

LXIX.—*Descriptions of Four new African Snakes in the British Museum.* By G. A. BOULENGER, F.R.S.

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Helicops gendrii.

Eye rather small; rostral much broader than deep, hardly visible from above, where it forms a suture with the bell-shaped internasal; frontal once and a half as long as broad, as long as its distance from the end of the snout, a little shorter than the parietals; loreal scarcely longer than deep; one or two præoculars, two postoculars, and two or three suboculars, separating the eye from the labials; nine or ten upper labials; temporals 1 + 2 or 3; two pairs of chin-shields, the anterior in contact with five or six lower labials. Scales in 25 rows, dorsals strongly, laterals faintly keeled. Ventrals 151–153; anal divided; subcaudals 60–64. Black above, pinkish yellow beneath, the two colours sharply defined on the outer row of scales; a series of dark spots along the middle of the lower surface of the tail.

Total length 630 mm.; tail 150.

Two female specimens from Labé, French Guinea, presented by Dr. E. Gendre.

Simocephalus unicolor.

Agreeing very closely with *S. capensis*, Smith, but differing in the following points:—Two superposed loreals; two præoculars, lower very small; three postoculars. Uniform dark brown above and beneath.

Total length 1240 mm.

A single female specimen (V. 228; C.?) from Fort Hall, Kenya District, British East Africa, 4000 ft., presented by Mr. S. L. Hinde.

Aparallactus christyi.

Diameter of eye greater than its distance from the oral margin. Rostral broader than deep, the portion visible from above measuring two-thirds its distance from the frontal; internasals shorter than the præfrontals; frontal once and a half as long as broad, longer than its distance from the end of the snout, much shorter than the parietals; nasal divided, in contact with the præocular; one postocular; a single temporal; seven upper labials, third and fourth entering the



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