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Excerpt: .of the adult male there is an arrangement closely resembling the poison-fang of a Viper--a sharp horny spur perforated by a minute canal, and connected with a gland in the back of the thigh. There are rudimentary evidences of a similar spur in the young female, which, however, disappear with puberty. A case of this spur being used as a weapon and producing effects of local poisoning has been reported. These animals have been proved to lay eggs. The Echidna, or spiny Anteater, a native of New Guinea, Tasmania, and Australia, is edentulous, and has no horny plates in its mouth; its calcaneal spur and gland are smaller than those of Ornithorhynchus. Ornithorhynchus, also a native of Australia, possesses in early life twelve calcified teeth of a multituberculate type; these teeth are erupted and used, but are shed early, which accounts for the fact..



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