

ON A COLLECTION OF INDIAN OPILIONES OF THE GOVERNMENT MUSEUM OF MADRAS.

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In 1938 I received for identification a small collection of Opilionids from the Government Museum of Madras. In this collection, mostly made by Prof. Dr. F. H. Gravely and Mr. E. Barnes, the following species were found :—

Suborder *LANIATORES*.

Family *ASSAMIDAE*.

Subfamily *POLYCORYPHINAE*.

Animalus gibbulus Roewer.

1 ♂, 1 ♀—Chingelput Distr. (Nagalapuram, 2,400 ft.)—Nr. 11661.
6 (♂, ♀)—Travancore (Munnar)—Nr. 11662.

Subfamily *TRIONYXELLINAE*.

Nuwaria granulata Roewer.

1 ♀—Tinnevelly—Nr. 11675.

Nilgirius scaber Roewer.

1 ♀—Coorg (Mercara)—Nr. 11676.

Suborder *PALPATORES*.

Family *PHALANGIIDAE*.

Subfamily *GAGRELLINAE*.

Zaleptus sulphureus Thorell.

1 ♂—Siam (Cheng Mai)—Nr. 11674.

Gagrella viridula Roewer.

7 (♂, ♀)—Cochin State (Kuriarkutti)—Nr. 11670.

Palniella virididorsata Roewer.

6 (♂, ♀)—Travancore (High Range)—Nr. 11671.

Strandia similis Roewer.

- 2 ♂, 1 ♀—Travancore (Murayur)—Nr. 11663.
 2 ♂, 1 ♀—Travancore (High Range)—Nr. 11666.
 1 ♀—Malabar Coast (Pattambi)—Nr. 11664.
 1 ♂—Malabar Coast (Pattambi)—Nr. 11667.
 1 ♂, 1 pull.—Cochin State (Kavali)—Nr. 11665.
 1 ♂, 1 ♀—Kodaikanal (Palni Hills)—Nr. 11668.
 1 ♀—Kodaikanal (Palni Hills)—Nr. 11669.

Paragagrella mysorea, sp. nov.

♂—Length of body 4 mm., 1st to 4th femora 9, 17, 9, 13 mm. ; 1st to 4th legs 39, 77, 37, 54 mm.

♀—Length of body 6 mm., 1st to 4th femora 9, 19, 10, 14 mm. ; 1st to 4th legs 39, 90, 38, 55 mm.

Surface of carapace, scutum and free tergites and sternites of abdomen uniformly granulated ; ocular tubercle on each side of the median longitudinal furrow smooth, but basally on each side toothed ; scutum only on 2nd area with one spine ; surface of 1st to 4th coxae more coarsely granulated, edge of small humps of marginal rows of coxae straight, but not sharp. First article of chelicerae dorsally smooth. Palps : trochanter ventrally toothed, femur ventrally and patella dorsally scattered with small teeth, but without medial apophysis, tibia not toothed and 3 times longer than broad, tarsus of male with a ventral longitudinal row of very small teeth in basal half. Legs with toothed trochanters and femora ; number of noduli on 1st to 4th femora 0-3-0-1.

Colour of the body blackish-brown ; carapace black laterally, lighter brown medially, furrowed, ocular tubercle covered with white secretions, less in the female than in the male ; scutum with a few ferruginous spots midway between the lateral margin and the median spine of the scutum, the spots are also covered with white secretions, which are also present on the sternites and the coxae of the legs. Chelicerae and palps dark-brown, but the tarsus of the latter pale yellowish. Legs ferruginous, but trochanters contrasting black.

2 ♂, 1 ♀, 1 pull.—Mysore State (Attikan)—Nr. 11672 (Typus !).

2 ♂, 1 ♀, 3 pull.—Mysore State (Biligirirangans) Nr. 11673 (cotypus !).

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