Mons. le Senateur Van Heyden, of Frankfort on the Maine; and Dr. Maximilien Perty, Professor of Natural History at Berne; were elected Foreign Ordinary Members of the Society.

Exhibitions, Memoirs, &c.

The Secretary exhibited several nests of different species of insects from the Cape of Good Hope, showing in a remarkable manner the instinctive powers of these creatures. In one, which was about six inches long, and 3/4ths of an inch in diameter, the surface was defended by twigs, arranged longitudinally, occupying the entire length of the nest. In the other the outer coat was formed of a very beautiful covering of lacework. These nests were considered as formed by the larvae of Lepidopterous insects.

The Secretary also exhibited several species of the singular Neuropterous genus Nemoptera, Latr., from the Cape of Good Hope, allied to N. africana of Leach. Their characters being shortly noticed as follows:

Nemoptera africana, Leach.—Alis anticis ad apicem rotundatis, hyalinis, stigmatse albo, nubilâ terminali fuscæscenti, costâ immaculatâ; posticis ad basin, antennisque pallidis.

Nemoptera costalis, Westw.—Alis anticis ad apicem rotundatis, hyalinis, stigmatse nigro nubilâ terminali alba, costâ maculis parvis fuscis; posticis ad basin fuscæscentibus, antennis pallidis.

Nemoptera angulata, Westw.—Alis anticis ad apicem acutis, hyalinis, stigmatse nigro, costâ maculis parvis fuscis; posticis ad basin fuscæscentibus; anëennis elongatis fuscis. (An mas præcedentis?)

The following Memoirs were read:

“Description of a new genus of Longicorn Beetles, named Torneutes, from South America.” By Dr. Reich, of Berlin.

Extract of a Letter from W. B. Spence, Esq., giving an account of the successful attempts made by himself to exclude flies from apartments at Trieste, upon the plan described by his father in the first Part of the Transactions of the Society. The writer states that as he could not easily procure a net, he contented himself with driving in nails all around the window-frame, and then putting cross threads, about an inch or rather less distant from each other. The consequence of which was, that although the other rooms in the house were almost intolerable, his had not a fly in it, provided he took care to keep the door shut; he kept all the windows closed except the one which had the netting, and which looked into the garden, and when the sun was on it he was visited with abundance of flies on the outside, though none dared to intrude. Their favourite haunt was on
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