

## MISCELLANEA

### INSECTS.

THE OCCURRENCE OF *Dactylopius citri*, RISSO, IN THE HIMALAYAS.—On May 27th last year, while collecting insects in the Himalayas, I met with a number of nymphs of a Coccid in the nests of a small black species of ant. The nests were constructed under loose stones on a mountain-side at elevations varying from approximately 12,300 to 12,500 feet. The locality was about 5 miles north-west of Badrinath, near the Satopanth Glacier in Garhwal. Some of the nymphs were sent to Mr. E. E. Green of Peradeniya who identified them as belonging to the cosmopolitan species *Dactylopius citri*, Risso, and remarked that it occurs commonly in ants' nests in Ceylon. The species secretes a honey-dew similar to that of Aphides, and is farmed by a number of species of ants. The distribution of this insect at this elevation is a fact of some interest, and I may add that the locality from which it was obtained is seldom visited by man, though it is less than 4 miles from the entrance to the Mana Pass into Tibet.

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NOTE ON AQUATIC RHYNCHOTA.—Two new species (each representing a new genus) of marine Rhynchota have recently been described by Mr. W. L. Distant from the Andaman Sea (*Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist.* (8), v, pp. 146, 147; *Faun. Brit. Ind.*—Rhynchota, v, pp. 154, 155, figs. 82, 83); but unfortunately the specimens figured, having originally been preserved in alcohol, were evidently dried before being drawn, with the result that they have been represented in a shrivelled condition. The acquisition of fresh specimens enables me to add the following supplementary particulars to Mr. Distant's descriptions:—

#### *Euratas formidabilis*, Dist.

Specimens of both sexes were taken by Mr. S. W. Kemp on the surface of a backwater at Vizagapatam on the Coromandel Coast in April, 1910, and were preserved dry. They are somewhat stouter and smoother in appearance than Mr. Distant's figure would suggest and the impressions on the collar represented as deep pits are obsolescent. The colour is somewhat darker than that of de-alcoholized specimens.