, showing a pair of ribs articulated to the seventh cervical vertebra by head and tubercle, just as are those of the true dorsal series.

But it yet remains for me to notice one point of resemblance between the ninth vertebra of the Sloth and the seventh of other Mammalia, which seems to have escaped the scrutiny of Professor Bell: that is, that the body of the vertebra is not rounded beneath, as are those of the true dorsal series, but flat and square; this flatness resulting from the presence of a longitudinal ridge along each side of its under surface, and seeming to represent in a rudimental form the anterior flattened processes of the preceding vertebrae of the series, and whose absence, noticed by Professor Bell in the ninth vertebra of the Sloth, is equally characteristic of the seventh throughout the rest of the class.

At all events I think I have adduced, from the consideration of the mammalian class alone, proofs of that truth which other departments of Comparative Anatomy have before so well established, that Nature does not rigorously confine herself to those precise rules which we lay down to account for her phenomena; and also, that if we do find it necessary to subdivide the spine into distinct regions for convenience of description, we cannot do so by simply defining characters taken from the peculiarities of a single species, but must compare the characters which the vertebrae present throughout the scale of beings, to ascertain which of them are the most constant and most truly essential in their nature. We may at the same time perceive, that the same artificial subdivision of the spine which answers our convenience so nicely in one class, may be only partially, or not at all, applicable in another; since in Birds there are no lumbar vertebrae, and one vertebra partakes both of the dorsal and sacral character, while in Fishes we find no cervical, and as ribs are appended to all those of the abdominal series, neither lumbar nor sacral vertebrae can be said to exist.

However, with regard to the distinction between cervical and dorsal vertebrae, as we see them in the class Mammalia, it follows, from the remarks which I have made, that we can define it neither by specifying any particular number as constituting the cervical series, nor by the presence or absence of articulated ribs, nor of a foramen in
the transverse process for the passage of the vertebral artery, but
must diligently compare them with those of others of the class, to
ascertain with which they really correspond in their essential charac-
ters; and then we may draw the line of demarcation wherever suits
us best, only remembering that under whichever series we place a
vertebra in one species, the corresponding one in another must be
reckoned under the same category. This is the view I have endeav-
oured to carry out in my examination of the Sloth; and being of
opinion that the eighth and ninth vertebrae of that animal correspond
as essentially to the sixth and seventh in the rest of the class, as do
the atlas and the axis to those of other animals, and knowing that
the intervening vertebrae differ in number by two, I feel bound to
believe, notwithstanding the interesting fact which Professor Bell
has discovered, that the cervical vertebrae of the Bradypus tridactylus
are nine in number.

Fig. 1. A view from behind of the seventh cervical vertebra of an Opossum (Didelphys Vir-
giniana), as an example of the existence of the foramen for the passage of the vertebral
artery, and showing the manner of its enclosure beneath.

Fig. 2. The sixth and seventh cervical, and the first two dorsal vertebrae of a Polecat, showing
the rudimental rib attached to the last cervical.

Fig. 3. The series of seven cervical vertebrae of a second specimen of the Polecat, showing
the absence of the rib, and the difference of form in the transverse processes.

Fig. 4. A perspective view (from behind) of the last cervical vertebra of the same animal,
showing the absence of the foramen for the vertebral artery, and the flattened form of
the under surface of the vertebra.
2. Description of a new species of Bat. By Charles Lucien Bonaparte, Prince of Canino and Musignano, etc.

**Arctibus Floresii.**

*Sp. Ch.*—Grey brown; beneath paler, with pale tips to the hair; two broad streaks on the face, and a narrow streak on the centre of the back, white. Arm-bone rather foliated, one inch four lines in length. Heel-bone very short. Second thumb-joint elongate, slender. Nose-leaf with a distinct central rib.

This new species inhabits the unexplored region of the Republic of Equatoria, which borders on the wilds of Brazil. It was collected there in company with *Anoura Geoffroyi*, *Phyllostoma nigrum*, and *Molossus ater*, by the intrepid traveller M. Delattre, from whom I received it through M. Bourcier, the eminent Trochilidist.

I dedicate it to our common friend the high-minded General Flores, the companion of Bolivar, and once the worthy President of the Republic, to whose civilization his thoughts are still constantly directed, and where he still occupies a distinguished place in the hearts of his fellow-citizens.

3. On a new genus of Suidæ and a new species of Taxidea.


**Genus Porcula, mihi.**

*Gen. Ch.*—Teeth $\frac{6}{6}: \frac{1}{1} : \frac{4}{4} = 40$. Canines small, straight, severely cutting, but not exserted from the lips. Fourth toe on all the feet small and unequal. Tail very short, but distinct. Type,

**Porcula Salvania, mihi.**

*Sp. Ch.*—Pigmy Hog of a brown-black colour, slightly and irregularly shaded with sordid amber. Iris hazel. Nude skin dirty flesh-colour. Hoofs glossy-brown. Length from snout to vent 18 to 20 inches; height 8 to 10 in.; head 6 in.; tail $\frac{1}{3}$ or less than 1 in. Weight 8 to 10, rarely 12lbs.

*Hab.* Saul Forest.

**Remark.**—The Pigmy Hog of the Saul Forest is almost equally allied to the true Hogs and the Peccaries, agreeing with the former in the absence of any peculiar organs, such as the gular flaps of *larvatus* and the pelvic sac of *torquatus* and *labiatus*; also in the number and form of the incisor teeth, and in having a perfect tail and four toes to each foot; but differing from the true Hogs and agreeing with the Peccaries in the number of the molar teeth, in the style of the laniaries, in the diminished elongation of the jaws, and in the absence of the nasal cartilage, and showing yet further leaning towards the same type (*Dicotyles*) by the extreme smallness of the tail, and by the tendency of the fourth toe to disappearance.

Our proposed genus should have a place in a natural system between *Sus* and *Dicotyles*; its positive characters being the presence of a tail and of a fourth toe, the limited number of molar teeth, and
the straightness of the unexserted laniaries. The species is most rare; its flesh excellent; its manners resemble those of *Sus* in general, but with some marked differences.

Genus *Taxidea*, Waterh.

*Taxidea Leucurus*, mihi. Tibetan Badger.—Head laterally and above whitish, divided by a blackish line through the eye. Body above and laterally yellowish grey, paling towards the flanks. Below, from chin to vent exclusive, black; and limbs the same. Tail unmixed yellowish white. Ears black basally, white apically. Snout to vent 27 in.; head 5\(\frac{1}{2}\) in.; tail 10 in.; palma and nails 3\(\frac{3}{4}\) in.; planta and nails 4 in.; ear, with tuft, 2 in.

*Hab.* Plains of Tibet.

July 27, 1847.

William Yarrell, Esq., Vice-President, in the Chair.

The following papers were read:—

1. **Note of the Circulation of Crocodilus lucius.** By Edward Fry.

In a recent dissection of a specimen of the *Crocodilus lucius*, measuring about five feet four inches, I discovered an arrangement of the arterial system which is, as far as I am aware, anomalous, and which may perhaps be therefore worth recording.

In all the drawings of the Saurian circulation with which I have met, the left ventricle is represented as giving off, in addition to the right aortic arch, a common trunk, which divides into two arteries for the supply of the fore-part of the body, which for a short course are to be considered as arterie innominate, when they give origin to the subclavian arteries and pass upwards, one on either side, as carotids, for the supply of the head and face. In the individual in question, however, the arrangement was this: beside the right aortic arch, two trunks are given off from the bulbus of the left ventricle; of which, one passes immediately to the supply of the right fore-limb, and the other proceeds upwards, shortly gives off a considerable branch as a left subclavian, and then continues its upward course on the mesial line lying immediately on the under side of the bodies of the vertebrae, in a channel between the longitudinal muscles of either side, and above the trachea, until it almost reaches the posterior nares, where it subdivides, its branches passing over the under side of the temporal muscles, and going to feed the lower jaw, as well as supplying the sides of the head.

The parts which this singular artery supplies prove it to be the
analogue of the carotids, whilst the consideration of its origin, course and termination induces me to believe that its homological relation is with the inferior pharyngeal.

The absence of any such arrangement in the whole subkingdom of the Vertebrata is to be remarked; and in conjunction with the fact that the figure of the Saurian circulation given in Müller's 'Physiology' (by Baly, vol. i. p. 174) is stated to be from an individual of the same species, viz. Crocodilus lucius, induces me to suppose the anomaly above recorded to have been an individual peculiarity.

2. ADDITIONAL OBSERVATIONS ON THE CETACEA OF THE BRITISH ISLANDS. By J. E. GRAY, Esq., F.R.S. etc.

1. Since my former paper was read, I have been enabled, by the kindness of Professor Goodsir, to examine the specimens of Cetacea which were prepared by Dr. Knox, and which now form part of the anatomical collection of the Edinburgh University.

The large male whale which came ashore on the 5th of October 1831, and was seventy-eight feet long, which Dr. Knox in his Catalogue calls Balena maximus borealis, and of which he made many most interesting preparations of the soft parts, is one of the most beautiful and perfect skeletons I have yet seen. The latter is for the present exhibited in the elephant-house at the Zoological Gardens of Edinburgh, but unfortunately it is suspended so high that I could not take any measurements. It is a Physalus, very nearly allied to what I have called Physalus antiquorum; but it differs from the specimen taken at Plymouth in the lateral processes of the cervical vertebrae being higher compared with their length, and more truncated at the end; in the third and fourth cervical vertebrae not being so much expanded beyond the aperture; in the fifth being still thinner; and in the sixth, instead of a complete ring, having only an elongated, arched, upper lateral process, and a very short, rather depressed lower one; and the seventh only an upper one. Should this species prove distinct, it might be distinguished as Physalus borealis.

Dr. Spittal, who saw it when first cast ashore, informs me it was slate or grey, and the tail white (probably beneath). The baleen appeared at the distance black.

2. In the anatomical museum there is the skeleton and soft part of a Dolphin or Bottle-nose, which was sent to Dr. Knox from Orkney in May 1825. It was a female and weighed fourteen stone. It is described in Dr. Knox's 'Catalogue of the Anatomical Preparations of Whales,' Edinburgh 1838, as No. 84, Delphinus Tursio.

It is a nearly adult specimen of Delphinus leucopleurus, lately described by Rasch, Mag. Zool. 1843, p. 369, from a specimen taken at Christiania in Norway, figured by me from a Norwegian specimen in the 'Zooology of H.M.S. Erebus and Terror,' under the name of Lagenorhynchus leucopleurus.

Dr. Knox gives the following measurements: entire length 9 ft. 6 in.; circumference 3 ft. 2 in. Pectoral 10 inches long; tail 1 ft. 2 in. wide; and the gape 9 inches.
It is a most interesting addition to the British fauna, being the second of this genus added within the last year.

3. I may remark, that Balæna minor borealis of Dr. Knox in the same collection is the Balænoptera rostrata of my papers.

4. In the same collection there is a stuffed skin of a foetus of a Northern or Right Whale (Balæna Mysticetus), two feet four inches long, showing the large flap near the edge of the lower lip, "destined to cover in the baleen," and a most beautiful skeleton of the same specimen. The bones of the head are distinctly ossified, but the rest of the skeleton is only cartilaginous. There are also (No. 36) "the teeth of the foetal Mysticete preserved in alcohol;" and Dr. Knox observes, "they never cut the gums, but become gradually reabsorbed," which agrees with Professor Eschricht’s account of the teeth of Megapteron; and further, Dr. Knox remarks, "The integumentary system furnish the baleen, which is evidently a modified form of hair and cuticle." (p. 22.)

5. I may here add, as determining the synonyma, that the Phoca Leopardina of Professor Jameson in Weddel’s ‘Voyage,’ from the specimen preserved in the museum of the Edinburgh University, is the same animal as I described under the name of Leptonyx Weddelii, figured in the ‘Zool. Ereb. and Terror.’

A foetus extracted from a specimen of the Pilot Whale (Globicephalus Sviæval) was six feet long.

In Lagenorhynchus leucopleurus the first, second and third cervical vertebrae are united by their spinous process, the rest free.

In Globicephalus Sviæval the second and third cervical vertebrae are united, the rest free.

In Monodon monoceros the second and third cervical vertebrae are united by the spinous process, not by the body, and the rest are free.

In Delphinus Tursio the atlas and the second cervical vertebrae are united by the body, the spinous and lateral processes, and the rest are free and thin.

There is a perfect specimen of Hyperoodon latifrons, brought from Greenland by Capt. Wareham, in the museum at Newcastle, rather smaller (seven feet long) than the one from Orkney in the British Museum. There is the skeleton of an adult Hyperoodon from the Firth of Forth in the anatomical museum of Edinburgh University with the skull sixty inches long; the crests are very thick, but quite separate, and with flat perpendicular walls on the inner side.

There is another skull of the same species, from a specimen stranded on the coast of Lancashire, in a garden near Newly Bridge.


Family Maiadæ.

Xenocarcinus, White, Appendix to Jukes’s Voyage of H.M.S. Fly.
Carapace long, narrow, knobbled above, with a very long thick beak; beak cylindrical, horizontal, forming an elongated cone, truncated at the end, with two small spines at the very extremity, one on each side. Inner antennæ thickish, inserted in a deep groove, which is triangular in front. Eyes with a short thick pedicel. Outer antennæ springing from the under side of beak just in front of the eyes, eight- or nine-jointed; the first joint elongated, somewhat bent, the second not half its length; both furnished at the end with two or three longish setæ; the other joints forming a bristle. The outer pedipalps together occupying a square space; first joint very narrow at the base, the inner edge finely serrated; second joint very long, sides almost parallel, the end gradually pointed; third joint somewhat pyriform, with a tooth at the tip.

Legs cylindrical, some of the joints slightly curved; claws long, slightly curved, the inner edge with many closely-placed minute teeth.

Tail (of female) trapezoidal, hollowed in the middle; the segments, excepting the terminal, joined in one piece.

A genus closely allied to Acanthonyx, Latr.

**Xenocarcinus tuberculatus**, White.

Carapace with nine tubercles above, placed in three transverse lines, the centre one of the first line double, one placed before the other; the centre one of the third line also double; the two placed transversely; the greater part of the beak covered with minute closely-placed hairs and scales; two short lines of longer hairs on the upper side above and before the eyes; two or three waved longitudinal red lines on the posterior half of carapace, the inner one continued to before the eye.

First pair of legs (in female) short, not reaching to the end of the beak; the claws small, equal, and minutely toothed.


This very interesting form is described in the Appendix to his Narrative of the Voyage. It will be figured in the forthcoming Crustacea of the South Seas, in connexion with Sir J. C. Ross's Voyage.


Carapace armed with four long spines, the two front ones rather close together at their bases, and directed a little forwards; the two hinder bifid; the forks of the anterior hinder spine diverging laterally, and those of the posterior divaricating longitudinally; three spines on each branchial region, the anterior pointed forward, flattened horizontally; the middle slender, curved backwards, upwards and outwards, with two sharp-pointed tubercles at its base directed downwards; the posterior with two divaricating slender spines directed backwards, outwards and upwards. Horns of the rostrum
long, flattened, close together at the base, gradually diverging, and curved downwards. Orbital margin armed at its superior part with a long bifid spine; on the anterior part having a short bifid spine, and on the posterior part bounded by a short spine curved forwards. Inferior margin of the orbit nearly wanting, and its external angle ending in a short sharp tooth-like process. The first pair of legs armed both above and below with a trenchant denticulated crest; the other legs cylindrical, and furnished with two long sharp-pointed spines, situated one on each side of the upper part of the extremity of the third joints, and diverging upwards and outwards. Tarsi long, curved, and smooth below. Body covered with long thin hairs.

This species differs from Chorinus aculeatus (Edwards, Hist. Nat. des Crust. i. p. 316, and De Haan, Fauna Japonica, pl. 23. fig. 2) in the length and position of the spines, which are not tipped with a knob, but sharp-pointed, and in the thin joints of the posterior pairs of legs being armed with two spines. The peculiarity of the long bifid spine above the orbit must also be regarded as a singular characteristic: the front legs are more slender, the horns of the rostrum are longer and less divaricating than in C. aculeatus.

Inhabits Eastern Seas; Borneo (Unsang).

The above description was drawn up by Mr. Arthur Adams, Assistant-Surgeon to H.M.S. Samarang. A figure will be published in the forthcoming illustrated work on the zoological results of that voyage, which in the orders Mollusca and Crustacea are particularly striking.

I may remark that the above species enters into Chorinus of Prof. Edwards and Dr. De Haan, but seems to me to be very different from Chorinus of Leach, founded on a West Indian and South American type.

**Zebida, White.**

Carapace flattened, and about as broad as long. Front horizontal, slightly bent down, and formed of two flattened spines, conical, directed forwards, and slightly diverging at their tips. The orbits circular; the peduncle of the eyes very large and thick, broader from side to side than from above downwards; the cornea of the eyes projecting beyond the outer margin of the front, nearly filling up the orbital cavities, the upper margins of which are salient. The latero-anterior borders of the carapace armed with a single, strong, flattened process; conical, trenchant, broad at the base, their outer edges slightly elevated, with their points curving forwards. The first joint of the external antennae is very large, long, cylindrical, and the antennae are covered by the rostrum. The epistome is very nearly similar to that of Acanthonyx. The chelae, shorter than in that genus, are armed with flattened, conical, slightly obtuse spines. The second joint triangular, with an external and internal conical spine, the external very long and directed upwards and forwards; the third joint armed with three spines; one superior posterior, and directed forwards; two anterior lateral, and directed outwards and rounded at their extremities; the fourth joint is crested with a sharp flattened
spine. The legs are short, thick, very much compressed; the third joint has two large, flattened, conical spines on the front, directed forwards; the fourth joint has but one flat spinous process on its anterior part, and the fifth joint enlarged and furnished posteriorly with a sharp, flat, curved spine directed backwards.

This beautiful genus is very apathetic when alive; in that respect, according to Mr. Adams's observations, resembling Lambrus. In the system it is not far removed from Acanthonyx and Huenia. The description is from a female.


In colour this species is of a light delicate pink, with dark liver-coloured markings. There is a central line bifurcated anteriorly, where it is lost on the inner bases of the horns of the rostrum, and reaching posteriorly to the last joint of the abdomen, and having external to it a fine, double, somewhat waved line. Extending from the apex of the rostral spines, and meeting at the last abdominal segment, are two broad lines, narrowed in the middle of the carapace; external to this is a fine double line, and on the outside of this is a broad somewhat curved stripe, ending abruptly at the postero-external angle of the carapace; and at the base of the antero-lateral spines is another rather broad linear mark, of the same dark liver-colour.

The third joint of all the legs has two broad, dark, red-brown bands, directed somewhat diagonally across the joint; the fourth and fifth joints have one broad mark of the same colour. The under surface is of a somewhat darker colour. On the outer part of the abdominal segments is a round dark spot. The entire surface of the animal is smooth, hairless, hard, polished and porcellanous. Eyes black.

A very distinct variety, from about twelve fathoms, in the Soolco Seas, had the carapace of a light green, with deep red-brown stripes, and the legs and chelae of a pearly semi-opake white, and very distinctly banded with deep red-brown.

The specimen from which the foregoing description is taken was dredged from a sandy bottom at about six fathoms water, near the mouth of the Panshi River, on the coast of Borneo. The description, it ought to have been remarked, was derived by Mr. Adams from a living specimen; but even the dried individual in the Museum collection is very distinctly marked.

**Family Paguride.**

**Pagurus strigimanus**, White.

Red, irregularly spotted with yellow. Eye-peduncles longish, not the length of the anterior margin of the carapace. Carapace with the front part irregularly pitted above, very smooth in the middle, the sides with tufts of long yellow hairs. First pair of legs not much thickened; on the outside covered with thickly-set tubercles, many of which end in a spine; the base of these tubercles in front furnished
with a tuft of longish yellow hairs; inside of the hand and of the move-
able claw with several slightly raised patches, covered with regular
parallel deepish grooves; the claws black, and slightly hollowed at
the end; the second and third legs with the two last joints furnished
with many small black spines and tufts of long yellowish hairs.

*Hab.* Van Diemen's Land. From Mr. Gunn's collection.
A species somewhat allied to *Pagurus guttatus*, Oliv.

**Pagurus comitrus**, White.

Whitish, the antennae ringed with red; the legs with three or four
broad red bands. Carapace smooth, with a few punctures on the
side, between which and the middle is an impressed somewhat curved
line; the front edge with a very wide tooth in the middle.

First pair of legs irregular; the left hand much smaller than the
other; the palmar portion of the larger hand somewhat flattened on
the outside, and covered with small depressed warts; the claws short
and thick, the edges of the claws sharp; the second and third pairs
of legs thin, smooth, slightly punctured with a few short bristles;
the fourth and fifth legs very smooth.

*Hab.* Falkland Islands (Antarctic expedition).

**Pagurus cavipes**, White, List of Specimens of Crustacea in Brit.
Mus. p. 60.

Eye-peduncles short and thick; eye very large; scale at the base
large and serrated at the end. Carapace with two widish teeth in
the front edge, between the outer antennae and eyes; a transverse
groove near the front edge, the anterior angle with a few short
spines; anterior legs with the left the larger; the wrist tubercled;
the hand behind the moveable claw tubercled; the outer edge of the
moveable claw and lower edge of hand serrato-dentate; outside of
hand smooth, inside with a few tufts of shortish hairs; the smaller
claw with several rows of hairs in tufts. The second and third pairs
of legs somewhat serrated on the upper edge; the third leg on the
left side with the penultimate joint longitudinally grooved on the
outside; the next joint angled and somewhat excavated above, near
the upper edge, which is sharpish and somewhat serrated.

*Hab.* Bramble Key, Australia. Presented by J. B. Jukes, Esq.

**Family Thalassinidae.**

**Gebia hirtifrons**, White.

Beak above depressed, with six or seven longitudinal rows of small
tubercles, furnished at the tip with tufts of hairs; stomachal region
smooth; false natatory appendage large and ciliated.

*Hab.* South Seas (Antarctic expedition).

The only specimen which I have seen appears to be very young,
as the crust seems hardly formed. It is closely allied to the *Gebia
stellata.*
Family Astacidae.

Astacus Zealandicus, White.

Carapace smoothish; beak as long as the peduncle of the outer antennæ, wide, depressed, with a slight keel near the base; the edges thickened, and with five or six small denticulations. Hands somewhat compressed, the outer and inner edges spined, the spines of the inner edge the longer; the hand with many longitudinal rows of hairs in tufts; wrist with three spines on the inner edge, and a deepish groove above; the caudal plates all of a crustaceous substance; the upper side with many small tufts of depressed hairs.

Hab. New Zealand.

Found by the late Mr. Percy Earl, who collected this and many other objects of natural history now in the British Museum. The Dendroblax Earlii, White, a very interesting Lamellicorn Beetle, allied to Kyssonotus and Lamprima, but with much of the aspect of an Ortyces, was named in compliment to him in the "Insect Fauna of New Zealand," published in one of the numbers of the 'Zoology of H.M. SS. Erebus and Terror.' Much was expected from him; but he was drowned in a lamentable shipwreck off the Australian coast.

It is distinct from any species described by Prof. Milne Edwards, Dr. Ericson of Berlin, or Mr. Gray in the 'Appendix to Eyre's Central Australia,' published in 1845.

Family Alpheidae.

Alphe, White.

Carapace very wide, dilated on the sides behind, and sinuated in the middle. Beak short, serrated above, buried in a deep groove, which has a spine on each side in front, almost reaching to the tip of the beak. Eyes with a thick short peduncle, situated in a hollow spine on each side, the outer spine shorter than the inner, which, as has been said, is on the side of the beak.

Inner antennæ thick and elongated, second joint much longer than the third, which is slightly cloven at the end and has two terminal styles, the one very long and cylindrical, the other short and compressed.

Outer antennæ situated outside the inner; the lamellated appendage elongated, longer than the thickened basal joints, the last of which has a tuft of hairs at the end; the terminal fillet very long, half as long again as the whole body. Outer pedipalps very large, nearly equal in breadth throughout; from the base nearly as long as the body; first joint the longest, nearly reaching to the end of the lamellated appendage of the outer antennæ; third joint more than twice the length of the second, compressed, blunted at the end.

First pair of legs two-clawed, thickish, extending a little beyond the second joint of the outer pedipalps; the second pair of legs filiform didactyle; third, fourth and fifth pairs of legs thicker than the second, monodactyle; claws large, serrated below.

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Abdomen largish, middle plate of tail with two pairs of small spines, the first pair beyond the middle.
This genus is allied to *Pontonia*, Latreille, but may be distinguished at once by the foregoing characters.

The tail has a pinkish hue.
*Hab.* New Zealand. From the collection of Mr. Earl.

**Family Erichthidae.**

**Alima aphrodite**, White.
Carapace somewhat narrowed in front, deeply sinuated behind; the frontal horn not quite the length of the carapace; the posterior angles of carapace not much extended. Abdomen more than twice the length of the carapace, exclusive of frontal horn; penultimate joint of abdomen with two spines in the middle behind; middle lobe of tail notched in the middle with a gentle sinuation between the notch and the posterior angle, which is very sharp; the posterior edge is furnished with many short regularly placed teeth, giving it a fringed appearance; outer lobes of tail with the middle appendage prolonged into a sharp spine. Anterior pair of legs quite simple.

*Hab.* South Seas. Antarctic expedition.

**Order AMPHIPODA.**

**Family Gammaridæ.**

**Ephippiphora.**
Head rather large; antennæ distant from each other, the upper pair with the basal joints very thick and corneous, inserted in a deep notch in front of head; two setæ at the end of each, the outer the thicker. Lower pair of antennæ with the basal joint somewhat elongated and furnished with hairs.
Body much compressed, the lateral appendages on the first eight joints very large, and nearly concealing the legs; the appendage of the fourth joint much dilated behind at the end; eighth to eleventh joints slightly keeled on the back; appendages of the three last joints of the abdomen longish, with short spines on the edge behind.
A genus allied to *Orchestia* and *Talitrus*.

**Ephippiphora Kroyeri**, White, List, p. 130.
The body is very highly polished, the edges of the segments behind somewhat tinged with yellow; the legs and caudal appendages slightly brownish.
*Hab.* Van Diemen's Land.
Named as a small compliment to the very eminent Danish naturalist, whose researches among the less studied orders of Crustaceæ are so well developed in his published but not easily accessible works. I regret that, excepting a few foliated plates of the large *Voyage
en Islanda,' &c., I had not seen any part of them when I prepared the 'List of Crustacea in the British Museum.'

**APTERA?**

**Family Pycnogoniæ.**

**Nymphon Johnstonianum**, White.

Head with a distinct neck thicker than the articulations between the leg. Eyes two, situated above the insertion of the chelicera, on a rather elevated tubercle, which is pointed at the end. Beak springing from the under side of the head, rounded but not knobbed at the extremity, rather thicker in the middle, with two scales on each side at the base, the extreme apex with a triangular depression.

Chelicera longer than the beak; the two basal joints longer than the third, which is slightly thicker and covered with short hairs; the end with two sharp claws meeting nearly throughout their entire length.

Palpi filiform, 10-jointed; four basal joints small, fifth twice the length of the fourth, and thicker than the sixth, which is equal to it in length; sixth to tenth short, the three last somewhat hairy at the end.

Thorax very narrow, smooth.

Legs eight, slightly hirsute; second and third pairs rather longer than the first; the fourth the shortest; each of the joints with some points at the end.

Tarsi with the first joint very short, the under-side of the second with many spines; claws two, one smaller than the other.

Abdomen somewhat elongate, most slender about the middle, extending to beyond the middle of the second joint of the leg from the base.

In size and general appearance at first sight resembling Decolopoda australis, Eights. Boston Journ. Nat. Hist. i. 204. t. 7, but differing from it in the number of the legs, structure of the head and claws, &c.

_Hab._ South Seas. Capt. Sir E. Belcher, R.N.

This herculean species is named after Dr. George Johnston, of Berwick-upon-Tweed, who among his many valuable works has monographed the British Pycnogoniæ. I am aware that Mr. Goodsir has named a Nymphon Johnstonii after him, but most probably the present species will be found to form the type of a new genus.

**Nymphon Phasma**, White.

Head with a longish neck, the greater part of which is as thin as or thinner than the articulations between the legs, thickened in front.

Beak thick, blunt, and somewhat knobbed at the end.

Eyes two, situated on a sharp-pointed tubercle, placed between the first pair of legs, somewhat in front of insertion.

Chelicera somewhat longer than the beak, thick, two-jointed; second joint rounded, furnished with two claws which meet throughout.
Palpi elongated, filiform, 10-jointed; three basal joints small; fourth joint very long; fifth joint shorter than the fourth, with a slight hook at the end; sixth joint about the same length as the fifth, but without hook at the end; four last joints short, somewhat curved.

Legs eight, somewhat hirsute, the third leg perhaps shorter than the others.

Tarsi with one claw, the under-side furnished with many small spines.

_Hab._ South Seas. Capt. Sir Edw. Belcher, R.N.

This may possibly be the other sex of the preceding. Neither of them have any trace of oviferous legs.

**Additional Observations on Chitones.** By J. E. Gray, Esq., F.R.S. etc.

Since the publication of my former paper I have continued my researches on these animals, and now propose to add four groups to those which I then described: three of these genera were proposed as sections of the genus _Chiton_ in my former paper, but I have since found that they each present peculiar modifications in the structure of the plate of insertion of the valves; and the other is a genus which I had overlooked, though founded on two of the English species of the family. On re-examination I think that the genus _Chiton_ should be confined to the species which have a single notch on the plate of insertion of the central valves, and the edge of the plate of insertion pectinately lobed, which is the case with the species marked as belonging to the section * and ** p. 66, except _Chiton Barnesii_ and _Ch. evanidus._

1. **Radsia.**

Posterior valve entire; margin covered with regularly-disposed imbricated smooth scales; margin of insertion of the central valves pectinately divided, and each furnished with two notches.

_Radsia_ Barnesii. Chiton Barnesi, _Gray._

2. **Callochiton.**

The valves keeled, the hinder valve entire; the plates of insertion rather short, thick, of the terminal valves divided into many, and of the central valves into four bifid lobes. Margin with imbricate scales.

* Margin with lanceolate, elongate, erect, closely-pressed scales.

_Callochiton_ laevis. Chiton laevis, _Mont., Love, Z. Jour._ v. t. 5, f. 1. Ch. discors, _Maton & Racket._ Ch. punctulatus, _Maton._ Ch. septem-valvis, _Mont._ Ch. corallinus, _Risso._

** Margin with ovate imbricate scales.

_Callochiton_ evanidus. Chiton evanidus, _Sow. Ill._ f. 139.

3. **Ischnochiton.**

Valves thin; posterior valve entire; the plates of insertion very thin, smooth-edged, of the central valves each with a single notch; margin covered with very small imbricate scales.
* Scales of mantle transversely grooved.

Ischnochiton textile. Chiton textile, Gray = Ch. longicymba, Blainv.
Ischnochiton limaciformis. Chiton limaciformis. West Indies.
Ischnochiton Magdaliensis. Chiton Magdaliensis, Hinds.

** Scales of mantle minute, granule-like.

Ischnochiton marginatus. Chiton marginatus, Mont. Ch. cinereus, Lowe, Z. J.

4. LEPTOCHITON.
The valves rounded, thin; posterior valve entire; the plates of insertion rudimentary, without any notches on either the terminal or central valves. Mantle covered with granular scales.
Leptochiton Hanleyi. Chiton Hanleyi, Beau.

Should the form of the plates of insertion of any specimen not be sufficiently seen, they may be easily made visible through the inner side of the mantle by their being soaked a few hours in a weak solution of caustic potash, but care should be taken that they are not left too long in soak, nor the solution be too strong, otherwise the margin will be dissolved. But should the valves be wished to be kept separate, this is the best way of separating them, as the plates of insertion are cleaned, and not broken, as they are likely to be if taken from the mantle. I may remark that the number of notches in the plates of insertion is sometimes, but as far as I have observed, very rarely, liable to variation; in one specimen of Chiton Bowenii I have observed that the plate of insertion of the last valve but one has two notches on one side, but the normal single one of the genus on the other.

The Meetings of the Society were then adjourned to November 9th.
Nov. 9, 1847.

W. Yarrell, Esq., Vice-President, in the Chair.

A communication was read from M. Dolmatoff, Master of the Imperial Forests in the Government of Grodno, which gave an account of the capture and partial domestication of the young Aurochs recently presented to the Society by His Majesty the Emperor of Russia.

The Secretary informed the meeting that this paper had been transmitted through Sir Roderick I. Murchison, to whose influence and exertions the Society were chiefly indebted in the acquisition of this most important addition to the collection. The first letter addressed to the Council by Sir Roderick, announcing the intention of His Majesty, bore date Feb. 10, 1846, and from that period to the present he had been in communication with His Excellency Count Kissel of on this subject. The Secretary regretted, in common with his colleagues, and he believed the whole of the Society, that the absence of Sir Roderick on the Continent had hitherto prevented him from witnessing the successful result of his good offices, or even of receiving an official communication of the thanks of the President and Council, which, it was almost needless to say, awaited his return in the most cordial and expressive form.

The other papers read were:

   By J. E. Gray, Esq., F.R.S. etc. etc.

   In my former paper I was unable to give the country of Acanthion Cuvieri. Mr. Frazer has since brought a skull and two living specimens of this species from Algiers; the latter are now in the Gardens of the Society, and Mr. Whitfield has brought others from the Gambia. In the number of the Journal of the Asiatic Society of Calcutta for August 1847 just arrived (p. 772. t. 32), I observe that Mr. Hodgson has described a new species of Indian Porcupine under the name of Hystrix alopaeus, called Ancholia by the natives, which is certainly an Acanthion, and most probably my A. Hodgsonii; if so, the latter name will have the priority, as having been published in July.
2. A List of the Genera of Recent Mollusca, their Synonyma and Types. By J. E. Gray, Esq., F.R.S. etc.

The generic names which have been used in Mollusca have become so numerous that I have long thought it desirable that they should be submitted to a rigid examination, for the purpose of reducing those which are only synonyms of genera already established; and for the purpose of doing so with justice to previous writers, it is necessary that attention should be paid to the dates of their original publication, which have been too much neglected by several writers in this branch of zoology.

I have therefore sent to the Society the following list, which, though I have paid great attention to the subject, I am aware is yet very imperfect, as a commencement in what I consider the right direction, and I hope that it may be the means of drawing the attention of other students of this class of animals to the subject. I have been induced to send it in its present state, as I am constantly requested by both English and continental conchologists to supply them with copies of the Synopsis of the British Museum for 1838, 1840, 1842, and 1844, which contains a list of the genera of Mollusca, and which is now out of print, and also often to give them information with regard to the authorities for the several genera contained in that list, which shows that there is an evident want of some recent information on this subject.

It is needless for me now to dilate on the importance of attending to the law of priority, which I have always advocated, for that is now almost universally allowed; yet I am quite prepared for hearing several conchologists complain of the changes which the observance of this just law will force them to make: thus Cyclostoma and Helicina, instead of being applied to land-shells, must be the names of the Delphinula and Rotella of Lamarck's 'Histoire'; Terebellum that of Turritella of the same author; so that though these generic names are still used, they will have a different signification to their present one. Other names in very general use, as Oliva, &c., will have to be erased from the system, for this genus was established and well-characterized under the name of Strephona, by Browne (along with several other genera), between the publication of the tenth and twelfth editions of Linnaeus's 'Systema Naturæ,' though it has been overlooked by Lamarck and other authors.

I may here observe that the change with respect to Cyclostoma and Helicina is produced by Lamarck having used the same names with very different significations in his 'Système' and 'Histoire.' In the latter of these works he has in one or two instances altered the names which he had previously given to a genus; and in like manner allowed the names before used, such as Meretrix and Donacilla, to drop out of the system, no notice being taken of the change or its cause.

The method I have followed is to observe the first name given to the genus and the type on which it was founded, and then to accumulate the synonyma around the genus. Where a succeeding author has referred to a different species as the type of the genus, I have
given the name in a new line, as at some future period that type may be proved really to belong to a different genus; and when any succeeding author has established a genus on any species which appears to belong to the before-established genus, it is in a similar manner placed under the proper head, with the synonyma belonging to that type. The type on which the genus or subgenus, as it may hereafter prove, was founded, is also given, so that if such type at some future period prove to be distinct from the one under which I have placed it, the synonyma of the genus will be at once seen. But the names which occur under each head are, according to my present views, to be regarded as synonyma of the genus under which they are arranged.

In respect to Lamarck’s ‘Système,’ De Montfort’s ‘Conchology,’ Megerle’s ‘Essay,’ Schumacher’s ‘New System,’ Blainville’s ‘Manuel,’ and other works which only give the genera, and simply mention one or two examples as the types of their genus, the species they give as types are here cited; but in works like Linnaeus’s ‘Systema Naturae,’ and Lamarck’s ‘Histoire,’ which give the species of Mollusca, it is not so easy to determine which species the author intended for the type of his genus. In these cases I have chosen either the best known species, or, if the author has given figures, the species which he has figured; the latter is the course that I have adopted with respect to Risso’s work, whose genera are so difficult to understand.

In the Linnaean genera in which there is room for doubt, from the miscellaneous character of the species referred to by the author, I have considered the name as restricted to the type which the earliest author after Linnaeus has quoted for it: thus as Montfort quotes Trochus niloticus as the type of Trochus, and Lamarck Chiton gigas as the type of Chiton, I have regarded these species as the types of the Linnaean genera. This has not been done without consideration, as I was at first inclined to regard the species figured in the plates of the Fundamenta Testaceologiae (Amœn. Acad. viii. 1785, 107) of Linnaeus which are given as illustrative of the greater number of his genera, and of the terms used in describing them, as the types; but I do not think that he had any idea of so considering them, for he gives two species of Arca, four of Patella, three of Cyprea, four of Murex, five of Trochus, three of Strombus, and two of Anomia; while the genera Conus, Mytilus and Pinna are not illustrated. Should these figures have been regarded as the types of his genera, then Ostrea pallium would be the type of Ostrea, Donax scripta of Donax, Chama gigas of Chama, Buccinum Harpa of Buccinum, Mya pictorum of Mya, Solen strigillatus of Solen, and Nautilus Beccaria of Nautilus; species which certainly are not the best that could be chosen to agree with his characters, and to have adopted which would have greatly confused the science.

There is a series of works which appeared between the time of Linnaeus and Lamarck which added much to the progress of conchology, but which have been overlooked by the conchologists of the Lamarckian school, as for example ‘Meuschen Museum Geverianum,’
8vo, 1787; 'Humphrey's Catalogue of the Calonne Collection,' 8vo, 1797; and the 'Museum Boltenianum,' 12mo, 1798 (which was reprinted at Hamburg in 1819, but neither edition has occurred to me). These catalogues foreshadow the genera which have been since formed and generally adopted, but as they are mostly without characters, or with only very slight ones, I have not adopted the generic names they have given, except where their groups exactly corresponded with those which are now used, and to which new names have been applied, as for example Neritella for Neritina, &c.; or where the name used by the more modern author was necessary to be changed, because it had previously been used for some other genus of Mollusca.

I have been as careful as I could to give the proper dates of the various genera, especially where there was any doubt about the priority of a name; but where there was no doubt, as for example in the genera named by Lamarck between the publication of his 'Système' and his 'Histoire,' I have been satisfied with giving the dates of the volume of the latter work, without searching out the exact date of the publication in Lamarck's various papers; and I have followed the same course with regard to De Blainville's genera which appeared before the date of his 'Manuel' in the different volumes of the 'Dictionnaire des Sciences Naturelles'; but there are certain works the dates of which it is very difficult to ascertain, such for example as Ferussac's, which have no date marked on them. Others, such as D'Orbigny's 'South America,' the publication of which was spread over eleven years, from 1835 to 1846, and some other works of this author, are in the same predicament, the plates often appearing irregularly, and the text sometimes not till near the completion of the work. The same difficulty occurs in some of our English works, as Sowerby's 'Genera' for example; in these cases the dates assigned can only be regarded as approximative.

I have nearly confined the list to the genera which occur in the recent state: first, because, though I have paid considerable attention to fossil shells, I am not so well acquainted with them as with the recent ones; secondly, because the genera of fossil shells, which must depend on the study and organization of the recent ones, are not so well understood as those which now occur. And the increase in the knowledge of the animal gives us more and more reason to distrust our conclusions with regard to arrangements founded on the study of the shell alone, for it is impossible amongst the recent shells to distinguish the following genera:

| Tectura (Lottia) from      | Patella;   |
| Ancylus                   | Siphonaria;|
| Scutella                  | Patella;   |
| Philippia                 | Solarium;  |
| Vermetus                  | Serpula;   |
| Dentalium                 | Ditrupa;   |

though the four first each belong to different families of Mollusca, and the two latter are Mollusca, and their resemblances Annelides. The knowledge of the animals of Nautilus and Spirula now renders it
doubtful if *Orthocera* and other allied fossil genera are Decapodous, or Dibranchiate Cephalopods.

The arrangement followed is that which was proposed in the Synopsis of the Contents of the British Museum for 1838, and which has been gradually modified in the different editions, as I have become better acquainted with the animals of the different genera; and one or two alterations have been made for the same reason in this edition of the list. It is founded on the examination of the animals of all the molluscs contained in the London and Paris collections, as well as of all the drawings or engravings of the animals which I have been enabled to see, exceeding more than five thousand species, being at least one hundred times as many animals as were known when Lamarck proposed his system, and fifty times as many as were known to Cuvier when he published his system in the 'Animal Kingdom.'

**Fam. I. STROMBIDÆ.**


**Fam. II. MURICIDÆ.**

a. **TRITONINA.**

Columbaria, Schum. 1817. M. conditus, Gmel.  
Triton, sp. Quoy. Tr. leucostoma.  
Biplex, Perry, 1811. Bip. perca.  

Lampusia, Schum. 1817. M. pileare.  
Aquillus, Montf. 1810. M. cutaceus.  
Lampas, Schum. 1817. M. lampas.  
Ranularia, Schum. 1817. M. clavator.  
Cumia, Bivon, 1832. Ran. lanceolata, Menke.  
Monoplex, Perry, 1811. M. olearium.  


Tritonidea, Swains. 1840. Triton, sp. Lam. E.M. Bucc. undosum, Linn.  
? Lachesis, Risso, 1826, f. 65, young shell. Lechesis, Kiener.  
? Nesea, Risso, 1826, f. 67, young; f. 69, adult.  
Columbella, sp. (triumphalis), Duclos. Pollia, sp. Gray, 1839.  

9. Enzina (zonata), Gray, 1839.  
Columbella, sp. pyrostoma, Sow.  

10. Murex, Linn.  
Murex, Montf. 1810, Swains. 1833. Haustellum γ, Schum. 1817.  
Aranea, Perry, 1811. M. tribulus.  
Haustellum β, Schum. 1817. M. Brandaris.  
Pteronotus, Swains. 1840. M. pinnatus.  
Chicoreus, Montf. 1810. Phyllonotus, sp. Swains. 1840. Purpura, sp. Browne, 1756; Martyn, 1764?; Schum. 1817 (not Lam.).  
Triplex, Humph. 1797. M. ramosus.  
Phyllonotus, Swains. 1833. M. imperialis.
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Purpura, Humph. 1797. M. trunculus.
1846. M. monodon, Sow.
Vitularia, Swains. 1840. M. miliaris, Gmel.
Typhis, Montf. 1810. M. pungens.

Tritonium b, Loven, 1846. M. lyratus.

6. Conina.

Pleurotoma, Sw. 1841. M. virgo.
Turricula, Schum. 1817. M. Javanus.
Tomella, Swains. 1810. Clavatula, sp. (lineata), Lam. 10.
Melatoma, Swains. 1840 (not Anthony), 342. f. 104.
Genot, Adams. 1757. Pleurotoma mitreformis, Gray, Wood's Supp. t. 5. f. 5.

Swains. 1840. Strombus lividus, Gmel.
Clavatula (sulcata), Swains. 1840, Chem. xi. f. 1829. "Pl. flavidula, var.," Kiener.
Pleurotoma, Flem. 1828. M. sinuosus, Montag.
Drilla (umbilicata), Gray, 1838, Ann. N. H.
Crassispira (fasciata), Swains. 1840, 152. f. 17 d. 313.
Brachystoma, Swains. 1840, 314. Pleur. strombiiformis, Sw.
Conoploera (striata), Hinds, 1844.
Daphinella (marmorata), Hinds, 1844.

Defrancia, Moller, not Millet. Tritonium ** b, Loven. Mur. turricula, Montag.
? Mangelia, Risso, 1826. f. 130. Ishnula, Clarke. (See also Mangelia, Risso, f. 97, 99.)

15. Mangelia, Leach, 1817.
Mangelia (striolata), Risso, 1826, f. 101. Pleur. tenniatum, Dech.? 
N.B. Mangelia, Risso, fig. 102, 103, are Rissoinae.

Pleurotoma, sp. (purpureum), Philippi. Murex purpureus, Montf.

17. Anna (Massena), Risso, 1826, f. 68. Bucc. Scachianum, Philippi, ii. 188. t. 27. f. 5.
Buccinum (minimum), Montf., Philip. ii. 189. Fusus turritellatus, Desh.

   Conus, Lam. 1801. C. marmoreus.
   Conus, Montf. 1810, Swains. 1840. C. generalis.
   Coronaxis, Swains. 1840. C. bandanus.
   Puncticus, Swains. 1840. C. arcuatus.
   Rhombus, Montf. 1810. C. bandanus.
   Tuliparia, Swains. 1840. C. Tulipa.
   Cylindrella, Swains. 1840; not Pfeiffer, 1840. C. asper.
   Conilites, Swains. 1840. C. antediluvianus.
   Dendroconus, Swains. 1840. C. betulinus.
   Cylinder, Montf. 1810. Textilia, Sw. 1840. C. textilis.
   Leptoconus, Sw. C. grandis.
   Conorbis, Sw. C. dormiter.


   Ficula, Swains. 1840. Bulla ficus.

   Pyrula, sp. (spirata), Lam. 1822. Bulla pyrum.
   Hemifusus, Swains. 1840. Fusus colosseus, Lam.

   Pyrula, sp. (carica), Lam. 1822.

   Murex, sp. (Rapa), Linn.
   Latiaxis, Swains. 1840. Pyrula Mawæ, Gray.


   Polygona, Schum. 1817. Turbinellus, sp. Lam. 1822. Plicatella,


34. Chorus, n. g. Purpura, sp. Blainv. Monoceros giganteus, Lesson.


41. ? Atractodon, Charlesworth, Mag. N. H.

Fam. III. BUCCINIDÆ.

CASSIDINA.

44. Levenia, Gray, 1847. Cassis coaretatum, Gray.
49. ? Mingeria bicolor, Gray, B.M.

Conidea (semipunctata), *Swains.* 1840, 312. 151. f. 17. b. Voluta discors. 
Pusiostoma (punctata), *Swains.* 1840, 313. 151. 153. 


**Purpurina.**

Nassa and Lagena, sp. *Bolten,* 1798.


Morula, Schum. 1817, 227. Ricin. morus, Lam.  
Ricinella β, Schum. 1817. Ricin. digitata, Lam.  

Leptoconchus, Räpp. 1835. M. Peronii, Lam.  

BUCCININA.  
Eburna zetlandica, Lam.  

NASSINA.  
68. Nassa, Lam. (1799), 1801; Montf. 1810, not Schum. Bucc. arcularia.  
Monoceros, Flem., not Lam. Bucc. hepaticum, Montf.  
Tritonia, Turton. Ranella pygmea, Lam.  

OLIVINA.
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Fam. IV. VOLUTIDÆ.

a. YETINA.


Cymbium, sp. *Menke, 1830*. Voluta (1), *Swains. 1840*. Cymba,


VOLUTINA.

83. Cymbium, *Adanson, 1757; Montf. 1810; Menke, 1830*. Cymbium 

*β, Schum. 1817*. Melo, sp. *Humph. 1797*. Voluta (1),


85. Voluta, *Linn. ? Scopoli, 1777; Lam. 1801; Montf. 1810*. Vol-

uta γ, *Schum. 1817, 237*. Musica, *Humph. 1797; Gray, 1840,  


Vol. vespertilio.


Aulica. Vol. aulica.


pestris.


MITRINA.


Scabicola, *Sw. 1840*. M. serpentina.


Mitrella, sp. *Sw. 1840, not Risso, 1826*. M. fissurata.


95. Zierliana. Buccinum, sp. (strombiformis), *Burrows*. Cancellaria, 


B. M.).* Vol. vulpecula.
Tiara, Swains. 1840, f. 84. c, g. M. corrugata.
Costellaria, Sw. 1840, f. 84. d. M. rigid a.
Cancella, Sw. 1840, f. 84. b. M. Isabella.
Pusia, Sw. 1840, 320. M. microzonalis.


MARGINELLINA.

Phaenospira (noduta), Hinds, 1844.
Cryptospira (tricincta), Hinds, 1844.


Fam. V. CYPRÆADÆ.

Cyprea stercoraria, junior. Bulla, sp. Linn.
Cyprea, Lam. 1801, Montf. 1810. Cyprea $\beta$, Schum. 1817. C. exanthema.
Cyprea $\alpha$, Schum. 1817. C. Tigris.
Pustularia, Swains. 1840, 324. C. cicerula.
Peribolus (Potan), Adans.1757, Blain.1825. Bulla, sp. (ovata), Gmelin. C. Mauritiana, Junior.


Calpurna, Flem. 1828. Ovula Leathesiæ, Sow.


Oxinoé, Couthey, 1839. O. giabra, Couth.


Order II. PHYTOPHAGA.

Fam. I. TURBINIDÆ.

110. Turbo, Linn.; Lam. 1801. T. marmoratus.


* All from the same species. The specimens of Coriocella nigra in the British Museum, presented by Cuvier and described by Blainville, has a distinct shell. This genus has nothing to do with Montaguæ, Fleming.


Imperatorina.

Calcar α, Schum. 1817, 193. Tr. solaris.

Eutropina.


Fam. TROCHID.E.

Pyramidina.


118. Tegula (elegans), Lesson, 1834. Tr. Emma, Gray.


Trochina.


Phorpus, Risso, 1826, f. 47. Omphalius, Philippi, 1847. Tr. cinereus, Dacosta. Tr. rusticus.

Otavia, Risso, 1826. O. corallina, Risso, f. 54.
Ziziphina.


Chrysostoma, Sw. 1840, 35. Turbo Nicobaricus.


137. Gibbula, Leach MSS. 1819; Risso, 1826; Gray, 1840. Trochus, sp. Linn. Tr. magnus.
Steromphala, Leach MSS. 1819. Tr. cinereus.
Monodonta, sp. Lam. 1822. Tr. declivis, Forsk.


STOMATELLINA.


Fam. HALIOTIDÆ.

HALIOTINA.


DERIDOBRANCHINA.

149. Deridobranchus, Ehrenb. 1831. Derid. argus, Ehr.

SCISSURELLINA.


Fam. FISSURELLIDÆ.

152. Scutus, Montf. 1810. Parmophorus, Blainv. 1825; Swains.

152*. Palmarium, Montf. 1810, 70. Pal. elypeatum, Montf.


Clypidina Gray, 1847. Pat. notata.


This genus is quite distinct from the following; and we have a recent species in the Brit. Mus.


schisma.


Fam. NERITIDÆ.

NERITINA.


**NERITELLINA.**

Neritina, *Swains. 1840.* Neritella, sp. *Humph.* *N. Melagr.**


**Fam. AMPULLARIADÆ.**


**Fam. IANTHINIDÆ.**


**Fam. ATLANTIDÆ.**


176. Steira (Lamanoni), Eschsch. ; Isis, 1825, 734. t. 5. f. 3.


Sect. II. ERIOPHTHALMA.

Fam. NATICIDEÆ.

NATICINA, operc. shelly.


Nacca, Risso, 1826; Gray, 1844, 60. Natica (gochet), Adams. 1757. N. fulminea.

Natica (Natice), Adams. 1757. N. ——?

Natica, Swains. 1840. N. lineata.

Natica, Leach, 1819. N. fragilis, Leach.


POLINICINA, operc. horny.


Natica, Risso, 1826 (not Lam. 1801); Gray, 1844, 60. N. glaucina, Risso.

184. Cepatia, Gray, 1840; 1844, 60. N. cepacea, Lam.


Naticella, Guild., Swains. 1840. N. aurantia.

Natica β, Schum. 1817. N. albumen.


**Fam. ? NERITOPSISIDÈ.**


**Fam. LITTORINIDÈ.**


Paludinella, Beck; Moller, 1842. Trochus saxatilis, O. Fab. ? Rissoa, Berkeley (not Risso?). Turbo subumbilicatus, Montag.


204. ? Cyclogyra multiplex, S. Wood, 1842. An annelide?


Pharianemata (sulcata), S. Wood, 1842.

207. Nematura, Benson, 1836. N. Deltae.

Epheria, Leach MSS. 1819. Lacuna, sp. Turton. Phasianella, sp. 
T. Brown, 1827. Turbo vinca.
Medoria, Leach MSS. 1819; Gray, 1819. Lacuna, sp. Turt. 
Turbo crassior.

Fam. MELANIADÆ.

RISOAÏNA.

209. Rissoa, Freemenville, 1814; Risso, 1826. Alvania, sp. Risso, 
1828. Helix labiosa.
Acme (acicula), Hartm. 1821; Christ. & Jans. 1822. Rissoa, sp. 
(acuta), Desm. Turbo auriscalpium.
Alvania, sp. Risso, 1826. Rissoa, sp. Desm. Turbonella, sp. Leach, 
1819. Turbo Callathriseus.
Cyclostrema, Flem. 1828, not Marryat. Turboella, sp. Leach, 1819. 
Alvania?, sp. Leach, 1817. Rissoa, sp. (clathrata), Philippi. 
Turbo Zetlandica.
Turboella, sp. Leach, 1819. Rissoa, sp. Desm. Turbo parvus, 
Montag.
Turbona, Leach, 1819. Turbo reticulatus, Montag.
Turbonila, Leach MSS. 1819. Turbo striatus, Montag.
210. Cingula, sp. Flem. 1824, 1828. Rissoa b, Philippi, 1844. Sa- 
sabanea, sp. Leach MSS. 1819. Turbo cingillus, Montag.
211. Alvania, S. Wood, 1842; Leach MSS. 1819. Alvania, sp. ? Risso, 
Mangelia, sp. Risso, 1826 (f. 102, 103). Strombus, sp. Meyerle. 
Mang. reticulata.
Flem. Turbo Bryerii, Montag.
Truncatella, sp. (? atomus), Philippi?. Helix Serpuloides, 
Montag.

MELANIAÎNA.

214. Thiara, Meyerle, 18 ?; Menke, 1830; Gray. Melanella, Swains. 
1840, 341. Melania Holandri, Feruss.
Tiara, sp. Bolten, 1798; Gray, 1846; not Swains. Vesica, sp. 
Müller. Mel. fasciolata.
218. ? Tricula, Benson, 1842. Tri. montana, Benson.
Melania, Swains. 1840. Mel. quadrilatera.


**Triphorina.**


246. Strombus costatus, Linn.

247. Triphorina. 


250. Triphorina. 


**SCALARINA.**


Lippistes, *Montf.* 1810, 127 (copied from *Fichtel*, t. 1), perhaps the young of the former. Argonauta cornu, *Ficht.*

Moll. t. 5. f. 1.

? LITIOPINA.


Fam. VIVIPARIDÆ.


Lymnea, sp. *Flem.* Helix vivipara.


Fam. VALVATIDÆ.


Fam. VELUTINIDÆ.


Fam. VANICOROIDÆ.


Fam. VERMETIDÆ.


262. Spiroglyphus, Daud. 1800; Gray, 1839. Vermetus, sp. D’Orb. Spirog. ——?
Fam. CAPULIDÆ.


Fam. CALYPTRADÆ.


Trochilla, sp. Swains. 1840, 354. Trochus pileus. 
Trochatella, Lesson, 1830. Calyp. araucaria. 
Syphopatella, Lesson, 1830. ——?
Syphopatella, Brod. 1834. Calyp. sordida.

Fam. PHORIDÆ.
274. Onustus, sp. Humph. 1797; Gray, 1840; Swains. 1840, 353. Trochus, sp. Lam. Trochus indicus. 
Onustus, sp. Swains. Trochus solaris.

Fam. TECTURIDÆ.
Patella, sp. Lesson, 1830. Patella Scurra, Lesson. 
Cantraine refers Patella pectinata (Helcion, Mont.) to the genus Patelloïdea, and D'Orbigny has more lately considered Helcion as synonymous with Acmea; but the animal of Patella pectinata which I examined in Paris in 1820 had gills on the lower edge of its mantle, and is a true Patellida. Scurria appears by D'Orbigny's description to have the same; do some Patella-like animals have gills in both situations?

Fam. DENTALIADÆ.
278. Entalis, Gray, Syn. 1844, 58; not Defrance. Dentalium e, Desh. 1825.
279. The Entalis (duplicatus), Defrance & Blainville, and the Dentalium labiatum, Turton, are described from specimens with the tip broken, and with the internal part reproduced.


Dentalium strangulatum, D., subulatum, Desk. belongs to Ditrupe, Berkeley, and is an Annelide.

Sect. III. INIOPHTHALMA.

Fam. TRUNCATELLIDÆ.


Fam. PYRAMIDELLIDÆ.


Auricula, sp. Lam. Auricula acicula.

I do not know Monoptigma melanoides, Lea, 185, from Calcutta.


Jaminea, sp. Couthouy. Jam. exigua, Couth.


Note.—Risso's genus Turbonilla consists of four species, two of this and two of the former genus; but his character best agrees with his first two species. He notices the peculiarity of the nucleus; it is exactly synonymous with Parthenia, Lowe, Chemnitzia, Philippi, and Turbonilla, Loven. D'Orbigny, Voy. 1841, did not know the animal of Chemnitzia.


Fam. ACTEONIDÆ.


Order III. PLEUROBRANCHIATA.
Fam. I. BULLIDÆ.

DORIDIINA.
301. Scaphander, Montf. 1810; Leach, 1819. Assula, Schum. 1817. Charta, Murlini. Bullea, Roissy. Bulla lignarius. [Gioenia, Gioeni, Brug.; Tricla, Retzius; Char; Bruguière; is the gizzard of this species.
Roxania, Leach MSS. 1819. Bulla Cranchii.

BULLINA.
Haminea, Leach MSS. 1819. Bulla hydatis.

AMPLISTRINA.


Fam. II. APLYSIADÆ.


ICARINA.

LEPHOCERCINA.
322. Lobiger, Krohn, 1847. Lobiger Philippi.

Fam. III. PLEUROBRANCHIDÆ.
UMBRELLINA.
N.B. Acardo crustularius, Lam. 1801, E. M. 173. f. 1, 2, is part of the vertebra of a whale: this bone has also been described as Aleyonium panicum, Lam. Hist. ii. 400. n. 31.

TYLODINANA.
324. Tylodina, Rafinesq.; Blainv. 1825; Philippi, 1836, Joannis. Tylod. punctata.

PLEUROBRANCHIANA.
329. ? Westernia, Quoy & Gaim.; Rang, 1829.
330. ? Gervisia, Quoy & Gaim.; Rang, 1829.

Fam. IV. PTEROTRACHEIDÆ.
337. Bellerophon, Montf. 1810.

Fam. V. SAGITADÆ.

339. Sagita, Quoy & Gaim. 1829?
Sagita triptera, D'Orb.
Sagita diptera, D'Orb.
Sagita exaptera, D'Orb.


Order IV. GYMNOBRANCHIATA.

Fam. I. DORIDÆ.

DORIDINA.

Doris-digitata, D'Orb. 1838? Dor. verrucosa.


344. Doris, Linn.; Lam. 1801. Doris Argo.
Dendoris, Ehrenb. 1831. Dend. lugubris.

Goniodoris, Forbes, 1840. Doris nodosa.
Doris β. prismatica, Cuv. 1817. Dor. cera.


Doris, sp. Cuv. Dor. laciniata.

? Peronia, Lesson, not Blainv. P. —?
? Plocamophorus, Leuck. P. —?


Triopina.

Policerina.
358. Dimorphha, M. Edw. 1837; Gray, 1840.

Janina.

Fam. II. TRITONIADÆ.

Tritoniana.
363. ? Duvaucelia, Leach; Risso, 1826. D. gracilis.

Melibeina.


368. Scyllæa, Linn. S. pelagica.


370. Tethys or Tethis, Linn. Tethis, Lam. 1801. Fimbria, Bohadsch, 1761; not Megerle. Tethys fimbriata.

EOLIDINA.


374. Calliopea, D’Orb. 1837; Verany. Call. bellula.


384. Phyllodesmium, Ehrenb. 1831. Phyl. hyalinum.

Fam. III. PLACOBRANCHIDÆ.
387. Placobranchus, Hasselt, 1824; Blainv. 1825; Rang. Plac. ocellatus.
388. Elysia, Risso, 1812, 1826; Blainv. 1825; Philippi, 1844. E. timida, Risso.
389. ? Fucola, Quoy & Gaim. 1832. Fucicola, Menke, 184 ?; Herrm. Fucola ——?

Fam. IV. LIMAPONTIADÆ.
Pelta, Quatrefages, 1844; not Beck, 1837. P. coronata.
391. ? Chalidis, Quatrefages, 1844. Ch. ceerulea.
Chalidis, Ald. & Hanc. Ch. nigricans.
Acteonia, Alder & Hanc. 1847. A. corrugata.
394. Zephyrina, Quatrefages, 1844. Z. pilosa.
Venilia, Alder & Hanc. 1847. V. ——?
Protonotus, Alder & Hanc. 1847. P. splendidulus.

Fam. V. PHYLLIRRHIOIDÆ.
396. Phyllirrhoë, Perom; Esch. (Isis) 1825; Philippi. Phylliroë, Cuvier, 1817; Risso, Blainville. Ph. bucephala.
397. ? Appendicularia, Esch. (Isis) 1825. A. ——?
Tomopterus, Esch. (Isis) 1825; Tomopteris, Menke, 1844; Briarea, Quoy & Gaim., 1829; Briarea, Herrm. 1846; Briareus, Good- sir, 1845, is a crustacean animal (Ann. & Mag. N. H. 1845).
Fam. VI. PHYLLIDIADÆ.


401. ? Arminia, Rafin. ; Blainv. 1825.

Fam. VII. PATELLIDÆ.


Fam. VIII. CHITONIDÆ.


413. Acanthopleura, Guild. 1835; Gray, 1847. Canthapleura, Swains. 1840. Ch. spinosa.
415. Schizochiton, Gray, 1847. Ch. incisus.
416. Corephium, Browne?, 1756; Gray, 1847. Ch. echinatus.
418. Onythochiton, Gray, 1847. Ch. undulatus.
419. Enoplochiton, Gray, 1847. Ch. niger.
421. Katharina, Gray, 1847. Ch. tunicatus.
422. Cryptochiton, Gray, 1847. Ch. amiculatus.

Order V. PULMOBRANCHIATA.
Fam. I. ARIONIDÆ.
430. Phosphorax, Webb, 183 ? P. ——?
Helicogena, sp. Férus. Hel. ligulata.

Fam. II. HELICIDÆ.

PHILOMYCINA.


Scutelligeria, Spix, 1824, (Isis) 1825, 588 (S. amerlandia), and Parmula, Heyden, (Isis) 1823,1247. t. 18. 1825, 588 (P. cocciformis), is the larva of Microdon mutabilis, a dipterous insect.

LIMACINA.

Parmacella, sp. Philippi. P. nigricans.


438. ? Oris, Risso, 1826. O. Ferussaci.

TESTACELLINA.

439. Plectrophorus, Bosc, 1801; Férussac, 1819.

440. Testacella, Lam.1801; Blainv.1825. Testacellus, Montf. 1810; Féruss. T. haliotoideus.

VITRININA.


443. ? Pectella, ——.


HELICINA.


Tomigerus, Sow. Helix clausa.

Tridopsis, Rafin. Helix lunula.

Cochlicella, sp. Férus. H. conoidea.
Helicopsis, Fitz. 1835; not Beck. H. striata.
Oxychelis, Fitz. H. crictororum.
Delphinula, Bowd. H. Delphinula.
Helicogena, sp. Férus. H. candidissima.
Bradybaena, Beck, 1837. H. similiris.
Trochulus, Christ. Hel. hispida.

Helicella, Beck, 1837. Helicelle, Lam. 1812. Helicella, sp. Risso,

Vitrea, Fitz. Helicella, sp. Beck. II. ——?
Zonites, Montf. 1810; Beck, 1837. Helicella (verticilli), Férus.
Gonyodiscus, Fitz. Eyromphala, sp. Beck. II. solaria.


BULIMINA.

Balca, Blainv. 1825; not Leach. Bulimus citrinus.

466. Bulimus, Scoull. 1777; Brug. 1792; Lamk. 1801; Montf. 1810; Beck, 1837. Melania, Perry, 1811; not Lam. Bul. hæmastomus.
Bulimus, sp. Brug. II. pudica.

Auricula, sp. Lea. Aur. fuseagula.
Searabus, sp. Menke. Sear. labrosa.


Peristoma, *Krynicki*, 1842 *P. merdueniana*.
Cochlicella, sp. Ferns.
Helix *decollata*.

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ACHATINANA.


Achatina, Swains. 1840. Ach. marginata.


480. Subulina, Beck, 1837. Macrospira, Guild.; Swains. 1840, p. 335


Columna, sp. Chr. & Jans. Col. miliaris.


Fam. III. VERONICELLIDÆ.

Fam. IV. ONCHIDIADÆ.


490. Buchannia, Lesson, 1830.


Fam. V. AURICULIDÆ.


Fam. VI. LIMNÆADÆ.

LIMNÆINA.


Isidora, *Ehrenb.* 1831; Beck. Ph. truncata.

Camptoceras, *Benson, 1834.* C. terebra.

CORETINA.


Helisoma, Swains. 1840. H. complanata.
Nautilus, sp. Linn. Turbo, sp. Linn. Turbo nautilus.
Anisus, Beck. Pl. olivaceus.

Discus, Haldemann, 1840; not Fitz. 1833, nor King, 1844. D. ——?

ANCYLINA.

Ancylus, Guild. 1828. Aney. ——?

Fam. VII. AMPHIBOLIDÆ.

Paludina, sp. Sow. Pal. australis.

Fam. VIII. SIPHONARIADÆ.


Fam. IX. GADINIADÆ.

Mouretea, Sow. 1835. Mou. peruviana.

Fam. X. CYCLOPHORIDÆ.


Cistula, Humph. 1797. Cist. fimbriata.

516. Poteria, Gray, 1840.

517. Leonia, Gray, 1840.
518. ? Lituus, Martyn, 1784; Humph. 1797; not Breyn. 1732. L. brevis.

Fam. XI. OLIGYRADÆ.


Fam. XII. PROSERPINIDÆ.

Class II. CONCHIFERA.
Order I. PHYLLOPODA.
Fam. I. VENERIDÆ.

Meretridicina.

Artemis and Arthemiderma, Poli, 1791 (Artemis, Gray, Forbes).
Orbiculus b, Megerle, 1811. Exoleta, Brown, 1827. Asa, Leach, 1819.
Arctoe, Risso, 1826. Arct. nitidissima.


539. Trigona, Megerle, 1811; Schum. 1817; Gray, 1838. Venus mactroides.
Trigona, Megerle, 1811. Venus donacina.


Venus, sp. Swains. 1840, 372. V. puerpera.

Venusina.


Chione, Megerle, 1811. Callista and Callistoderma, sp. Poli. 
Timoclea, Leach MSS. 1819; Brown, 1827. Venus ovata. 
Antigone Schum. 1817. Venus cancellata.

547. Tapes, Megerle, 1811. Callista and Callistoderma, sp. Poli, 1795. 
Venus littoratus. 

548. Rupellaria, Bellon. 1802. Rupellare, Lam. 1812. Venerupis, 
Lam. 1818; Turton, 1822. Venus β (Ruperelle), Blainv. 1825. 
Venus perforans. 


f. 8.


Gastrana α, Schum. 1817. Tellina guinaica. 
Psammobia, sp. Lam. 1818. Tellina fragilis. 
? Choristodon, Jonas. Ch. typicum.

Fam. II. CORBICULADÆ.

552. Corbicula, Megerle, 1811. Cyclas, sp. Lam. 1801. Cyrena α, 
sp. Lam. 1818; from Chemn. vi. f. 320. Corb. fluminalis. 
Cyprina, sp. Lesson, 1830; not Lam. Cyrena a, sp. Lam. 1818. 
Cyrena violacea.

Cyrena, Sow. Cyr. sumatrensis. 
Cyclas, Bose. Cyc. carolinensis.


Lam. 1801. Cyclas, Lam. 1818. Cornea, Megerle, 1811. 
Tellina cornea.

556. Pisum, Megerle, 1811; not Linn. Pisidium, Pfeiffer. Pera,
Leach MSS. 1819; Gray. Euglesia, Leach MSS. 1820. Cardium, sp. Poli. Tellina annica.
Galileja, Costa, 1846. Cyclas fontinalis.

Fam. III. CARDIADÆ.

Læivicardium, Swains. 1840. C. lævigatum.
Lævicardium, sp. Swains. 1840. C. Æolicum.
Hemicardium, Swains. 1840. C. unedo.
Corbula, sp. Eichwald, 1838. Corb. caspia.
Hypnaxis, Pander, 1830. Monodacaen and Adacena, Eichw. 1838. M. ——?

Fam. IV. MACTRADÆ.

Hemimactra, Swains. 1840. M. gigantea.
568. Mulinia, **Gray**, 1837 (Moulinea, **Philippi**). M. luterulis.

569. Gnathodan, **Gray**, 1837; **Rang.** Clathodon, **Sow.** Clathrodan, **Conrad.** Rangia, **Desmoul.** 18 ? Gu. cuneatus.

570. Anatinella, **Sow.**; **Desh.** 1835. A. Sibbaldii.


**Fam. V. PAPHIADÆ.**

572. Paphia, **Lam.** 1801. Crassatella, sp. **Lam.** 1818. Erycina, sp. **Sow.** Mesodesma, sp. **Desh.** 1835. Eryx, **Scuins.** 1840; not **Daud.** Paphia glabrata.

Mesodesma, sp. **Desh.** 1835. Mya novæ zelandiæ.

Donacilla, sp. **D’Orb.** Erycina, sp. **Brod.** 1832. E. solenoides.

Donacilla, **Lam.** 1818. Donacille, **Lam.** 1812. Donacina, **Blainv.**

Amphidesma, sp. **Lam.** 1818. Maetra, sp. **Poli.** Mesodesma, sp. **Desh.** 1830. Erycina, sp. **Sow.** Peronsea and Peroncoederma, sp. **Poli.** 1791. Maetra cornea.


**Fam. VI. TELLINIDÆ.**

575. Psammobia, **Lam.** 1818; **Sow.** Tellina, sp. **Linn.** Gari α, **Schum.** 1817. Solen, **Megerle.** 1811. Peronsea and Peroncoederma, sp. **Poli.** Tellina Gari.

Azor, **Leach MSS.** 1819. Solen vespertinus.

Psammostea, **Lam.** 1818. Psam. zonialis.

576. Gari β, **Schum.** 1817, 132. Tellina, sp. Spengler & **Lamk.** Sanguinolaria, sp. **Desh.** Tellina papyracea.

? Scrobicularia β, **Schum.** 1817. Tel. angulata.

577. Tellina, **Linn.**; **Lam.** 1801. Peronsea, sp. **Poli.** Tel. radiata.

Angulus, **Megerle.** 1811. Psammoteca, **Lam.** 1818. Tel. lanceolata.

Macroma, **Leach.** 1819. M. tenera.

Psammoteca, **Turton.** 1822. Tel. solidula.

Tellinides, **Lam.** 1818. Tel. tenuirensis.

Tellinides, **Sow.** Tel. roscus.

Omala, **Schum.** 1817. T. planata.

Phylloidea, **Schum.** 1817. T. foliacea.

578. Arcopagia, **Leach.** 1816; **Brown.** 1827. Tel. crassa.

Tellina β, **Megerle.** 1811. Tel. scrobinita.

Solecurtus, sp. **Gray.** Psammobia, sp. **Philippi.** Arcopagia, sp. **D’Orb.** 8. solida.

579. Strigilla, sp. **Turton.** 1822. Lucina, sp. **Lamk.** Tellina carna?

580. Semele, **Schum.** 1817. Amphidesma, sp. **Gray, Sow.** Tel. reticulata.


Abra, Risso, 1826. A. fragilis.
Tellina, sp. Poli. T. rubiginosa.

Donax, sp. Scopoli, 1777. Don. ——?
Capisteria, Gevers, 1787. Don. ——?
Chion, Scopoli, 1777. Don. denticulata.
Latona, Schum. 1817. Don. cuneata.
Capsa, sp. Sov. D. complanata.


Order II. CLADOPODA.

Fam. I. PHOLADIDÆ.

PHOLADINA.

586. Pholas, Linn.; Lam. 1801. Ph. costatus.
Barnia, Leach MSS. 1819. Barnea, Risso, 1826. Ph. candida.
Pholas, Adans. 1757. Ph. Tulan.
Pholas, sp. Montag. Ph. parva.

Thovana, Leach MSS. 1818. Ph. oblongata.
588. Zirfea, Leach, 1817. Ph. crispat.a.

TEREDINA.
598. Teredo, Linn.; Lam. 1801. Teredo α, Blainv. Tered. norvegica.

Fam. II. GASTROCHÆNIDÆ.
603. Chaena α, Retz. 1788; Schum. 1817. Fistulana, Lam. 1801; Megerle, 1811. Gastrochaena β, Blainv. 1825. Ch. munia.


Fam. III. SOLENIDÆ.


Solen a, Blainv. Sol. cultellus.


Sanguinolaria, sp. Lam. 1818. Sol. occidentis.
Psammobia, sp. Lam. 1818. Psam. violacea.


613. Cultellus, Schum. 1817; Desmoul. 1832. Solen lacteus.


615. Glycimeris, Lam. 1799; not 1801 nor 1812. Panopca, Menard,
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1807; Lam. 1812. Ponopia, Swains. 1840. Chama Glycimeris, 
Aldrov. Mya Glycimeris. 
Glycimeris, Lam. 1812. Gl. arctica. 
Pholadomya, sp. Conrad. Ph. abrupta. 

616. Cyrtodaria, Daud. 1799; Oken, 1815. Glycimeris, Lam. 1801 
& 1812; not 1799, nor Schum. 1817. Mya Siliqua. 

Fam. IV. NUCULIDÆ. 

617. Nucula, Lam. 1801. Polydonta, Megerle, 1811. Glycimeris, 
Arca Nucleus. 

619. Leda, Schum. 1817; Lovén, 1846. Lembulus, Leach MSS. 
Lembulus, sp. Risso, 1826. L. Roissianus. 

620. Yoldia, Moller, 1847. Moldia, Gray (misprint), 1847. Arca 
———? 

621. Solenella, Sow. 1832. Malletia, Desmoulin, 1832. Ctenoconchæ, 
Gray, 1840. S. Norrisii. 

Fam. V. MYADÆ. 

622. Mya, Linn.; Lam. 1801; Schum. 1817. M. truncata. 
Mya, Megerle, 1811. Mya β, Blainv. Sphaena, sp. Turton, 1822, 
jun. M. arenaria. 


624. Sphenia, sp. Leach MSS. 1819; Turton, 1822. Sphaena, 
Swains. 1840. sp. Binghami. 
? Arcinella, Philippi, 1844; not Oken nor Schum. Arc. lævis. 

625. Tugonia, Gray, 1840. Pholas (Tugon), Adans. 1757. Mya, 

Fam. VI. ANATINIDÆ. 

626. Laternula, Bolten, 1798. Auriscalpium, Megerle, 1811; Schum. 
1817. Anatina, sp. Lam. 1812. Solen anatinus. 
Anatina, Blainv. 1825. An. subrostrata. 
Auriscalpium β, Schum. 1817. A. globulosum. 

627. Periploma, Schum. 1817. Osteodesma α, Blainv.; not Desh. 

628. Cochlodemas, Couthowy, 1839. Bontia, Leach MSS. 1819;


Thracia, Blainv. 1825. Th. Corbuloides.

Thracia, Conrad. Th. rugosa.


Osteodesma, sp. Couthouy. Ost. hyalina.


635. Myochama, Stutch. 1835; Sow. Myo. anomoides.


Fam. VII. CORBULIDÆ.


Lentidium, Christ. & Jans. Corb. mediterranea.

Erycina, sp. Lam. Eryc. trigona.


? Tellina, sp. Chemn. Tel. guianaca.
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641. Tomala, Gray, 1844, 78. Corbula, n. s.
642. Raleta, Gray, 1844, 78. Corbula, n. s.

Fam. VIII. PANDORIDÆ.


Fam. IX. SOLENOMYADÆ.


Fam. X. GALEOMMIDÆ.

646. Galeomma, Turton, 1825; Philippi. Hiattella, Costa; Chiae; not Daud. Parthenope, Scacchi, 1836; not Fab. Gal. Turtonii.
   Psammobia, sp. Lam. 1818. Ps. aurantia. Psammobia, sp. Quoy & Gaim. Ps. vitrea.

Fam. XI. LASIADÆ.


**Fam. XII. LEPTONIDÆ.**


**Fam. XIII. SAXICAVIDÆ.**


**Order III. GONIOPODA.**

**Fam. I. CHAMIDÆ.**


**Fam. II. ETHERIADÆ.**


**Fam. III. CARDITIDÆ.**


670. ? Hippopodium, Conybeare; J. Sow. 1819.

Fam. IV. PHOLADOMYADÆ.
   Cardita, J. Sow.  Ph. producta.
   Mya, J. Sow.  Ph. angulifera.

Fam. V. ASTARTIDÆ.
   Nicania, Leach, 1819.  Venus Q, Blainv. 1825.  N. Bauskii.
   Cypricardia, sp. Lam. 1819.  C. Modiolaris.
   Tellina, sp. Poli.  Tel. fusca.
673. ? Cardinia, Agassiz, 1846; not Agassiz, 1841.

Fam. VI. CRASSATELLIDÆ.
Crassatella, Sow. C. Kingicola.
? Ptychomya, Agassiz.

Fam. VII. GLOSSIDÆ.


Fam. VIII. LUCINIDÆ.


682. Loripes (or Loripoderma); Poli, 1792. Ligula, Menke, 1830; not Montag. Tellina a, Meyerle, 1811. Amphidesma, sp. Lam. 1818. Lucina, sp. Lam. 1818. Thiatisa, sp. Leach, 1819. Venus lactea.


Lenticularia, Schum. 1817. Ven. punctata.

Fam. IX. UNIONIDÆ.

685. Anodonta, Cuvier, 1798; Lam. 1801. Anodon, Oken, 1815.
Strophilus, Rafinesq.
Lostena, Rafinesq.
Patularia, Swains. 1840. A. ovata.

Unio, Lam. 1810. Unio littoralis.
Potamida, Swains. 1840. "Damalis, Leach." Unio sinuata.
Complanaria, Swains. 1840. C. gigas.
Uniopsis, Swains. 1840. U. mytiloides.


Luticola, Goldf. 187 Mya pictorum.
Unio, Swains. 1840. U. mytiloides.
Curricula, Swains. 1840. U. planulata.
Ligumia, Swains. 1840. U. recta.
Theliderma, Swains. 1840. U. metanera.
Megadomus, Swains. 1840. U. gigas.
Agia, Swains. 1840. U. ovata.
Calceola, Swains. 1840. U. calceolus.
Hemiodon, Swains. 1840. U. undulatus.
Canthiria, Swains. 1840. U. spinosus.
Iridea, Swains. 1840. U. granosus.
Hyridella, Swains. 1840. U. australis.


Fam. X. MUTELADÆ.


Fam. XI. MYCETOPODIDÆ.


Anodon, sp. Spix, 1827. M. siliquosus.

Fam. XII. TRIGONIADÆ.

699. Trigonia, Lam. 1801. Tr. nodulosa.

Trigonia β, Blainv. Trigonia, sp. Lam. 1818. Tr. pectinata.

Fam. XIII. ARCADÆ.


Litharca, Gray, 1844. Arca Lithodomus.

701. Trisis, Oken, 1815; Alton, 1829. Arca, sp. Linn. & Lamk. A. tortuosa.


703. Scaphula, Benson, 1835; not Swainson. Scaphura, Gray, 1840. S. ——?
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Order IV. POGONOPODA.

Fam. I. TRIDACNIDÆ.


Fam. II. MYTILIDÆ.


Fam. III. PINNIDÆ.


*Pinna*, *Swains*. 1840. *P. serrata.*

*Perna* (apan), *Adans.* 1757.


Fam. IV. DREISSENIDÆ.


729. *? Myoconcha*, *D'Orb*.

Fam. V. PTERIADÆ.


Order V. MICROPODA.

Fam. I. PECTENIDÆ.


   Limea, Lovén, 1846. Limea Sarsii.
745. Pedum, Brug. 1797; Lam. 1801. Pecten, sp. D’Orb. 1846.
   Glaucion β, Oken, 1815. Ostrea spondyloidea.

Fam. II. SPONDYLIDÆ.
   Argus, sp. Poli, 1795. Spond. gaderopus.
747. Plicatula, Lam. 1801. Spondylus β, Schum. 1817. Spondylus,
748. Himnites, Defrance, 1821. Himnus, S. Wood? Hymnites,
   Himnita, Gray, 1826; Conrad, 1834. Himnites, Sow. Lima, sp.
   Gray, 1825. Lima gigantea.
   Himnites, Sow. Pecten pusio.

Fam. III. OSTREIDÆ.
749. Ostrea, Linn.; Lam. 1801; Megerle, 1811. Peloris, sp. Poli.
   Ostreum, Adans. 1757. Ost. edulis.
   Dendostræa, Swains. 1840. Ostrea β, Megerle, 1811. Ostrea D,
   Ost. cristagalli.
750. Gryphæa, Lam. 1801; not Gryphus, Humph. Ostrea, sp.
   D’Orb. Ost. angulata.
   Gryphæa, Swains. G. incurva.
752. Plectronia. P. ——?

Fam. IV. PLACENTADÆ.
754. Placenta, Retz. 1788; Megerle, 1811; Schum. 1817. Placuna,
   Soland.; Humph. 1797; Lam. 1801. Anomia, sp. Linn. An.
   Placenta.

Fam. V. ANOMIADÆ.
755. Anomia, Linn.; Müller, 1776; Retz. 1788; Lam. 1801; Megerle,
756. Placunanomia, Brod. 1832; Sow. Anomia, sp. Blainv. Placuna,
   nomia, D’Orb.; Swains. 1840. P. Cumingii.
757. Pododesmus, Philippi, 184?. Placunauomia, sp. Brod.? P.

Class III. BRACHIOPODA.

Fam. I. LINGULADÆ.

758. Lingula, Haus.; Solander; Lam. 1801; Megerle, 1811; Schum. 1817. Ligula, Cuv. 1797. Patella, sp. Linn. Mytilus, sp. Dillw. Pat. unguis.

Fam. II. CRANIADÆ.


Fam. III. DISCINIDÆ.


Fam. IV. TEREBRATULIDÆ.


See King, Ann. & Mag. N. H. xviii. 26, 1846, for fossil genera and their synonyma, which at least shows how imperfectly the distribution of the fossil species of this group is known.

Fam. V. THECIDIDÆ.

763. Thecidea, Defrance; Blainv. 1825; Riso, 1826. Th. mediterranea.

Fam. VI. PRODUCTIDÆ.

764. Productus, &c.
Class IV. PTEROPODA.
Order I. THECOSOMATA.
Fam. I. CLEODORIDÆ.


769. Balantium, Leach MSS. 1819; Children, 1829. Bal. recurvum.

770. Pleuropus, Eschsch. (Isis) 1825. Cleodora, Blainv. P. pellucidus,


Fam. II. LIMACINIDÆ.


778. ? Spirialis, Eyd. & Soul. See Heterofusus?

Fam. III. CUVIERIDÆ.


Fam. IV. Cymbuliadæ.


Order II. GYMNASOMATA.

Fam. V. Pneumodermidæ.


787. ? Pelagia, *Quoy & Gaim.;* not *Peron.*

Fam. VI. Cymodoceadæ.


Fam. VII. Clionidæ.


Class V. CEPHALOPODA.

Subclass I. Dibranchiata.

Order I. OCTOPODA.

Fam. I. OCTOPODIDÆ.

OCYTHOINA.

Octopodina.

792. Octopus, Cuvier, 1797, 1817; Blainv. 1825. Polypus, Leach. Octopodia, Rafinesq. Sepia Octopus.


795. Octopodoteuthis, Rüppell, 1845. Verania, Krohn. O. —?


Philonexiana.


Order II. Decapoda.

Fam. II. Sepiadæ.

Sepiolina.

798. Sepiola, Leach, 1817; Risso, 1826; Blainv. 1825. Loligo, sp. Lamk. Sepia Sepiola.

Sepiana.


Cranchina.


Fam. III. Loligidæ.


Fam. IV. Loligopsidæ.

804. Loligopsis, Lam. 1811; Blainv. 1825. Leachia, Lesson; Blainv. 1825. Lol. —?

805. Histioteuthis, D'Orb. Hist. —?
Fam. V. ONYCHOTEUTHIDÆ.


808*. Belemniteuthis, Pearce, 1842.

Fam. VI. LITUIDÆ.


Subclass II. TETRABRANCHIATA.

Order III. POLIPODA.

Fam. VII. NAUTILIDÆ.


ERRATA.

No. 126, for Helenchus read Helcanchus.
No. 130, for Helicena read Helicina.
No. 206, for Forsar read Fossar.
No. 447, for Amphibulima read Amphibulina.
No. 518, before Lituus add Lituella.
No. 677, for Strigella read Strigilla.
No. 691, add Glabaris.
No. 706, for Lunaria read Lunaria.
No. 708, for Scapharea read Scapharca.
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November 23, 1847.

William Yarrell, Esq., Vice-President, in the Chair.

The following papers were read:—

1. **Descriptions of Some New Species of Australian Birds.**

   **By John Gould, Esq., F.R.S., F.Z.S. etc.**

   **Melithreptus chloropsis.**
   Upper surface greenish olive; head and chin black; crescent-shaped mark at the occiput, and under surface, white; wings and tail brown, margined with greenish olive; apical half of the external webs of the primaries narrowly edged with white; irides dull red; bill blackish brown; naked space above the eye greenish white in some, in others pale wine-yellow; tarsi and outer part of the feet light greenish olive; inside of feet bright yellow.
   Total length 5½ inches; bill 1½; wing 3½; tail 2½; tarsi ¾.
   **Hab.** Western Australia.
   **Remark.**—Allied to *M. lunulatus*, from which it differs in being of a larger size, and in having the bare space over the eye pale green instead of red.

   **Melithreptus aldogularis.**
   Upper surface greenish wax-yellow; head black; crescent-shaped mark at the occiput, chin, and all the under surface, white; wings and tail brown, margined with greenish wax-yellow; irides dull red; bill brownish black; legs and feet greenish grey, with a tinge of blue on the front of the tarsi.
   Total length 4½ inches; bill ¾; wing 2½; tail 2¼; tarsi ¾.
   **Hab.** Northern and Eastern Australia.
   **Remark.**—Rather smaller than *M. lunulatus*, from which it differs in the brighter colouring of the back and in the total absence of any black on the chin.

   **Grus Australasianus.**
   The general plumage deep silvery grey; the feathers of the back dark brownish grey, with silvery grey edges; lesser wing-coverts dark brown; primaries black; crown of the head and bill olive-green, the bill becoming lighter towards the tip; irides fine orange-yellow; raised fleshy papillae surrounding the ears and the back of the head fine coral-red, passing into an orange tint above and below the eye, and becoming less brilliant on the sides of the face, which, together with the gular pouch, is covered with fine black hairs, so closely set on the latter as almost to conceal the red colouring of the skin; upper part of the pouch and the bare skin beneath the lower mandible olive-green; in old males the gular pouch is very pendulous, and forms a conspicuous appendage; legs and feet purplish black.
Total length 48 inches; bill 6 \( \frac{1}{2} \); wing 24; tail 9 \( \frac{1}{2} \); tarsi 10 \( \frac{1}{2} \).

**Hab.** Australia generally.

**Remark.**—A very noble species, which has hitherto been confounded with the *Grus Antigone* of India, to which it is nearly allied, but from which it differs in being somewhat smaller in size and in the black colouring of the legs.

**Myiagra concinna.**

The male has the whole of the upper surface, wings, tail, and breast, lead-colour, glossed with green on the head, neck and breast, and becoming gradually paler towards the extremity of the body and on the wings and tail; primaries slaty black; secondaries faintly margined with white; under surface of the wing, abdomen and under tail-coverts white; bill leaden blue, except at the extreme tip, which is black; irides brown; feet blackish grey.

The female has the head and back lead-colour, without the greenish gloss; wings and tail brown, fringed with bluish grey, particularly the secondaries; throat and breast rich rusty red; abdomen and under tail-coverts white, which colour does not gradually blend with the rusty red of the breast, as in the female of *Myiagra plumbea*; upper mandible black; under mandible pale blue, except at the tip, which is black.

Total length 5\( \frac{1}{4} \) inches; bill \( \frac{1}{2} \); wing 3; tail 2\( \frac{3}{4} \); tarsi \( \frac{1}{4} \).

**Hab.** North-western Australia.

**Remark.**—Closely allied to *M. plumbea* and *M. nitida*.

**Herodias plumiferus.**

The entire plumage pure white; bill and orbits yellow.

Total length 24 inches; bill 4; wing 11; tail 4\( \frac{1}{2} \); tarsi 4\( \frac{1}{2} \).

**Hab.** New South Wales.

**Remark.**—This species is distinguished by the greater development of the plumes depending from the chest, and by their structure assimilating very closely to those of the back.

**Herodias pannosus.**

The entire plumage bluish or slaty black, with the exception of the chin, which is pure white.

Total length 24 inches; bill 4\( \frac{1}{4} \); wing 10\( \frac{1}{2} \); tail 4; tarsi 4\( \frac{1}{2} \).

**Hab.** Port Stephens, New South Wales.

**Remark.**—The deep leaden blue colouring of this species renders it a very conspicuous bird.

**Ardeetta stagnatilis.**

Crown of the head, occipital crest and a small tuft beneath each eye black; neck and all the under surface grey, with a vinous tinge, which becomes much deeper on the abdomen and under tail-coverts; lengthened feathers of the back bluish grey, with lighter shafts; wing-coverts dark slate-grey, narrowly margined with buff and white; remainder of the wings and tail dark grey; irides light yellow; orbits and eyelash gamboge-yellow; upper mandible and cutting edge of the lower mandible very dark reddish brown; remainder of the lower
mandible oil-green; tibiae and hinder part of the tarsi bright yellow; remainder of the legs and feet yellowish brown.

Total length 14 inches; bill $3\frac{1}{2}$; wing $7\frac{1}{2}$; tarsi $2\frac{3}{4}$.

The young differ in having all the upper surface brown, with a triangular spot of white at the tip of all the wing-feathers, and the throat broadly and conspicuously striated with brown on a white ground.

_Hab._ Port Essington.

**Actitis empusa.**

All the upper surface pale glossy or bronzy brown, each feather crossed with irregular bars of dark brown, bounded on either side by a narrow line of paler brown; wings dark brown; base and tips of the secondaries white; primaries very slightly tipped with white; central tail-feathers pale glossy or bronzy brown, with a row of irregular-shaped spots of dark brown along the margins; lateral feathers white, crossed by irregular blended bars of dark and pale brown; under surface white, with the exception of the sides of the chest, which are pale brown, and the shafts of the feathers of the front of the neck, which are also pale brown.

Total length $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches; bill $1\frac{1}{8}$; wing $4\frac{1}{8}$; tail $2\frac{1}{4}$; tarsi 1.

_Hab._ Port Essington.

**Remark.—** Closely allied to, but smaller than, _Actitis hypoleucus._

**Sterna gracilis.**

Crown of the head and back of the neck rich deep black; all the upper surface, wings and tail silvery grey; sides of the neck and all the under surface white, with a blush of rose-colour on the breast and centre of the abdomen; shafts of the primaries white, their outer webs slaty black, and a narrow stripe of dark slate-colour along the inner web close to the stem; irides brownish red; bill red; feet orange-red, nails black.

Total length $12\frac{1}{2}$ inches; bill 2; wing $8\frac{1}{2}$; tail 6; tarsi $\frac{3}{4}$.

_Hab._ The Houtmann's Abrolhos, off the western coast of Australia.

**Remark.—** A very elegant species, closely allied to _Sterna Dougallii_ of the British Islands.


**Family Maiadæ.**

**Schizophrys, White.**

Carapace oval, depressed, somewhat attenuated behind; beak deeply cloven; upper orbit deeply cloven, with a strong tooth in the middle of the cleft; under orbit with an elongated appendage on the inside, with two teeth at the end.

Tail of male with seven joints, the sides nearly parallel. Fore-legs shortest. Fingers without teeth.
Schizophrys serratus (twice the natural size).


Two basal joints of fore-legs with numerous pointed tubercles; sides of carapace with six strongish teeth, including outer tooth of orbit. The two strong teeth of the front with a tooth each on the outside.


Schizophrys spiniger, White, l. c. 9.

Basal joints of fore-legs smooth; sides of carapace with eight teeth on each, the second and third from the orbit united at the base; behind, in the middle and close to each other, are two small teeth. Carapace above with numerous minute tubercles, amongst which are nineteen of larger size, arranged mostly transversely. The carapace is yellow, tinged here and there.


Huenia frontalis, White, l. c. 10.

Carapace with the front very wide and semicircular in front; sides of carapace behind eyes narrower than a line measured across; a slight sinus in the side behind. Legs flat and foliaceous.


Huenia Dehaani, White, l. c. 10.

Carapace elongated, depressed; beak compressed; sides hairy, with a tooth at base directed forwards; carapace behind eyes with the sides nearly parallel, the end straight; sides with two wide, bluntesthish, somewhat falcated appendages directed backwards, separated by a roundish sinuation.

Megæthius porcellus, White, l. c.
Upper part of carapace very irregular all over; the front, with three teeth arising from the same, plain; the middle one very much elongated and bent down at the end; the side margin with several largetish crenations; base of fore-legs with two or three tubercles on the outside.

Blastia monoceros, Leach MSS.
Hab. Isle of France (male and female).

Family Cænæridæ.

Genus Actæa, De Haan.

Actæa nodulosa, White, l. c. 15.
Carapace and legs above thickly covered with rounded tubercles, largest on fore-legs and on fore-margins; a tubercle on the under orbit; the carapace in the middle longitudinally impressed; the posterior edge is straight and furnished with two transverse lines of small tubercles; claws, both upper and under, with longitudinal keels, horn-coloured.

Actæa carcharias, White, l. c. 15.
Carapace and legs above closely covered with sharp rough tubercles; on the front the tubercles are much smaller, the upper surface divided into different divisions by transverse and longitudinal lines; upper edge of legs serrated.
Hab. Australia (Swan River).
This species is nearly allied to Actæa calculosa (Cancer calculosus, Edw. Crust. i. 378).

Atergatis, De Haan.

Atergatis sinuatifrons, White, l. c. 14.
Carapace with the marginal limb very entire and rather thick, of a uniform brownish red. Front with three lobes, each notched in the middle. Fingers of fore-legs with tufts of hair, black, extreme tip white. Width of carapace four inches.

Atergatis subdivisus, White, l. c. 14.
Carapace with the marginal limb divided by four very indistinct lobes; greater part of top of carapace deep red, with yellowish spots; behind paler. Fingers black, base of moveable finger yellow. Front of carapace with two straightish lobes, sinuated close to the eye. Width of carapace three inches eight lines.
Hab. Philippine Islands. From Mr. Cuming's collection.
Near A. marginatus.

Atergatis asperimanus, White, l. c. 14.
Carapace with its latero-anterior sides with a cutting edge, part of carapace behind this punctate; the rest of upper surface almost quite
smooth, with three or four impressed lines in front. Hands rugose, especially above; fingers both moveable and fixed, deeply channeled. Pale yellowish red; feet darker; fingers of fore-legs pale horn-coloured.


_Atergatis lateralis_, White, l. c. 15.
Carapace with each of the sides having three projecting teeth; hands with a crest above and below; fingers short, pale brown; hands roughish on the outside.


**Xantho, Aud.**

_Xantho depressus_, White, l. c. p. 17.
Carapace much-depressed, very flat, in front tuberculated; many of the tubercles sharp-pointed. Front deeply notched in the middle; sides with three teeth. Hands on the outside tuberculated, three last joints of legs slightly tuberculated and with a few hairs.

_Hab._ Philippine Islands (Isle of Corregidor). From Mr. Cuming's collection.

This is quite a magazine genus in the family _Canceridae_; it requires subdivision greatly.

_Xantho denticulatus_, White, l. c.
Carapace with the latero-anterior edge long, and arched with eight sharp teeth on each side, largest behind. Front of carapace between the orbits separated into four parts by five longitudinal lines; two transverse lines about the middle. Hands on the outside smooth, above with a bluntnish edge, punctured on each side.

_Hab._ West Indies. Brit. Museum. From Mr. Scrivener's collection.

_Xantho cultrimanus_, White, l. c. 17.
Carapace slightly convex above; front notched; sides with four teeth; front part and sides with very slight tubercles; carapace behind the eyes with impressed lines, which meet in the middle. Hands with four longitudinal impressed lines on the outside, which is covered with small roughish tubercles. Carapace and legs pale yellowish, varied with red.


_Xantho lamelligera_, White, l. c. 17.
Carapace rather convex above, with four teeth on each side; upper part on sides slightly tubercular. Hands rough on the outside; edge of wrist above with a toothed margin; edge of hands, both above and below, with a lamellar edge. Hind-legs on the upper edge lamellar.

Chlorodius, Auct.

Chlorodius hirtipes, White, l. c. 18.
Carapace smooth; front very broad, scarcely notched in the middle; the sides with four blunt teeth. Fore-legs long; third joint very thick; upper edge at base with one thick tooth; hind-legs with many brownish hairs.

Chlorodius fragifer, White, l. c. 18.
Carapace covered with roundish berry-like tubercles, arranged in groups and separated by definite impressed lines. Pedicel of eye with two spines close to the eye; legs covered with rice-like tubercles.
White, a broad pinkish longitudinal line down the middle in front; five pink marks on hind part of carapace.

Chlorodius pilumnoides, White, l. c. 18.
Carapace and legs covered with brown hairs; carapace somewhat depressed, sides with three teeth covered with spines; fore-part of carapace with several bosses, and rough with spiny tubercles; on hind-part of carapace are four transverse raised lines, the innermost the shortest. Hands large, upper edge serrated, outside and top with largish tubercles. Fingers on the outside and top channeled; several tubercles at the base of the moveable finger; fingers black, hollowed ends white. Hind-legs serrated above, second and third joints with three rows of serratures.

Panopeus, Edwards.

Panopeus dentatus, White, l. c. 18.
Carapace having the sides furnished with five lobes, the first three blunt and wide, the last two sharp and narrow; front with four lobes, the two middle largest; fore-part of carapace above, round the edge, depressed and irregularly tuberculated, most of the tubercles very small. Hands very unequal in size, the right largest fingers thick, the left small, the fingers much elongated. Upper part red, with many irregular yellow marks.

Ozius, Edwards.

Ozius? subverrucosus, White, l. c. 19.
Carapace with latero-anterior side short, with three deep incisions forming four lobes, the two middle truncated; carapace above irregular, the edges and under-side thickly covered with small warts. Front formed of two truncated widish lobes, separated by a very
slight notch; a deepish notch between the front and the orbit, and a
sinus between the outer orbital angle and the first lobe of the side.

Hab. — ?

Family HIRPIDE.

Cosmonotus, Adams and White.

Cosmonotus Grayii, Adams and White, List of Crustacea, p. 129.
Carapace oval (about an inch in length and half an inch wide),
very much compressed laterally, especially in front, with a distinct
prominent keel extending down the middle line, very strongly marked
in front, but fainter posteriorly; the surface covered with numerous
minute depressed punctures.

Front with two very small spines on each side of a deep angular
notch, in which are placed the eyes.

Chelae trigonal, the inferior part plane, the exterior convex, with
transverse, interrupted, engraved or depressed lines, the upper angle
covered with long thick hairs; the inner surface concave. Carpus
incurved, subcompressed, convex externally, but less convex internally, and ending above and in front in a blunt spine; hand compressed, elevated, with the upper edge arched, but not so sharp as in Notopus; the sides convex and covered with asperities or minutely denticulated ridges, interrupted and transverse; finger uncinate, very short, incurved; thumb narrow, compressed, elongated, with a sharp apex and a strong tooth near the distal extremity.

Feet short and weak, as in Notopus; the first tibia bicarinate; the tarsus subquadrate, anteriorly bicarinate, with a sculpel-shaped claw; the second tibia one-keeled, with the tarsus oblong, and a sharp elongated trigonal claw; the third tibia subtriangular; tarsus short, flattened, subtrigonal, with a falcate claw; the second tibia oncocel, with the tarsus oblong, and a sharp elongated trigonal claw; the third tibia subtriangular; tarsus short, flattened, subtrigonal, with a small narrow claw.

Abdomen of the male seven-jointed, the joints from the first to the sixth nearly of the same width as in Notopus, and the last joint trigonal.

Cosmonotus differs from Notopus, De Haan, by wanting the post-frontal, elevated, denticulated ridge; by the dorsal keel ending abruptly in front, instead of terminating in a central frontal spine; in the front being notched with a single small spine on each side; in the thorax being much compressed, more especially in front, and in the produced and angular shape, while in Notopus it is almost straight across in front; and in the sides being entire, with a short sharp spine at the antero-latero angle.

The cut represents this species of twice the natural size, and is named in compliment to J. E. Gray, Esq., F.R.S., Keeper of the Zoological Department in the British Museum.

December 12, 1847.

W. Spence, Esq., F.R.S., in the Chair.

The following papers were read:—

1. **Descriptions of nineteen new species of Helicea, from the Collection of H. Cuming, Esq.** BY DR. L. PFEIFFER.

1. Helix Kurri, Pfr. Hel. testa mediocriter umbilicata, depressa, tenuis, punctis distantibus sub lente scabriuscund; diaphanis, cornea- albiis, fascia 1 angusta rufa, altera obsoletâ infra peripheriam ornata; spirâ planâ; anfractibus 4½; primis convexiusculis, ultimo sensim descendentem, utrinque subplano, antice subconstricto; aper- tura obliqua, subtriantralari-lunari; peristomata simplex, tenuis, marginibus convinentibus, supra latè expanso, basali reflexo, colu- mellari brevi, triangulatim dilatato.
Diam. 25, alt. 10 mill.
Locality unknown.

2. **Helix Gardeniri**, Pfr. *Hel. testa subperforatd, turbinatd, solidid, stris longitudinalibus et spiralibus distantioribus decussatd, nitiid, castanet; spirid elevatd, acutiusculid; anfractibus $6\frac{1}{2}$ convexiusculis, ultima majore, sublevigato, ad peripheriam cingulo albo ornato; aperturâ oblique lunâri, intus alba; peristomate simplece, recto, margine columellari subincrassato, supernê subdilatato, perforationem feri claudente.

Diam. 22, alt. 15 mill.
Found on leaves of trees in the forests of Ceylon, 8000 feet above the level of the sea (Dr. Gardener).

3. **Streptaxis Funcki**, Pfr. *Str. testa subobtecta umbilicatâ, depressa-ovata, tenuiusculid, supernê confertâ plicatâ, basi levigatâ, sub epidermide tenui, corneo-albidâ; spirid regulariter parum elevatâ, apice obtusiisculid; anfractibus $6\frac{1}{2}$ vix convexiusculis, ultimo decussatâ, prope suturam striatulo, basi convexo, juxta umbilicum mediorem compresso; aperturâ obliquâ, subtriangulâri; peristomate breviter expanse, margine basali leviter arcuato, columellari in laminam triangulararem, fornicatim supra umbilicum reflexam, dilatato.

Diam. 27$\frac{1}{2}$, alt. 16 mill.
From Merida, New Granada (Funck).

4. **Bulimus quadricolor**, Pfr. *Bul. testa imperforatâ, succinciformi, tenui, striatulâ, luted, strigis obliquis fulguratis confertâ castaneti, nonnullisque latioribus stramineis, antrosum serratis, infra medium evanescantibus pictâ; spirid conicâ, obtusiisculid; anfractibus $4\frac{1}{2}$ subplanis, ultimo parum convexo, 2–3 longitudinis subaequante, columellâ filari; peristomate unique brevissimâ expanse, roseo, marginibus callo tenuissimâ junctis.

Long. 30$\frac{1}{4}$, diam. 14 mill.
From Chachopo, province of Merida, New Granada (Funck).

5. **Bulimus Loveni**, Pfr. *Bul. testa imperforatâ, ovata, tenui, longitudinaliter plicatâ, fusco-luted, strigis castaneis fulguratis elegantissimâ pictâ; spirid conicâ, obtusiisculid, apice subimpressâ; anfractibus $4\frac{1}{2}$ vix convexiusculis, supremis castaneis, penultimo inter plicas subtilissimâ transversim striato, ultimo subuliter malleato, 4–7 longitudinis aequante; columellâ castaneti, supernê leviter plicatâ; aperturâ oblongo-ovali, subcancolore; peristomate nigro-colori, unique expanse et reflexo, margine columellari supernê dilatato, appresso.

Long. 42, diam. 20 mill.
From the Colonia of Tovar, Venezuela (Mr. D. Dyson).

6. **Bulimus Lamarkianus**, Pfr. *Bul. testa subperforatâ, ovata, solidid, striat et unique distincte granulatâ, saturât fusco, punctis nigricantibus conspersâ; spirid brevi, obtusiisculid; anfractibus 5 parum convexis, ultimo ventrosiore, 3–5 longitudinis sub-
aquante; columnellā oblique leviter plicata; apertura oblongo-ovalis, intimus lividus; peristomate subincassato, expanso-reflexo, marginibus callo tenue junctis, columnellāi superius dilatata, perforationem ferre occultantem.

Long. 62, diam. 32 mill.

From the Andes of New Granada, 8000 feet high (Funck).


Long. 50, diam. 25 mill.

From Zaji, province of Merida, New Granada (Funck).

8. *Bulimus Plectostylus*, Pfr. *Bul. testā subperforata, ovato-conicis, solidis, regulariter et distincte granulata, saturata castaneā, flammis brevibus albis infra suturarum ornata; spirā conicis, obtusi-usculis; anfractibus 5 via convexi-sculis, superioribus plicato-striatis, ultimo tumido, anticè perobliqua descendentis, 4—7 longitudinis subaequante; columnellā superius plicā valida, subobliqua, minutūtā; apertura obversē auriformē, intimus sordide lilacet, nitidd; peristomate undique expanso et reflexo, livido-fusco.

Long. 35, diam. 17 mill.

From Chachopo, province of Merida, New Granada (Funck).


Long. 33, diam. 15 mill.

From Chachopo, province of Merida, New Granada (Funck).

10. *Bulimus perditus*, Pfr. *Bul. testa perforata, ovato-oblonga, solidī, confertim striatā, albidus, flammis, maculis et punctis nigricantibus pictā; spirā conica, apice obtusi-uscula; saturet marginatā; anfractibus 5½ via convexi-sculis, ultimo spiram subaequante, basi juxta perforationem angustam via compresso; columnellā superius oblique plicatā, leviter arcutā; apertura oblonga, intimus concolore; peristomate undique expanso, margine columnellāi subfornicato.

Long. 36, diam. 15 mill.

From Agua de Obispo, New Granada (Funck).

et castaneis variegatis; spiris conicis, acutis; anfractibus 7 planis, uscis, ultimo convexo, spiram vix superante, basi juncta umbilicam angustam, apertura compressa, nigrificante; columnellâ rectâ, verticali, nigrificante; aperturâ oblongâ, ad basin columnelle subangulata, intus nigrificante-limbatâ; peristomata simplice, recto, marginibus subparallelibus, dextra superne repando, columnellâ dilatato, patente.

Long. 26, diam. 12 mill.

From Quito (De Lattre).

12. Bulimus irregulârâs, Pfr. Bul. testâ umbilicatâ, ovato-oblongâ, solidulâ, plicis confection, longitudinalibus rugosâ, carneâ, fasculo substrigato variegato; spirâ coniciâ, acutiusculâ; anfractibus 6 vix convexiusculâ, ultimo spirâ vix breviore, circa umbilicum angustum, non pervium subangulato-compresso; columnellâ leviter arcuâ; aperturâ ellipticâ, basi subangulata; peristomata simplice, recto, marginâ columnellâ e basi reflexo, superne dilatato.

Long. 19, diam. 9 mill.

From Quito, Equador (De Lattre).

13. Bulimus meridionalis, Pfr. Bul. testâ perforât, ovato-coniciâ, striatâ, diaphanâ, albâ; fasciâ 1 aurantis-fuscâ cingulâtâ; spirâ regulariter coniciâ, acutiusculâtâ; anfractibus 7 convexiusculis, ultimo spirâ breviore, subrotundatâ; columnellâ leviter arcuâtâ; aperturâ obliquâ, truncato-ovali, intus concolore; peristomate simplice, breviter expanso, marginâ columnellâ superne fornicate-reflexo.

Long. 15, diam. 8 mill.

From South Africa.

14. Bulimus pellucidus, Pfr. Bul. testâ subperforât, turritâ, tenuissimâ, striatâ, nitidâ, pellucidâ, lutescenti-cornê; spirâ elongatâ, apice obtusâ; anfractibus 7 convexiusculis, ultimo 1—3 longitudinalibus aquante; columnellâ subtorta; aperturâ subquadraangulari-ovali; peristomate simplice, acuto, marginâ columnellâ breviter revolutâ.

Long. 11 1/2, diam. 4 mill. (spec. max.).

From Merida, New Granada (Funck).

15. Bulimus granadensis, Pfr. Bul. testâ angustâ perforât, fusiformi-ovalâ, tenui, irregulariter striatâ, albâ; strigis vitellinis et maculis longitudinalibus nigricantibus seriatis ornâtâ; spirâ coniciâ, acutiusculâtâ; anfractibus 6 vix convexiusculis, ultimo spiram aquante; columnellâ rectâtâ; aperturâ ovali-oblongâ, intus concolore; peristomate acuto, simplice, vix expansiusculo, marginâ columnellâ in laminam triangularîm tenuem reflexo, perforationem fere occultaent.

Long. 26, diam. 11 mill.

From Merida, New Granada (Funck).

16. Achatinella Michelsiana, Pfr. Ach. testâ ovato-coniformi, lavigâtâ, opacî, nitidâ, nived, strigis cinereis variegatâ; spirâ
conica, apice acutiuscula; sutural submarginata; anfractibus 5\(\frac{1}{2}\) convexis, ultimo infra median lineæ nigricante (interdum duplicatis) cincto; pliçt columnellæ validid, dentiformi, basi castaneâ; aperture semiövali, fusco-marginata; peristomata simplice, acuto.

Long. 17, diam. 8 mill.

From Molokai, Sandwich Islands.

17. Achatina magnifica, Pfr. Ach. testâ ovato-subsififormi, tenuisscula, leviter striatâ, haud nitente, luteâ, strigis et flammis virentibus et castaneis, fascideque 1 luteo et casteneo arviculatâ, supramedian variegatâ; spirî conici, apice obtusissimi; anfractibus 5\(\frac{1}{2}\) vix convessiusculis, ultimo spiram paulo superante; suturâ angustâ marginatâ; columnellâ rectâ, verticali, callo introrsum albo, extrorsum nigricante indutâ, basi rubro, ad basin aperture ellipsisæ, intus cerulescenti-albide obliquâ truncatâ.

Long. 47, diam. 21 mill.

From Quito, Equador; in woods (De Lattre).

18. Achatina Funckii, Pfr. Ach. testâ subperforatâ, ovato-conicâ, tenui, striatâ, nitidâ, pellucidâ, strammineo-hyalinâ; spirâ conici, acutâ; anfractibus 6 convexis, ultimo spirâ paulo breviore; aperturâ semiövali; pariete aperturali medio pliçt levi, intrae munito; columnellâ medio lamellatim truncatâ; peristomata simplice, acuto.

Long. 12\(\frac{1}{2}\), diam. 6 mill.

From the province of Merida, New Granada (Funck).


Long. (spec. trunc.) 14, diam. 4 mill.

From Chachopo, province of Merida, New Granada (Funck).

2. Description of a new species of Volute. By W. J. Brodribb, Esq., F.R.S. etc.

Voluta signifera. Vol. testâ ovato-fusiformi, longitudinaliter creberrimè lineatâ, subflava, signis spadiceo-brunneis irregularibus, interruptis vittatâ; spirâ mediocrì, subtumidâ, apice subacuto-mammillari, glabro; anfractibus 3, ultimo longe maximo, subvertricoso; labro acuto; columnellâ quadruplicatâ, pîcis magnis.

Long. 3\(\frac{3}{4}\), lat. 1\(\frac{1}{4}\) poll.

Hab. In Oceano Orientali?

Two bands of detached, reddish-brown, irregular, interrupted spots wreathe the spiral whorls, and three such bands, with a trace of a fourth, adorn the body-whorl. There is a wide interval between the upper two of the bands of the body-whorl, and the third and trace of the fourth on the same whorl. An irregular linear dash of the same colour connects the three uppermost of these bands longitu-
ordinally and centrally. Indeed the colour seems disposed generally to run from the upper to the lower band of each pair. The terminal notch is very deep and is surmounted by an unusually strong elevated ridge.

The specimen is faded and rubbed, but in form is nearly perfect. When in fine condition *V. signifer* must be one of the most elegant of the beautiful family to which it belongs.

Mr. Cuming obtained this Volute in the present year, from the cabinet of Dr. Dalen of Rotterdam, by whom it was liberally presented to him, although Dr. Dalen had no other example of the shell. I never saw the species before, and as far as my experience goes, this is the only specimen known.
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