

and the long curved hairs near the tips of the tarsi. It is probable that the latter are organs of touch, and intended to warn the animal of the approach of any enemy, as from their situation at the outer side of the extremities of the legs, it seems likely that any object approaching their possessor would come in contact with them first, and thus give notice of its approach. The curved tips of the hairs are perhaps to preserve them from being so readily broken as if they were straight.

HALOBATODES.

Of the habits of *Halobatodes* nothing has been recorded. Whether all the species inhabit the sea is uncertain. In fact it is not improbable that three of them are fresh-water species, and it is only because Frauenfeld has stated that he found one in the Chinese Seas that the genus has been included in this monograph, where, however, it deserves a place on account of the close resemblance in structure to *Halobates*.