In habits the Lepidosiren was sluggish, wriggling about amongst the dense vegetation. It was in most cases nearly blind, merely distinguishing light and shade, and was very sensitive to vibrations in the water. It fed on large ampullarias and on masses of confervæ &c.

On the approach of the dry season it ceased to eat entirely: the muscles especially of its tail underwent fatty degeneration. It became sluggish in its habits, remaining in its burrow, and as the waters completely dried up it remained in the mud, breathing air by means of an air-hole.

The following papers were read:


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Examples of the following species were collected by Mr. F. Gillett in Somali-land during the present year (1897), and, although unhappily in poor condition, owing to the fact that they were attacked by mites, are of interest as adding to our knowledge of the Lepidopterous fauna of that country. No new species are represented in the collection.

RHOPALOCERA.

1. Limnas chrysippus, L.
   Vars. L. klugii and L. dorippus.
   Beichen, 22nd January, 1897.

2. Melanitis ismenes, Cr.
   Berbera, 13th January.

3. Charaxes achilemenes, Felder.
   Dimoley, 23rd January.

4. Charaxes kirkii, Butler
   ♂, Dimoley, 23rd January.

5. Junonia sesamus, Trimen.
   Sheik, 26th January.

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7. Junonia taveta, Roghf.
   Dimoley, 23rd January,
8. Hypolimnas misippus, L.
♀♂, Dhobar, 21st, and Beichen, 23rd January.

Locality not on specimen.

Dimoley, 23rd January.

11. Acræa bræsia, Godman.
Sheik, 26th January.

12. Pardopsis punctatissima, Boisd.
No exact locality recorded on specimen.

No exact locality noted.

Sooksooder, 3rd January.

15. Castalius lactinatus, Butler.
No special locality recorded of this rare little species.

Too much worn for identification.

17. Zeritis perion, Cramer.
No exact locality noted.

18. Myrina ficedula, Trimen.
No exact locality noted.

Beichen, 22nd January.
The type was described from Suakin.

20. Mylothris agathina, Cramer.
♀, Sooksooder, February 6th.

21. Teracolus calais, Cramer.
Beichen, 22nd January.

22. Teracolus phisadia, Godt.
No exact locality noted: the species is new to Somali-land.

23. Teracolus phillipsii, Butler.
Beichen, 22nd January.

Dimoley, 23rd January.
Dhobar, 21st, Beichen, 22nd January; Berbera, January.

Dimoley, 23rd January.

Dhobar, 21st January.
Apparently a common species.

**HETEROCERA.**
All of these excepting one are referable to the *Noctua*.

Dhobar, 21st January.

Dhobar, 21st January.

No special locality recorded.

Goolis Mountains, Galeed, 13th February.

32. *Atatha leucoptera*, Hampson.
Beichen, 22nd January.

Beichen, 22nd January
This is a *Liparid*.


[Received October 25, 1897.]

(Plate LIV.)

In June and July 1896 Mr. Alexander Whyte, the well-known collector, made an expedition into Northern Nyasaland for the purpose of investigating the fauna of that part of the territories administered by Sir Harry Johnston. The expedition proved remarkably successful, for besides the large number of specimens of other groups obtained, Mr. Whyte brought back the fine collection of mammals of which the present paper gives an account.

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