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## DESCRIPTIONS OF THREE NEW PAPUAN SNAKES.

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### HYPASPISTES, *gen. nov.*

Body very much elongated and compressed; tail of moderate length, rounded, or but slightly compressed anteriorly, prehensile. Head quadrangular, completely shielded, distinct, but not markedly so, from the neck. Snout rather short. Eye of moderate size, the pupil elliptical. Nostril lateral, pierced in a single nasal which is grooved behind. Shields regular, the occipitals increased in number to three pairs; loreal present. Scales smooth, quadrilateral, the vertebral series not dilated.

### HYPASPISTES DIPSADIDES, *sp. nov.*

Scales on the body anteriorly in thirty, posteriorly in twenty-three series; the series bordering the abdominal plates much the largest; abdominal plates three hundred and twenty-seven; anal plate single; sub-caudal plates in two rows of one hundred and seventeen each, preceded by a semicircular band of eleven small scales. Head very distinct from neck. Muzzle of moderate length, broad, very obtuse, and rather depressed; the occiput rounded. Eye lateral, the outer skin rather opaque, the pupil elliptical and erect. Body slender in front, becoming much higher behind. Skin of the throat loose, forming a distinct