Dr. A. Günther on a new Snake from Madagascar.

ceras a genus which comprised three subgenera, Stephanoceras, Perisphinctes, and Cosmoceras; subsequently he raised each of these subgenera to the rank of distinct genera. Examples: S. Humphriesianum, macrocephalum, coronatum, Parkinsoni.


XLIII.—Description of a new Snake from Madagascar.
By Dr. A. Günther.

The Trustees of the British Museum have purchased some specimens of reptiles from Madagascar, and among them a snake which appears to be the type of a new genus of the family Dendrophiidae.

Ithycyphus.

Body compressed, with the abdominal scutes distinctly keeled. Scales smooth, imbricate, without apical groove, in twenty-one series. Ventral scutes less than 200; anal and subcaudals divided. Upper shields of the head normal. One undivided nasal; loreal distinct; one præ-, three postoculars. Pupil round. None of the anterior or middle maxillary teeth enlarged; posterior maxillary tooth grooved.

Ithycyphus caudolineatus.

Body slender, compressed; head narrow, flat, with the snout depressed, obliquely truncated in front. Eye rather small. Vertical bell-shaped. Nostril round, in the middle of the narrow, elongate, single nasal shield. Loreal elongate, as
long as the nasal. The single praecocular reaches to the upper surface of the head, and is in contact with the vertical. Three postocul[...]

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