

the termites found in the Territory collect the great bulk of the earth and sand used in their termitaria, upon the surface.—**T. Steel**: The feeding-tracks of *Limax maximus*, Linn.

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Royal Society of South Africa, May 19.—Dr. L. Péringuey, president, in the chair.—**A. Brown**: The equivalent mass of a spring vibrating longitudinally. The paper deals with the allowance to be made for the mass of a spring when a weight attached to it is oscillating under gravity and the tension of the spring. The fraction one-third of the spring's mass is correct for great added weights; for very small weights the fraction is a little over two-fifths. The variation of this fraction is considered theoretically, and data supplied to give its value for any weight. Experiments are described confirming the theoretical results.—**A. W. Rogers**: The occurrence of dinosaur bones in Bushmanland. Dinosaur bones were found in a well in Bushmanland at 112 ft. below the surface. The well is in an old valley cut in gneiss and filled in with local débris. It seems probable that the climate became dry while the dinosaurs lived there, and that since then the valley has been steadily filled up.—**S. H. Haughton**: Description of the dinosaur bones from Bushmanland. The bones discovered by Dr. Rogers consist of a maxillary tooth and portions of the hind limbs and caudal vertebra of a medium-sized Ornithomimid Dinosaur. They are described under the name *Kangnasaurus Coetzeei* n.g. et sp., which is shown to have affinities with *Camptosaurus* and its allies, and with *Mochlodon* and *Hypsilophodon*. The form is certainly younger than *Camptosaurus*, but no estimate of its exact age is given—the evidence being considered to be insufficient.—**C. K. Brain**: The Coccidæ of South Africa. The paper, which is the first contribution to a catalogue of the Coccidæ of South Africa, deals with five subfamilies, viz.:—*Pseudococcinæ*, *Orthosiinæ*, *Coccinæ*, *Monophlebinæ*, and *Margarodinæ*. Sixty-three species and two varieties are described, of which number thirty-two are here dealt with for the first time.—**J. S. v. d. Lingen**: A note on the molecules of liquid crystals. The object of the paper is to show the effect of bi-prisms on the Laue spots. Experiments carried out with prisms of NaCl show that the spots are "fluted," and that the central spot is elliptic instead of circular. 60° and 179° bi-prisms show this phenomenon, especially when they are rotated through a small angle.—**J. S. v. d. Lingen**: The "lines" within Röntgen interference photographs. The author holds that these lines are due to the ruptured surface, which will most probably resemble an echelon grating. Sodium chloride, quartz, silicon, and magnesium hydroxide photographs are described. These show "irregular spots" under certain conditions.

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