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XXV.—*Descriptions of four new Species of the Genus Inopeplus* (Coleoptera, Cucujidæ). By CHARLES O. WATERHOUSE.

I HAVE not had an opportunity of examining the species upon which Laporte established the genus *Ino*, and am therefore somewhat in doubt as to whether the species here described really belong to that genus. If the species described by M. Fairmaire (Ann. Ent. Fr. 1869, ix. p. 208) as *Ino picta*, Lap., is the same as that described by Laporte, it appears to me that all the eastern and American species at present included in the genus must be separated, on account of the form of the thorax and of their not having the penultimate joint of the tarsi bilobed. Laporte, however, does not mention this bilobed joint.

The generic name *Ino* being preoccupied in Lepidoptera, I have adopted *Inopeplus*, proposed as a substitute for it by Mr. F. Smith. In the event of the separation above mentioned taking place, the eastern species will fall into *Euryplatus*, Mots.

The following species are in the British-Museum collection.

Inopeplus æneomicans.

Elongatus, æneus, micans; capite coriaceo, sat crebre evidenter punctato; thorace coriaceo, sat crebre subtilius punctato, ante basin constricto; elytris subtiliter coriaceis, purpureo-æneis, sutura ænea; abdomine nitido, subtilissime coriaceo, parce subtilissime punctulato, cupreo et viridi-æneo micante; antennis pedibusque piceis, tibiis rufo-piceis.

Long. 2 lin.

Head a little broader than long, slightly narrowed before and behind the eyes, which are prominent; in the middle there is a distinct longitudinal impression. Antennæ pitchy, the basal joint æneous, club-shaped, as long as the two following together; 2nd joint short, scarcely longer than its width at the apex, the 3rd to 11th gradually and slightly increasing in length. Palpi pitchy, the apical joint of the maxillary pair elongate fusiform. Thorax scarcely broader than long, with a very slight angular projection rather behind the middle of the side; behind this it is gently sinuate and obliquely narrowed to the base. Elytra about as long as the head and thorax together, rather broader behind than at the base, separately obtusely rounded at their apices, coppery æneous, green at the suture, rather brighter coppery at the apex. Abdomen with four segments exposed above, shining,

with green and coppery reflections. Femora incrassate ; intermediate tarsi with the basal joint a little longer than the second, 2nd and 3rd equal, 4th much smaller, simple, claw-joint as long as the four previous joints taken together ; posterior tarsi 4-jointed, the basal joint elongate, as long as the 2nd and 3rd taken together, the 3rd joint very small, the claw-joint as long as the three previous joints taken together.

Hab. Jamaica.

Received from Mr. R. M'Lachlan with some Tomicidæ from Jamaica.

Inopeplus violaceipennis.

Lator, niger, nitidus ; capite thoraceque crebre subtiliter punctulatis ; elytris violaceis, crebre subtilissime punctulatis ; palpis, antennarum articulo basali tarsisque piceis.

Long. $2\frac{1}{2}$ lin.

A large broad species. Head more than twice as broad as long, finely, distinctly, and rather closely punctured. Thorax at its widest part a trifle broader than the head, finely, distinctly, and rather closely punctured, twice as broad as long, from the middle to the base very obliquely narrowed and rounded, base arcuate. Elytra violet, finely and rather closely punctured, as long as the head and thorax together. Abdomen æneous-black, broad and rounded, the two basal segments of those exposed above sparingly and very obscurely punctured, the apical segment closely and very finely punctured.

Hab. Dory, New Guinea (*Wallace*).

Inopeplus terminatus.

Piceo-niger, nitidus ; capite thoraceque crebre evidententer punctatis ; elytris piceis, brevibus, obsolete subtilissime punctulatis, apice testaceo ; abdomine supra crebre subtilissime punctulato ; tarsis piceo-testaceis.

Long. 2 lin.

Head twice as broad as long, slightly oblique behind the eyes, closely and very distinctly punctured. Thorax not quite twice as broad as long, much narrowed at the base, not quite so closely punctured as the head, with a slight smooth mesial line ; the sides are rounded at the anterior third, and then very oblique and gently sinuous to the base. Elytra at the base as broad as the thorax, much broader posteriorly, as long as the head and thorax together, smooth, with only some obscure and extremely fine punctuation, pitchy, the sides darker, the apex pale yellow-testaceous. Abdomen with four segments exposed above, parallel at the base, rounded at the apex,

rather thickly and extremely delicately punctured, the margins reflexed.

Hab. Java (*J. C. Bowring, Esq.*).

Inopeplus biguttatus.

Piceus, nitidissimus; capite sat crebre subtiliter punctulato; thorace basi bene angulato, sat crebre subtilissime punctulato, angulis posticis distinctis; elytris discrete subtilissime punctulatis, singulis macula quadrata notatis.

Long. $1\frac{1}{2}$ lin.

Head about twice as broad as long, with a longitudinal impressed mesial line, finely and rather closely punctured. Thorax a little broader than the head, rather more than twice as broad as long, very obliquely narrowed behind, finely and moderately closely punctured; the sides for the anterior third rounded, thence to near the base very oblique, but at the extreme base forming with the base a right angle. Elytra at the base as broad as the thorax, much wider behind, a little longer than the head and thorax together, irregularly, finely, and not very thickly punctured; each elytron with a transverse quadrate pale yellow spot on the disk. Abdomen rather thickly and extremely delicately punctured. Antennæ nearly black, distinctly longer than the head and thorax together.

Hab. Java (*J. C. Bowring, Esq.*).

XXVI.—*On Mammals and Reptiles from Johanna, Comoro Islands.* By Dr. ALBERT GÜNTHER, F.R.S., Keeper of the Department of Zoology, British Museum.

THE British Museum has received from Mr. C. E. Bewsher a small collection of mammals and reptiles made by him during a sojourn of six weeks in Johanna. The MAMMALS found by him were previously known to occur in the island, and belong to four species, viz.:—*Lemur anjuanensis*, Geoffr.; *Pteropus Edwardsii*, Geoffr.*; *Centetes ecaudatus*; and *Mus musculus*.

Lemur anjuanensis.

The Lemur of the island of Johanna has been described by Geoffroy St.-Hilaire, in 'Annales du Muséum,' vol. xix.

* *Pteropus Livingstonii* (Gray) is a second species occurring in Johanna. According to a communication from Dr. Hildebrandt the following species occur also in Johanna—*Miniopterus scotinus*, *Nyctinomus pumilus*, *Cynonycteris* sp., *Crocidiura albicauda*, and *Viverra Schlegelii*.