

OCCASIONAL NOTES.

 I.—THE *TAVAU*—OR COIL FEATHER MONEY OF
SANTA CRUZ.

In connection with this interesting object lately described,¹ Prof. H. H. Giglioli writes me as follows—"Firenze, 31st July, 1902—We have in the Museum here a sample of the interesting feather-money of Santa Cruz, Indengi, or Nitendi Island. It is a sort of ribbon of plaited vegetable flat stripes (mat work) covered on outside with the red feathers of *Trichoglossus massena*. On the label received was written St. Bartholomew Island, and it was described as a woman's ornament, which I think are both mistakes. There is, however, a query; Edge-Partington describes the specimen he figures in his "Ethnological Album" as a "strip of wood," this our specimen certainly is not. The specimen we have is the only one I have seen, and I have visited nearly all the Ethnological Museums in Europe." The example in the Florence Zoological Museum of Vertebrata will thus form the fourth I am able to record, and like that in this Museum does not seem to consist of a "strip of wood."

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 II—*CHERSYDRUS GRANULATUS*, SCHNEIDER,

 A SNAKE NEW TO AUSTRALIA.

By the kindness of Mr. P. G. Black the Trustees have received an example of *Chersydrus granulatus* Schneider, a marine and estuarine Aglyphous Snake, not before recorded for the continent. It was obtained in the Cooktown district, Northern Queensland and was previously known from Southern India, Burma, the Malay Peninsula and Archipelago, and New Guinea.

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¹ Etheridge—Rec. Aust. Mus., iv., 7, 1902, p. 289.