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originally placed it. The attempt made by Milne-Edwards and Filhol, and, comparatively recently, by Trouessart, to include it in the Felidæ or in a special family associated with the Felidæ must bring about an extension of the definition of that family or group, with the result that the definition ceases to be of scientific value. It is significant that no such definition was attempted. For my part I quite agree with Lönnerberg that the cross-resemblances *Cryptoprocta* exhibits to other families of Æluroids, coupled with its own peculiarities, entitle it to rank as a family by itself; and this family is susceptible of definition as precise as that of the Felidæ or Hyænidæ.

XLIX.—*A new Rat from Tenasserim.*

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Epinys tenaster, sp. n.

Quite like *E. cremoriventer*, Miller, but much larger. The fur similarly spiny, the colour buffy or ochraceous with sharply defined under surface, and the tail similarly well haired, uniformly brown.

Skull conspicuously larger than that of *cremoriventer*, proportionally perhaps somewhat narrower. Supraorbital ridges well developed, evenly curved, not forming marked postorbital angles as in *E. surifer*.

Dimensions of the type (measured on the spirit-specimen):—

Head and body 160 mm.; tail 208; hind foot 33·3; ear 24.

Skull: greatest length 42·3; condylo-incisive length 37·7; zygomatic breadth 18·8; nasals 16·3; interorbital breadth 6·8; breadth across parietal ridges 15·4; palatilar length 17·8; palatal foramina 7; upper molar series 6·5.

Hab. Mount Muleyit, Tenasserim. Alt. 5000–6000'.

Type. Adult male. B.M. no. 88.12.1.53. Collected by L. Fea, and presented by the Marquis G. Doria.

This is one of two species put by me under the erroneous heading of *Mus jerdoni*, Blyth, in my account of the Fea collection, the other being a smaller form recently named by Mr. Miller *Epinys gracilis*, and closely allied to *E. bukit*. *E. tenaster* appears to be only nearly related to the Malayan *E. cremoriventer*, from which the dimensions given above will readily distinguish it.