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694. SELAGINELLA RUPESTRIS Spring, VAR. TROPICA Spring. S. struthioloides Presl.

695. EQUISETUM LÆVIGATUM A. Braun ; Gray, Man. p. 655.

696. Equisetum limosum L.

697. MARSILIA VESTITA Hook. & Grev. Ic. Fil. t. 159.

698. AZOLLA CABOLINIANA Willd. A. microphylla Kaulf.

699-701. NITELLÆ species, not determined.

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The CORRESPONDING SECRETARY in the Chair.

Mr. C. S. Pierce made a communication on the photometric measurement of the stars, and exhibited an instrument for this purpose devised by Zöllner.

Mr. Lewis H. Morgan presented the following paper on Australian Kinship; with Appendices, by Rev. Lorimer Fison.

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It seems probable that the advancement of man through the successive stages of savagery and of barbarism was greater in degree than it has been since in the stages of civilization. When the savage had raised himself to a barbarian, and the latter had risen to the pastoral and agricultural conditions, this improved man, although still a barbarian, was further removed from the primitive savage than the philosopher of the present age is above this same barbarian. Be this as-it may, the experiences of these several conditions are successive links of a common chain, each of which is necessary to the interpretation of



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