

creeping between rocks under water by the shore. A bug of the genus *Halobates* (fig. 35) is particularly common in these seas, besides the above-mentioned larvæ of flies. This genus was discovered by Eschscholtz, and now includes fourteen species living in seas the most remote from each other. The species in question runs about like our Water-Bug, *Hydrometra*, in great numbers and in every stage of development, on the high seas hundreds of miles from land."

And a note on p. 434: "Eight species of the genus, as I am informed by my friend Dr. Hagen, have been described; that described in the text and discovered by me is a new species and the largest of all. They are found in the Atlantic, Indian, and Pacific Oceans, as well as in the Chinese Sea, but only in tropical or sub-tropical regions."

[Professor Semper tells me that the woodcut given in his work is a correct representation of the species referred to, and that the expression "now includes fourteen species" was written by mistake. The species in question probably belongs to a new and undescribed genus.—F. B. W.]

In addition to the literature reproduced above, there are various other references to the genus, but as they contain nothing of importance it is unnecessary to mention them further.

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