

and fourth entering the eye; a narrow shield separates the third labial from the loreal; five lower labials. Twenty-eight scales round the middle of the body. No enlarged præanal scales. Tail ending obtusely, three eighths of the total length. Dark grey above, with three fine black longitudinal lines; sides and lower surfaces whitish.

From snout to vent 145 millim.; tail 85.

A single specimen from El Paso, Texas.

*Eremias guineensis.*

Snout moderate, obtusely pointed. Lower eyelid scaly. First upper labial in contact with the lower and posterior nasals and the anterior loreal; frontonasal separated from the rostral by the upper nasals; two præfrontals; two supraoculars; two series of small scales between the loreal and the anterior supraocular; a series of granules between the supraoculars and the supraciliaries; no occipital; no auricular denticulation; subocular bordering the lip, between the fourth and fifth upper labials; the three anterior pairs of chin-shields in contact. No gular fold; collar attached, distinct only at the sides. Scales granular, oval, sixty across the middle of the body. Ventral plates broader than long, in straight longitudinal and transverse series; ten longitudinal series, outer composed of smaller plates. Two consecutive enlarged præanals. The hind limb reaches the ear. One series of large and two of small subtibial plates. Twenty-one femoral pores on each side. Upper caudal scales strongly keeled. Head pale brownish above; three black bands, separated by narrower white ones, on each side along the temple and body to the groin, the two upper continued on the tail; the lower black band crosses the ear; a greyish, white-dotted vertebral band, edged on each side by a black line, which is separated from the broader black lateral band by a white line; limbs black above, with round white spots.

A single young specimen, from Brass, mouths of the Niger: from snout to vent 24 millim.; tail 36.

The origin of this specimen is of particular interest as filling up a gap in the distribution of the genus to which it belongs; no *Eremias* had yet been found on the west coast of Africa between the Sahara and the Congo.

CACOSTERNUM, g. n. (Engystomatidarum).

Pupil horizontal. Tongue pyriform, free and notched behind. Palate toothless, without dermal ridges. Tympa-