

DR. F. HAAS, formerly malacologist of the Senckenberg Museum, Frankfurt a. M., Germany, has accepted a position on the staff of the Field Museum, beginning his duties on July 1.

BENSONIES, NEW NAME FOR BENSONIA PFEIFFER.—*Bensonia* Pfeiffer, 1856, Malak. Bl. 2: 119, type *Nanina monticola* Hutton, 1838, Journ. Asia. Soc. Bengal 7 (1): 215, from western Himalayas, is preoccupied by *Bensonia* "Cantor" Gray, 1847, Proc. Zool. Soc. London: 150. *Bensonies*, a genus of Tanychlamydninae (Helicarionidae), is accurately defined by Blanford and Godwin-Austen, 1908, Fauna Brit. India, Testacellidae and Zonitidae: 171.—H. BURRINGTON BAKER.

RUMINA DECOLLATA (Linnaeus) is now thriving on cauliflower and other vegetables in a garden in Pensacola, Escambia County, Florida. A few specimens of this species was sent in to Dr. E. W. Berger, Entomologist of the State Plant Board, Gainesville, Florida, March 24, 1938, who brought them to the writer for identification. Dr. Berger then had their county agent, Mr. R. B. Linger, who sent the samples, to send some more, fifty-two in all. These were left alive for a few days and fed on cabbage, which they seemed to relish, and proceeded to laying eggs. This is the first record of the introduction of this species into Florida that the writer is aware of. The shells and eggs are in The Florida State Museum.—T. VAN HYNING, Director, The Florida State Museum.

HYDATINA PHYSIS (L.) IN LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA.—Thirty living specimens were taken in the southern end of Lake Worth in March. About 10 were found burrowed with only a very small portion of shell showing. The rest were moving. More than half had moss on the back such as is found on shells living in Lake Worth, indicating that they had wintered there. They were moving toward the open sea, regardless of whether tide was with or against, and seemed in great haste. Some few pairs were nested (completely burrowed) and mating. None *living* were in evidence since March 25. Mrs. Lyman is doing some investigating today, March 29. She found one adult living specimen of *Chione latilirata* Conr., which is now in the collection of Mrs. Beatrice Procter, Palm Beach.—FRANK B. LYMAN.



Baker, H. Burrington. 1938. "Bensonies, new name for Bensonia Pfeiffer." *The Nautilus* 52, 33–33.

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