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blackish, the two meeting on the caudal peduncle; a small black spot at the base of the caudal and another at the base of the anal.

Total length 40 millim.

Three specimens from the Nairobi River, Kilimanjaro, 6500 feet.

In addition to these new *Barbus*, Mr. Percival obtained examples of the following species:—*Labeo montanus*, Gthr. (Lumi River); *Discognathus dembeensis*, Rüpp. (Nairobi River); and *Tilapia Hunteri*, Gthr. (Lake Chala, east of Kilimanjaro).

#### EXPLANATION OF PLATE V.

Fig. 1. *Barbus Percivali*.

Fig. 2. — *lumiensis*.

Fig. 3. — *lineomaculatus*.

Fig. 4. — *amphigramma*.

[All natural size.]

#### IV. — *Descriptions of Two new Lizards discovered by Mr. E. Degen in his Journey to Abyssinia.* By G. A. BOULENGER, F.R.S.

##### *Hemidactylus ophiolepis.*

Snout a little longer than the distance between the eye and the ear-opening, once and a half the diameter of the orbit; no frontal concavity; ear-opening small, oval, vertical. Body and limbs moderate. Digits moderately dilated, free, with rather short distal joints; 5 lamellæ under the thumb, 8 under the fourth finger, 4 under the hallux, 9 under the fourth toe. Head covered with flat juxtaposed scales, largest on the snout; rostral quadrangular, twice as broad as high, with median cleft above; nostril pierced between the rostral, the first labial, and three nasals, the upper of which is large and forms a suture with its fellow; seven upper and six lower labials; symphyseal large, triangular, more than twice as long as the adjacent labials; median pair of chin-shields largest and forming a suture behind the symphyseal. Body covered with uniform, imbricate, roundish, smooth scales, largest on the back; 50 scales round the middle of the body. Male with 8 præanal pores, forming an angular series. Tail cylindrical, tapering, covered with imbricate smooth scales, which are larger than those on the body; those of the mid-

ventral series transversely enlarged. Pale grey-brown above, with small dark brown spots and interrupted transverse whitish lines; a dark brown streak on each side of the head, passing through the eye; lower parts white.

	millim.
Total length . . . . .	95
Head . . . . .	13
Width of head . . . . .	8
Body . . . . .	32
Fore limb . . . . .	13
Hind limb . . . . .	16
Tail . . . . .	50

A single male specimen from Amibarra, Hawash, Abyssinia.

*Latastia Degeni.*

Head small; snout short, acutely pointed. A single postnasal; frontal narrowed posteriorly; two large supraoculars, the pair entirely surrounded by a series of granules; interparietal very narrow, in contact with a small occipital; temporal scales granular, smooth; no auricular denticulation; subocular bordering the lip, between the fifth and sixth upper labials. Collar feebly curved, with toothed edge, composed of 7 shields. Dorsal scales large, strongly keeled, imbricate, passing gradually into the small lateral scales, the two vertebral series much larger than the others, as large as the median ventral shields. Ventral shields in 6 straight longitudinal series and 30 transverse series; the shields of the median and outer series narrower than the others. 30 scales round the middle of the body, ventrals included. Præanal scales small and irregular. Femoral pores 11 on each side. Tail nearly three times as long as head and body; scales keeled, except the basal ventrals. Dark brown above, with five white longitudinal streaks, the median bifurcating on the nape, white below; hind limbs with dark and light longitudinal streaks.

	millim.
Total length.....	201
Head.....	13
Width of head.....	8
From end of snout to fore limb.....	19
"     "     vent.....	46
Fore limb.....	18
Hind limb.....	34
Tail.....	155

A single female specimen from Mandaha, coast of Somaliland.