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XXI.—*A new African Squirrel presented to the British Museum by Capt. the Hon. R. O. B. Bridgeman, R.N.*
By GUY DOLLMAN.

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Paraxerus bridgmani, sp. n.

Allied to *Paraxerus sponsus*, Thos. & Wrought., but distinguished at once by its paler colour and orange bordered tail.

General body-dimensions as in *sponsus*. Colour of dorsal surface of body speckled grey washed with pale yellow, without the rufous tint so dominant in *sponsus*. Hairs of back with slate-black bases, pale lemon-yellow middles, white subterminal rings, and dark tips; in *sponsus* the middle portions of the hairs are rufous-orange and the tips darker and considerably longer. Nasal region, sides of face, and backs of hands and feet yellowish orange, near "ochraceous-buff" (Ridgway, 1912). Entire ventral surface of body yellowish orange, considerably paler than the underparts of *sponsus*, which are almost rufous. Tail conspicuously different from that of the Inhambane species, the orange colour being much more restricted in its distribution, forming a kind of margin or border to the tail, the median portion, both above and below, coloured like the back; the orange colour is much the same as that of the belly, and paler than in *sponsus*, where the rufous hair-tips give the tail a general rufous appearance rather than a richly coloured border.

Skull shorter and with smaller cranium; nasals more parallel-sided, the anterior breadth not conspicuously greater than that of the median constricted area.

Dimensions of the type (measured in the flesh):—

Head and body 180 mm.; tail 190; hind foot 42; ear 22.

Skull: greatest length 46; condylo-incisive length 39·8; basilar length 31·6; length of nasals 14·3; greatest width across nasals 6; zygomatic breadth 26·1; squamosal breadth across brain-case 19·5; palatilar length 17·5; length of upper cheek-teeth 8·2.

Hab. Indook, Panda, Portuguese East Africa. Altitude 700 feet.

Type. Adult female. B.M. no. 14. 7. 18. 1. Original

no. 4. Collected and presented by Captain the Hon. R. O. B. Bridgeman, R.N.

The general colour of this squirrel renders it easily distinguishable from the Inhambane species; the cranial differences are such that it seems best to regard this form as a distinct species.

Capt. Bridgeman, after whom this handsome squirrel is named, collected a second specimen, exactly like the type, at the same locality.

XXII.—Indian Pyrgotinae (Diptera).

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No species of this interesting subfamily had been described from India or Ceylon up to the end of 1913; the *Oxycephala* ? *pictipennis*, Walker ('List of the Spec. of Dipt. Insects in the Coll. of the Brit. Museum,' iv. 1849, p. 1162), from East India, which, in Van der Wulp's Catalogue, p. 172, is recorded as belonging to *Pyrgota*, is, indeed, a beautiful species of the Platystomine genus *Xenaspis*, Osten-Sacken, 1881 (*Polistomima*, Enderlein, 1912), as was first shown by Prof. Hendel (Wien. entom. Zeitung, xxvii. 1908, p. 150). This same species was described as *X. vespoides* by Prof. de Meijere ('Bijdragen tot de Dierkunde,' xvii. 1904, p. 107) from Darjiling, and is recently recorded from the same locality by Brunetti ('Records of the Ind. Museum,' ix. 1913, p. 275). I have seen some specimens of it taken near Bhowali, Kumaon, 5700 feet, July 1909 and June 1910, by Prof. A. D. Imms.

In 1913 a very important paper appeared on the subfamily ("Neue Beiträge zur Kenntnis der Pyrgotinen," Archiv für Naturgeschichte, lxxix. 1913, pp. 77–118, pl. i.) by Prof. Hendel, who, in 1908, had already published the monograph of the group in 'Genera Insectorum' of Wytsman. In this paper are described the following Indian species, the types of which are to be found in the British Museum:—

1. *Adipsilia brahma*, Hend.—Nilgiris.
2. — *vulpina*, Hend.—Sikkim.
3. — *armipes*, Hend.—Sikkim.
4. — *scutellata*, Hend.—N.W. Provinces.
5. — *maignicornis*, Hend.—Ceylon.
6. *Pyrgota pictiventris*, Hend.—Ceylon.
7. — *unicolor*, Hend.—Ceylon.