

THE ARACHNIDAN FAUNA.

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THE Arachnological Collection obtained by Mr. Hedley during his sojourn on the Island of Funafuti, although not large, is, nevertheless, more representative of its branch of Invertebrate Fauna than was the Entomological Collection. Had it been possible to have made a thorough and systematic search, there is little doubt but that many interesting forms would have been brought to light. As it is, however, the collection is not without interest, and it is hoped, value. In all there were 88 specimens procured, and these are distributed as follows:—

Order.	Family.	No. of Specimens.
Scorpionidæ	Androctonidæ	4
Chelonethi	Cheliferidæ	8
Acarina	Oribatidæ	14
Araneidæ	Epeiridæ	32
”	Tetragnathidæ	1
”	Uloboridæ	12
”	Drassidæ	3
”	Scytodæ	3
”	Thomisidæ	4
”	Salticidæ	7
Total		<u>88</u>

Of these the following table will show the results of the examination of the collection:—

Order.	Family.	Known Species.	New Species.
Scorpionidæ	Androctonidæ	0	1
Chelonethi	Cheliferidæ	1	1
Acarinæ	Oribatidæ	0	1
Araneidæ	Epeiridæ	2	10
”	Tetragnathidæ	1	0
”	Uloboridæ	1	0
”	Drassidæ	1	0
”	Scytodæ	1	0
”	Thomisidæ	2	0
”	Salticidæ	1	2
Total		<u>10</u>	<u>15</u>