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Description of a new Suctorial Millipede sent from Trinidad by Mr. J. H. Hart, of the Royal Botanical Gardens, Trinidad. By R. I. Pocock.

In my report upon the Diplopoda of the West Indies, published in Journ. Linn. Soc., Zool. xxiv., I enumerated on pp. 478-479 four species of suctorial Millipedes as being known from the West-Indian area. Three of these, belonging to the genus *Siphonophora*, were from Cuba and St. Vincent, and the fourth, a *Siphonotus*, was from the latter island. No species had at the time been obtained in Trinidad; consequently Mr. Hart's recently received consignment of a dozen specimens of a new species of this group was of considerable interest, the more so since they prove to belong to a genus, *Siphonorhinus*, which is new to the Neotropical fauna.

This species may be called, in honour of its discoverer,

Siphonorhinus Hartii, sp. n.

Colour (in alcohol) a reddish yellow, deeper at the anterior end; a distinct black band extending along the middle line of the back throughout the length of the body; the keels of the segments a little darker than the pale area on each side of the dark median band; the head reddish brown; antennæ, rostrum, and legs pale yellow.

Head not pyriform, four-sided, being very abruptly narrowed at the base of the rostrum.

Rostrum slender, elongate, only a little thicker at the base than halfway up, a little more than half the length of the head.

Antennæ thick, rather short, incrassate, the second segment a little longer than the third, fourth, or fifth, and a little longer than wide, the sixth barely thicker than the fifth and not quite twice its length.

Body wide, the pleuræ projecting beyond the tips of the feet, the area of the tergal piece that lies below the keel or poriferous excrescence nearly vertical. The elevated portion of the segments clothed thickly with silky pubescence; the anterior lower part coriaceous in front, granular behind.

Number of segments variable; in the type 59, in others 50, &c.

Length of type 18.5 millim., width 2.

This species may be at once recognized from the Oriental members of the genus by its variegated colouring and longer and thinner rostrum.

On the Dates of Shaw and Nodder's 'Naturalist's Miscellany.'

This book is usually found bound in twenty-four volumes, with dedicatory titlepages; but considerable uncertainty has been felt with regard to the actual dates of the species therein described for the first time.

The 'Naturalist's Miscellany' came out in parts, 287 of which

were issued; there were 1068 plates, of which 1064 were actually published, the last four having been prepared, but the text never written, owing to the illness and death of Dr. Shaw. Now 287 parts make up 23 years 11 months if issued monthly; and as Dr. Shaw died on July 22, 1813, leaving the descriptions of the last set of plates (1065-1068) unpublished, we may suppose this to have been the number for July 1813, the concluding number of the twenty-fourth vol. Pursuing this argument further, we find that the first number should have appeared as an August number in 1789, and we find it reviewed in the 'Gentleman's Magazine' for October of that year. Referring to a copy of the 'Nat. Misc.' in the British Museum (Nat. Hist.), the required evidence is found in one of the original circulars about the work, which states that it will be "Published in monthly numbers. Price one shilling and sixpence. To begin the First of August." It is said also that "three, and sometimes more" plates will be published in each number.

Taking these facts into consideration, as well as the dated plates, I believe the following to be the actual dates of publication of Shaw and Nodder's 'Naturalist's Miscellany':—

Vol.	Plates.		Vol.	Plates.	
I.	1- 15	1789.	XIII.	493- 508	1801.
	16- 37	1790.		509- 540	1802.
II.	38- 52		XIV.	541- 567	
	53- 74	1791.		568- 588	1803.
III.	75- 87		XV.	589- 612	
	88-110	1792.		613- 635	1804.
IV.	111-125		XVI.	636- 660	
	126-145	1793.		661- 684	1805.
V.	146-161		XVII.	685- 708	
	162-182	1794.		709- 732	1806.
VI.	183-195?		XVIII.	733- 756	
	?196-218	1795.		757- 780	1807.
	219-230			781- 804	1808.
VII.	231-254	1796.		805- 828	
	255-278?			829- 852	1809.
VIII.	?279-300	1797.		853- 878	
	301-324			879- 900	1810.
IX.	325-348	1798.		901- 924	
	349-364			925- 948	1811.
X.	365-396	1799.		949- 972	
	397-412			973- 996	1812.
XI.	413-444	1800.		997-1020	
	445-463			1021-1044	1813.
XII.	464-492	1801.		1045-1068	

It will be comparatively easy to fix with a fair amount of certainty the actual month any of the above plates was issued.

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(Index gen. et spec. anim.).