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It might here be mentioned that in 1887 Prof. Jeffrey Bell contributed a note* on the “Habitat of Peripatus leucharti,” wherein he mentions that previously the place of origin of this species was vaguely stated as “New Holland” and on the receipt of two specimens from Dr. E. P. Ramsay, of Sydney, gave the Queensland scrub, near Wide Bay, as the more precise locality. The error is perpetuated by Sedgwick,† who incidentally remarks, “the finder’s name has not been communicated to me.”

I would point out that the specimens referred to as coming from Wide Bay were collected by myself on April 3rd, 1887, when I obtained several examples under stones close to the Hospital and Acclimatisation Society’s Grounds, in Brisbane. These were handed to Dr. Ramsay, who sent two specimens of them to Prof. Bell for study. They were ultimately forwarded to Prof. Sedgwick for inclusion in his Monograph.

Mr. Henry Tryon previously recorded‡ the finding of other examples from the same locality in conjunction with myself, but their identity with those mentioned by Sedgwick has not to my knowledge previously been made known.

Mr. Chas. Hedley tells me that he found Peripatus under a log by the road-side at the altitude of 2,000 feet in 1889 at Cunningham’s Gap, South Queensland, and that this specimen was pronounced by Mr. Tryon, then of the Queensland Museum, to be P. leucharti, which determination was no doubt correct.

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Thersites septentrionalis, n. sp.

Shell turbinate conic, narrowly perforate, large, solid, brownish-yellow with deep chocolate bands. A third of the base is occupied by a broad chocolate band whose outer margin reaches the insertion of the lip, a yellow peripheral zone of less width follows, a chocolate band as wide as the last and which becomes supersutural in the upper whorls, a narrow yellow, a wider chocolate, a narrow yellow, and a narrow subsutural chocolate.

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