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LXI.—*On remarkable Specimens of Rana esculenta from South-western Persia.* By G. A. BOULENGER, F.R.S.

THE collection made by Mr. R. B. Woosnam when accompanying Col. Bailward in Persia contains two specimens of *Rana esculenta*, male and female, which do not fall under the definition of any of the races hitherto distinguished, and for which I think it desirable to propose a new name—var. *susana*—the specimens having been captured not far from the ruins of Susa, at an altitude of about 400 feet.

This variety agrees with var. *ridibunda*, to which I have referred the Persian specimens previously examined by me, in the small size and feeble prominence of the inner metatarsal tubercle, and with the typical form in the comparatively short tibiae, which barely meet at the heels when they are laid at right angles to the body. Besides, the length of the tibia is less than one half that of head and body, whilst in var. *ridibunda* it usually measures one half or more. The life-colour of the malespecimen, obtained in a small stream on March 20th, is described in Mr. Woosnam's notes as drab colour, with a few dark brown spots; head, shoulders, and upper back light green: the female, caught in the Kerkbah River on March 19th, was of a greenish-brown colour, with dark brown blotches and a broad light stripe along the middle of head and body. Other specimens of *R. esculenta*, obtained by Mr. Woosnam at Kermanshah, 6000 feet altitude, are referable to the var. *ridibunda*.

I append some measurements of these specimens, in accordance with the method proposed in the 'Proceedings of the Zoological Society,' 1891, p. 377:—

			1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
Var. <i>ridibunda</i> .	Kermanshah.	♂....	67	34	33	9	3½
"	"	♀....	86	43	40	12	4
"	"	♀....	75	38	37	11	4
Var. <i>susana</i> .	Susa.	♂.....	64	29	29	7	3
"	"	♀.....	63	29	29	7½	3

1. Length (in millimetres) from snout to vent. 2. Length of tibia (in the flesh). 3. Length of foot measured from outer metatarsal tubercle to tip of fourth toe. 4. Length of inner toe. 5. Length of inner metatarsal tubercle.