

A remarkably coloured Squirrel from Siam. By Oldfield Thomas.
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The late Mr. Oldfield Thomas, in this article, describes a new squirrel, *Callosciurus cockerelli*, from Nan. It was shot by the Rev. Homer Wiesbecker, and presented to the British Museum by Professor T. D. A. Cockerell.

The author says "This squirrel is so peculiarly coloured and so unlike anything known from Indo-China that I am at a loss to say to what known species it is most nearly related. It may be connected with some of the variegated forms of the *ferrugineus* or *sladeni* groups, but its white tail and white belly are quite distinctive of it as a special species.

I have much pleasure in naming it after its donor, Professor Cockerell, who has been a friend and correspondent of the British Museum for so many years."

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This new biological journal has been launched by Mr. C. Boden Kloss, Director of Museums, Straits Settlements and Federated Malay States. In the first number Mr. Boden Kloss writes a short introductory note explaining his reasons for starting the Bulletin. He goes on to say "The Bulletin will be published as material is available; each number will be complete in itself and will have its own pagination; but it is intended whenever sufficient numbers to form a volume of reasonable size have been produced to issue a title-page, table of contents and index." We do not know how the editor will get over the difficulty of indexing a volume of several parts, each with a separate pagination. The number of the part, printed at the bottom of each page, will, no doubt, be of some help.

There can be no question of the importance of this publication, which allows Mr. Kloss to continue, untrammelled, the valuable series of zoological records for which he has been responsible in past years. No. 1 is devoted to a paper by Dr. Hanitsch on the Blattidae of the Mentawi Islands. This paper comes under the general title "Spolia Mentawiensia." It is the sixteenth of the reports published on the fauna and flora of these islands. The previous reports are to be found in a number of different publications.

In No. 2 no less than eighteen papers are published. The "Spolia Mentawiensia" series accounts for ten of these, on various families of insects, scorpions and spiders. In a note the editor states that a considerable amount of material from these islands still awaits determination. In the first paper of the number Mr. Boden Kloss discusses the zoo-geographical boundaries between Asia and Australia, and some oriental sub-regions. The remaining papers deal with various subjects, from bees and wasps to flying lemurs.