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## **Transport of Ancyliidae (Gastropoda) by a water-beetle in Surinam**

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Dr. D. C. GBIJSKES has presented to the Rijksmuseum van Natuurlijke Historie a water-beetle carrying six Ancyliidae on its elytra which he found in a vegetation of water-hyacinth (*Eichhornia crassipes* (Mart.) Solms) in the Coropina Creek near Bersaba, Suriname District, Surinam, on 9 March 1947.

The little snails were tentatively identified as *Anisancylus obliquus* (Broderip & Sowerby) by Dr. J. B. BURCH (in litt. 18.XI.1965). Dr. BURCH was so kind as to send the beetle for identification to Dr. F. N. YOUNG who wrote about it (in litt. 2.XII.1965) as follows: 'This is *Megadytes laevigatus* Olivier. There are several species now placed under that name, but this compares well with specimens from Cayenne which I consider to be true *laevigatus*.'

The case may be added to those listed by REES (1965, p. 272) under the heading 'Records of fresh-water Limpets of the family Ancyliidae found on the elytra of aquatic beetles and Hemiptera'.

## REFERENCE

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