

this reptile "famocantrata" (the beast that springs on the chest), and assert that on any one approaching a tree where one of these Geckos is resting it would leap at his chest, and instantly attach itself so firmly that it could not be detached without removing the skin with a razor.

### THE GALAPAGAN LAND IGUANA

(*Conolophus subcristatus*)

These remarkable reptiles created quite a sensation among naturalists when it was announced that Mr. Walter Rothschild had secured seven specimens. It was, unfortunately, not long before their numbers were reduced to one specimen, which remained on the shingle with closed eyes, and which was kept alive for a short time by food which had to be forced into its mouth.

Darwin, in his account of the Galapagos Archipelago ("A Naturalist's Voyage," chapter xvii.), gives a full description of these remarkable iguanas, living in multitudes ("we could not for some time find a spot free from their burrows on