parison is interesting. In fact the development of *Bothriocephalus proboscideus* shows that the embryonal envelope is the homologue of the amnios of the embryos of insects and other Arthropoda. In this case the ciliated envelope of the larva of *Bothriocephalus latus* would be a sort of amnios persisting for a long time after exclusion. But then we must extend this homology to the ciliated envelope of the embryos of the Monostomata and of M. Desor's Nemertean. To be consistent, indeed, we must regard the pilidium as a sort of provisional envelope of its *Nemertes*—as an amnios which acquires a remarkable degree of independence.—*Mélanges Biologiques tirés du Bull. Acad. Imp. des Sciences de St. Pétersb.* tome vi. p. 717; *Bibl. Univ.* tome xxxvii. Jan. 15, 1870, *Bull. Sci.* p. 87.

On the Buenos-Ayres Finner. By Dr. BURMEISTER.

(In a letter to Dr. J. E. GRAY.)

I have received another Whale, well preserved and entire, of which I have made a careful drawing, which I intend to publish as soon as the skeleton is cleaned and transported to the Museum. At present I am not quite certain of the identity of the animal; but I believe it is *Physalus patachonicus*. The body is sixty feet long, six feet high, and sixteen feet in circumference; it is a male. The complete specimen which I described three years ago was a female, so that now I shall have both sexes of the species. Unfortunately putrefaction had begun and I was unable to preserve or examine anything of the intestines. As the body is deposited on the shores of the river nearly two miles from Buenos Ayres, it is somewhat difficult for me to study it in detail; so that I shall only be able to present to the scientific public a drawing of the entire animal and its skeleton, which I shall send to you, to have published in London.

New Localities for Zonites glaber.

To the Editors of the Annals and Magazine of Natural History.

GENTLEMEN,

In your May number of the 'Annals,' Mr. Jeffreys describes a new British land-shell, *Zonites glaber*. It may be interesting to many of your readers to know a few other localities whence I have obtained it:—In 1862 from near Leeds; in 1864 my son took it in Guernsey; in 1868 I took it at Bristol; same year near London; in 1869 from Jersey.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Yours, &c.

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