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A First Instalment of the Ants of Turkey. By HORACE DONISTHORPE, F.Z.S., F.R.E.S., etc.

Through the kind agency of my friend Dr. Malcolm Burr we are now in possession of a fine collection of ants from Turkey. Now they have all been mounted they fill no less than 15 store-boxes. This is a very valuable addition to the ant collection of the Museum; for we had no Turkish ants, and, as far as I am aware, there is no list of the ants of Turkey in existence. Some of these were taken by Dr. Burr, but the great majority was captured by Professor C. Kosswig, of Istanbul. I hope, in time, to be able to publish a list of them all.

I give the known distribution to them all, for the distribution of the fauna of Turkey is rather curious. Dr. Burr points out that an earwig described by him is found in Turkey, and has Indian, Malayan and Australian affinities, and an apparently purely Ethiopian earwig is found near Ararat. There are many other cases, especially among the fishes.

Formicidæ.

Subfamily Dorylinæ.

Tribe DORYLINI.

Dorylus (Dorylus) affinis Shuckard, Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist., v, p. 316 (1840); Donisthorpe, Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist. (s. 12), iii (1950).

Known distribution: Tropical Africa.

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