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22 letters to Lucile & folks

and coughed my head off. This I saw a flock of interesting birds (robin sized) with yellow orange throat, long oriole bills, needle points tails, and a call like the wind whistle thru a reed. There were about 50 of them near the club house.

I also collected some moths and tiny flying ants from the window in our "boracity."

April 10th - I took anchors and some of my stuff down to the boat, and got the crew to help me make an eel pot. We also loaded on our row-boat with its two bottom observation windows. I saw two sailing dhows with long white thin twine nets with leads and bobs like gill nets only with rather smaller mesh.

"Mrs. H.P.P. Dickson's list of reptiles of Kuwait.

1. Agama jayakari Black or blue throated lizard Sand dunes west of Abu Hadriyah 6/5/47
2. Phrynocephalus maculatus Lizard with black tail caught by T. Barger. Edge of Half moon bay 40k west of Dhahran 25/3/47
3. Acanthodactylus scutellatus small lizard, grey, with black and brown mottlings Tawil wells, Kuwait "Sahleba"
4. Acanthodactylus boskianus asper small lizard with a longer tail & toe & dark & light brown markings Jawad Khan, Saudi-Arabia 14/1/47
5. Eremias brevisrostris small similar to above two
6. Scincus philbyi "Damus" 40m. w. of Hofuf, Saudi-Arabia
7. Mayuba aurata dark shiny horizontal striped lizard
8. Varanus griseus large monitor lizard "Worral" Kuwait

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snakes

Coluber ventromaculatus non-venomous

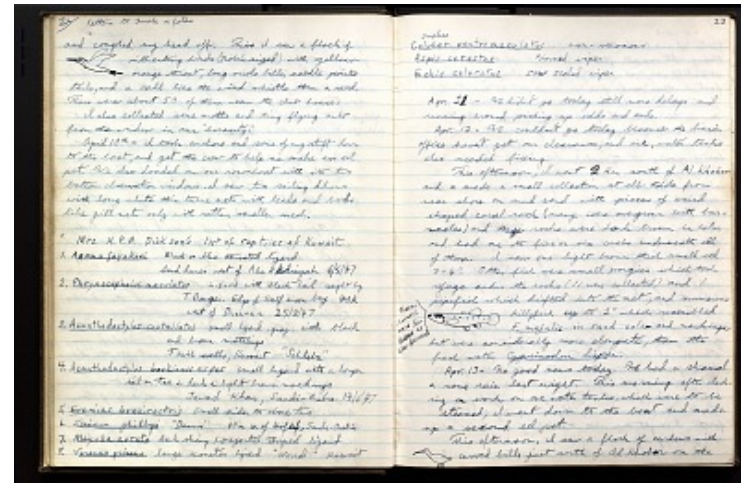
Aspis cerastes Horned Viper


Echis coloratus saw scaled viper

Apr. 11- We didn't go today still more delays and running around picking up odds and ends.

Apr. 12- We couldn't go today because the liason office hasn't got our clearance, and our water tanks also needed fixing.

This afternoon, I went 2 Km. south of Al Khobar and a made a small collection at ebb tide from near shore on mud sand with pieces of weird shaped coral rock (many were overgrown with barnacles) and these rocks were dark brown in color and had one to five or six crabs underneath all of them. I saw one light brown thick small eel 3-4". Other fish were small porgies which took refuge under the rocks (11 were collected) and 1 pipefish which drifted into the net, and numerous killyfish up to 2" which resembled F. majalis in sand color and markings, but were considerably more elongate, than the fresh water Cyprinodon dispar. drawing of fish]] These, however were C. dispar as later discovered]]



Apr. 13- No good news today. We had a shamal & some rain last night.
This morning after checking on work on our water tanks, which were to
be steamed, I went down to the boat and made up a second eel pot.
This afternoon, I saw a flock of curlews with curved bills just south of Al
Khobar on the 

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