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MISCELLANEOUS.

On the Dates of Publication of C. W. Hahn and C. L. Koch, 'Die Arachniden,' 1831-1849. By C. DAVIES SHEERBORN.

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THERE are 16 volumes of this work, of which Vols. I.-XV. were issued in 6 parts each, and Vol. XVI. ended at part 4. Each part had an original wrapper, on which were printed the month and year of publication. Messrs. Friedländer and Son of Berlin have favoured me with the following note:—"14 Feb., 1914.—We have a fine copy of the 16 vols., in which the wrappers of the parts are bound up with the volumes; the dates, however, which are printed on the backs (month and year) are not special to each part, but are the same for several parts. For instance, in *Zweiter Band* the wrapper of part 1 is altered in writing to '*Zweiter Heft*,' while the contents on p. 4 of the wrapper remain the same. It therefore appears to us that the dates on the fourth page of the wrappers are without any value."

The statement in the last sentence of Messrs. Friedländer's letter is, I venture to believe, unduly pessimistic. I have carefully compared the data of their copy with the records in Wiegmann's '*Archiv*' and those of the British Museum, and find that for all practical purposes, at this distance of time, we can rely on them to a very considerable extent. Unfortunately the British Museum copy has been despoiled of its original wrappers; but the careful system there in vogue, of pencilling the date of receipt on each part in each parcel received, has fortunately preserved data now of the utmost value. These pencil dates of receipt not only show that the dates on the original wrappers are in the main accurate, but they also show that the British Museum received the parts some time before the recorder for *Arachnida* of Wiegmann's '*Archiv*.' For instance, Vols. XIII.-XV.:—

Dates on Original wrappers.		Recorded by Wiegmann.	Received by Brit. Mus.	
XIII.	1.	1846	14 Feb., 1846.	
	2. Jan. 1846.		{ W. A. 1847, p. 191. }	12 Nov., 1846.
	3. Feb. 1846.			Unmarked.
	4. Mar. 1846.			
	5. May 1846.			13 Apr., 1847.
	6. June 1846.		13 Apr., 1847.	
XIV.	1. June 1846.	1847-8	13 Apr., 1847.	
	2. Dec. 1846.		{ W. A. 1849, p. 333. }	Unmarked.
	3. Mar. 1847.			8 Nov., 1847.
	4. Apr. 1847.			
	5. May 1847.			
	6. May 1847.			
XV.	1. June 1847.	1849-51	15 Mar., 1848.	
	2. July 1847.		{ W. A. 1851, p. 453. }	Unmarked.
	3. July 1847.			
	4. Aug. 1847.			
	5. Sept. 1847.			
	6. Sept. 1847.		14 Nov., 1848.	

Taking these facts into consideration, the general accuracy of dating of the wrappers of Hahn and Koch's other works, together with a number of odd records, I am accepting the following table of dates for my 'Index Animalium' as a close approximation to the truth. Any corrections will be most welcome.

I have to thank Messrs. Wesley and Son for an odd copy of Vol. VI. Part 2, kindly sent to me :—

I. 1.	Mar. 1831.	IX. 1.	1841.
2.	Sept. 1832.	2.	1841.
3.	Dec. 1832.	3.	1841.
4.	Mar. 1833.	4.	1842.
5.	July 1833.	5.	1842.
6.	Oct. 1833.	6.	1842.
II. 1.	Dec. 1833.	X. 1.	1842.
2.	May 1834.	2.	?
3.	July 1834.	3.	1843.
4.	Oct. 1834.	4.	1843.
5.	May 1835.	5.	1843.
6.	Aug. 1835.	6.	?
III. 1.	Jan. 1836.	XI. 1.	1844.
2.	Feb. 1836.	2.	1844.
3.	July 1836.	3.	1844.
4.	1836.	4.	1844.
5.	Dec. 1836.	5.	1844.
6.	1837.	6.	1844.
IV. 1.	May 1837.	XII. 1.	1845.
2.	Oct. 1837.	2.	1845.
3.	Oct. 1837.	3.	1845.
4.	Nov. 1837.	4.	1845.
5.	Nov. 1837.	5.	1845.
6.	May 1838.	6.	1845.
V. 1.	May 1838.	XIII. 1.	1846.
2.	May 1838.	2.	Jan. 1846.
3.	Sept. 1838.	3.	Feb. 1846.
4.	Sept. 1838.	4.	Mar. 1846.
5.	Sept. 1838.	5.	May 1846.
6.	1839.	6.	June 1846.
VI. 1.	1839.	XIV. 1.	June 1846.
2.	Apr. 1839.	2.	Dec. 1846.
3.	1839.	3.	Mar. 1847.
4.	1839.	4.	Apr. 1847.
5.	1839.	5.	May 1847.
6.	1839.	6.	May 1847.
VII. 1.	July 1839.	XV. 1.	June 1847.
2.	1839.	2.	July 1847.
3.	1839.	3.	July 1847.
4.	1839.	4.	Aug. 1847.
5.	1839.	5.	Sept. 1847.
6.	1840.	6.	Sept. 1847.
VIII. 1.	1840.	XVI. 1.	Oct. 1847.
2.	1840.	2.	Oct. 1847.
3.	1841.	3.	Oct. 1847.
4.	1841.	4.	1847.
5.	May 1841.	Herich-Schaeffer's "Schlusswort" in Verzeichniss, Jan. 1849.	
6.	1841.		