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**Příspěvek k poznání svrchnokarbonských Archaeopteridů  
středních Čech.****Contribution to the knowledge of the Archaeopterides  
of the Upper Carboniferous  
in Central Bohemia.**

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Od roku 1928, kdy vyšel první díl mého spisu »Revisé karbonské a permské květeny středočeských pánví uhelných«, obsahující rozbor a popis všech až do té doby u nás nalezených *Noeggerathiů* a *Archaeopteridů*, nahromadilo se mi opět mnoho nového materiálu fosilního rostlinstva ze středočeských uhelných pánví. A tu jsem zjistil jednak některé exempláře, které mnohé již popsané fosilie činí mnohem jasnějšími, jednak některé rostlinné zbytky, které představují formy dosud nepopsané.

V citovaném díle uvedl jsem z našich středočeských uhelných pánví následující formy ze skupiny *Archaeopterides*:

*Rhacopteris elegans* ETT.*Rh. sarana* BEYSCHL.*Rh. asplenites* GUTB.*Rh. speciosa* ETT.*Rh. postculmica* KUSTA.*Palaeopteridium reussi* ETT.*P. macrophyllum* NJC.*Triphyllopteris rhomboidea* ETT.

K těmto formám třeba nyní na základě studia nového materiálu připsati ještě některé rhacopteridní formy a pak jmenovitě zástupce Schusterova rodu *Ulvopteris*.

Pokud se týče forem již dříve známých, třeba doplniti něco o rozšíření *Rh. postculmica* KUSTA, který se zdál býti dle unikátního takřka Kuštova

nálezu velmi vzácný. Leč zatím jsem jej sám zjistil ve stropech II. sloje dolu Krimich v N ý ř a n e c h a botanický ústav Karlovy university získal pro své sbírky krásný exemplář ze S v i n ě u Radnic (stropy spodní radnické sloje). Tento poslední exemplář ukazuje dle úpravy (viz obr. v textu fig. 1.) a rozložení vějířků, že pravděpodobně šlo o vějíře dvakrát peřený, ač hlavní žebro není na exempláři zachováno.

Jako zcela novou formu uvádím zde *Rhacopteris bipinnata* n. sp. (viz obr. v textu fig. 4, 3), sbíraný jednak v L u b n ě u Rakovníka (opukové stropy sloje č. 1b dolů »Na Brantech«), z proplastu zv. Velká opuka »hlavní« sloje kladenských dolů a z brouskových pískovců mezi t. zv. mezislojí a slojí č. II. dolu Krimich II. v T l u č n ě. Jak patrně z vyobrazení a následujícího podrobného anglického popisu, jde o tvar stojící přibližně charakterem svých lístků mezi *Rh. elegans* a *postculmica*. Dle úpravy vějířků na vyobrazeném exempláři a dle jejich vzájemné polohy mám za to, že tento *Rhacopteris* byl také aspoň dvakrát peřený, ač hlavní žebro na nalezených kusech není přímo zachované.

Jako další *Rhacopteris* dlužno uvésti *Rh. linearis* O. F., který byl popsán O. FEISTMANTELEM jako *Sphenopteris linearis* STBG. Se STERNBERGOVÝM typem nemá však nic společného, neb STERNBERGŮV *Sph. linearis* jest pouze část nějaké schizopteridní aplebie, a to ještě dosti špatně zachované. FEISTMANTELŮV typ (viz Pl. II. fig. 2.) jest velmi podobný k *Rh. postculmica* KUŠTA. Pochází z radnických brousků (stropy spodní sloje).

Jest (— soudě dle originálního kusu —) vícekrát peřený a konce posledních vějířků jsou mnohem širší a daleko ne tak štíhle zakončené jako u *Rh. postculmica*.

Pokud se týče zmíněného SCHUSTEROVA rodu *Ulvopteris* (— popsáný původně ze saarské uhelné pánve —), tu dlužno se zmíniti, že vlastně jeho zástupce byl z našich uhelných pánví popsán O. Feistmantelem (1875/6) již mnohem dříve, než jej SCHUSTER definoval (1908), a to pod názvem *Neuropteris auriculata* BGT. Jelikož jak FEISTMANTELŮV originál (Pl. II. fig. 4.) tak obzvláště Schusterův kus jsou velmi neúplné, nelze zcela bezpečně říci, zda SCHUSTERŮV druh *U. ammonis* jest identickým s druhem FEISTMANTELOVÝM. Považuji to však téměř za jisté. *Ulvopteris* sám vzezřením svých lístků leží as tak uprostřed mezi tvary *Cardiopteridů* a tvary *Rhacopteridů*. Zbytky pocházející z našich pánví středočeských mají, obzvláště pokud se velikosti lístků týče, značně různé vzezření. Jsme skoro v pokušení říci, že jde o 2 druhy, leč přítomnost řady přechodů svědčí proti tomu. (Pl. II., fig. 7.) Mají totiž některé kusy laloky lístků značně štíhlé (způsob zachování k tomu ještě přispívá) (Pl. III. a obr. v textu 2, 5), jiné poměrně široce okrouhlé (Pl. II. fig. 3, 4, 5, 6). Dle některých kusů se zdá, jako by šlo o typ dvakrát peřený. A tu jest zajímavé, že ty otisky, které jeví lístky s laloky široce okrouhlými, mají zároveň vlastnosti, jaké nalézáme obyčejně na vějířkách vícekrát peřených listů ve špici, resp. blízko špice. Délka laločnatých lístků na novém bohatém materiálu, který daroval Nár. Museu z dolu Rako v L u b n ě u Rakovníka pan závodní F. Hlízka a který zaručeně pochází od

jediného rostlinného druhu, kolísá mezi 3 až 4 cm a 12 cm. Na starém muzejním materiálu (— mezi který patří též FEISTMANTELŮV originál *Neuropteris auriculata* —), klesá délka dobře vyvinutých lístků až pouze na 2 cm. Lístky dlouhé mají vždy laloky štíhlejší. Pro tuto velkou variabilitu tvaru lístků nehodlám prozatím definovati na základě stávajícího materiálu více než jeden »druh«: *Ulvopteris auriculata* O. FEISTM. sp. Jeho naleziště náležejí vesměs pouze radnickým obzorům (Nýřany, Bílá Hora, Dibří, Zdejčín, Břasy, Rakovník a hlavně doly v okolí Lubné a Petrovic).

Seznam našich středočeských *Archaeopteridů* třeba tedy rozmnožiti o následující formy:

- Rhacopteris bipinnata* NJC.  
*Rhacopteris linearis* O. FEISTMANTEL sp.  
*Ulvopteris auriculata* O. FEISTM. sp.



### Introduction.

In the first part of my monograph "A revision of the Carboniferous and Permian flora of the coal districts of Central Bohemia" (Palaeontographica Bohemiae. Nr. XII, 1928) I have discussed and figured all fossils from the Permocarboniferous of Central Bohemia, which on the bases of the material known at that time could be verified as representatives of the artificial group of the *Archaeopterides*. They were as follows:

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| <i>Rhacopteris elegans</i> ETT. | <i>Palaeopteridium Reussi</i> ETT.     |
| <i>Rh. sarana</i> BEYSCHL.      | <i>P. macrophyllum</i> NJC.            |
| <i>Rh. asplenites</i> GUTB.     |  |
| <i>Rh. speciosa</i> ETT.        | <i>Triphyllopteris rhomboidea</i> ETT. |
| <i>Rh. postculmica</i> KUŠTA.   |  |

Since that time in the collections of the National Museum we have accumulated from various places of the Carboniferous of Bohemia new materials of fossil plants, which permit a more detailed knowledge of some of the species already described or the establishment of "species" untill present unknown.

In the following lines I wish to complete our knowledge about the Upper Carboniferous *Archaeopterides* based on the mentioned new collections.

1. On *Sphenopteris linearis* O. FEISTM. and  
*Sphenopteris linearis* STBG.

In the collections of the National Museum, Praha, are conserved both original specimens termed as *Sphenopteris linearis* by K. c. STERNBERG as well as by O. FEISTMANTEL. Both represent parts of fronds impressed in the known light coloured "Schleifsteine" rocks ("brousky" and "bělky"), which form the hanging wall of the Lower Radnice coal measure in the coal district of Radnice. At the first sight, we see that both specimens are parts of entirely different plant species.

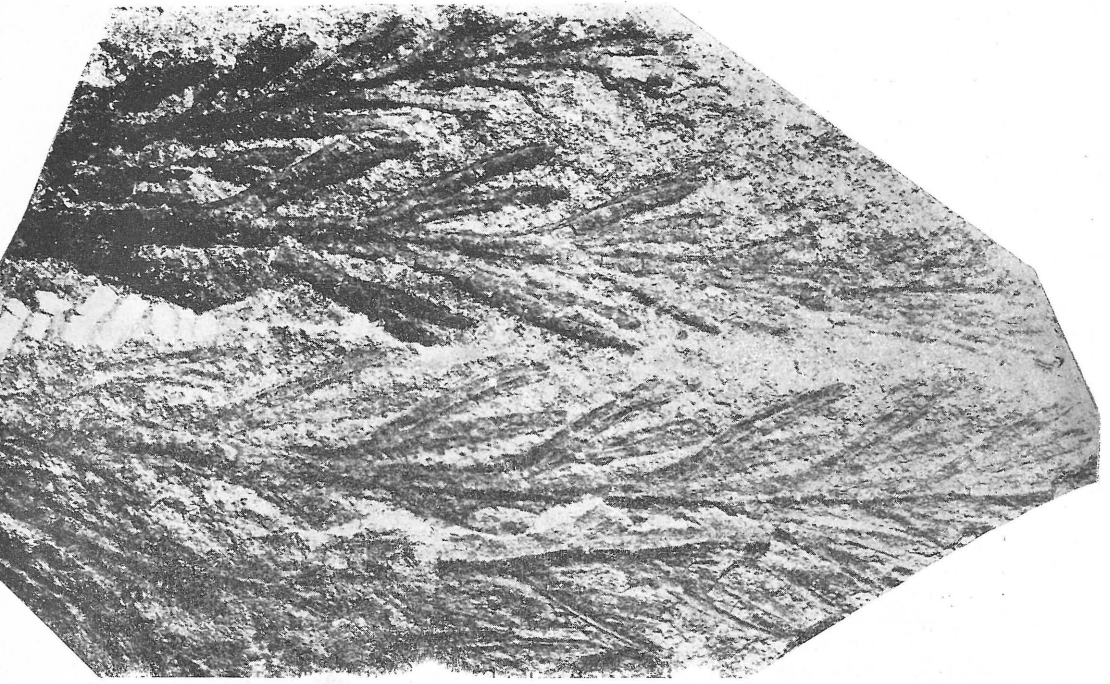
*Sphenopteris linearis* STBG. (Pl. II. fig. 1.) was figured by K. c. STERNBERG in his "Versuch einer geogn. bot. Darstellung d. Flora der Vorwelt" (Vol. 4, 1825, pp. XV. and Vol. 5/6, 1833, pp. 57. I. Pl. XLII, fig. 4), but somewhat schematically. The specimen in reality is very indistinctly preserved, especially the contours of the leaflets. Studying thoroughly the nervation, we see clearly, that this specimen represents only the top of a *Schizopteris* like *aphlebia*, very similar (— if perhaps not quite identical —) to the *Schizopteris aphlebiae* of *Dactylothea plumosa* Art. STERNBERG's species might be by no means identified with that of BRONGNIART ("Histoire des végétaux fossiles". 1828, Pl. 54, fig. 1, pp. 175).

*Sphenopteris linearis* O. FEISTM. (Pl. II. fig. 2.) is described and figured in O. FEISTMANTEL'S work "Die Versteinerungen der Steinkohlenformation in Böhmen" (Palaeontographica, Cassel, 1875/6, pp. 282, Pl. LXV, fig. 1). The original specimen is well enough preserved and also FEISTMANTEL'S figure is in the whole enough exact. The dividing of the nervation in this specimen is entirely different from that of STERNBERG'S species, but is similar to BRONGNIART'S species. But if we compare the shape of the leaflets and their lobes in both specimens (in that of FEISTMANTEL and that of BRONGNIART), we see, that FEISTMANTEL'S *Sph. linearis* is not to be identified with BRONGNIART'S *Sph. linearis*. The shape of the leaflets, the kind of their dividing into linear and one nerved laciniae, as well as the kind of joining of the leaflets to the rachises is very similar to KUŠTA'S *Rhacopteris postculmica*. Though it seems according to the new finds, that *Rhacopteris postculmica* KUŠTA has been at least twice pinnate (— see further in the chapter 2. —), I am not inclined to identify FEISTMANTEL'S *Sph. linearis* with this "species", because in all specimens of *Rh. postculmica* the ends of the last pinnae are of a narrow lanceolate outline, whereas in *Sph. linearis* FEISTM. they are broadly rounded.

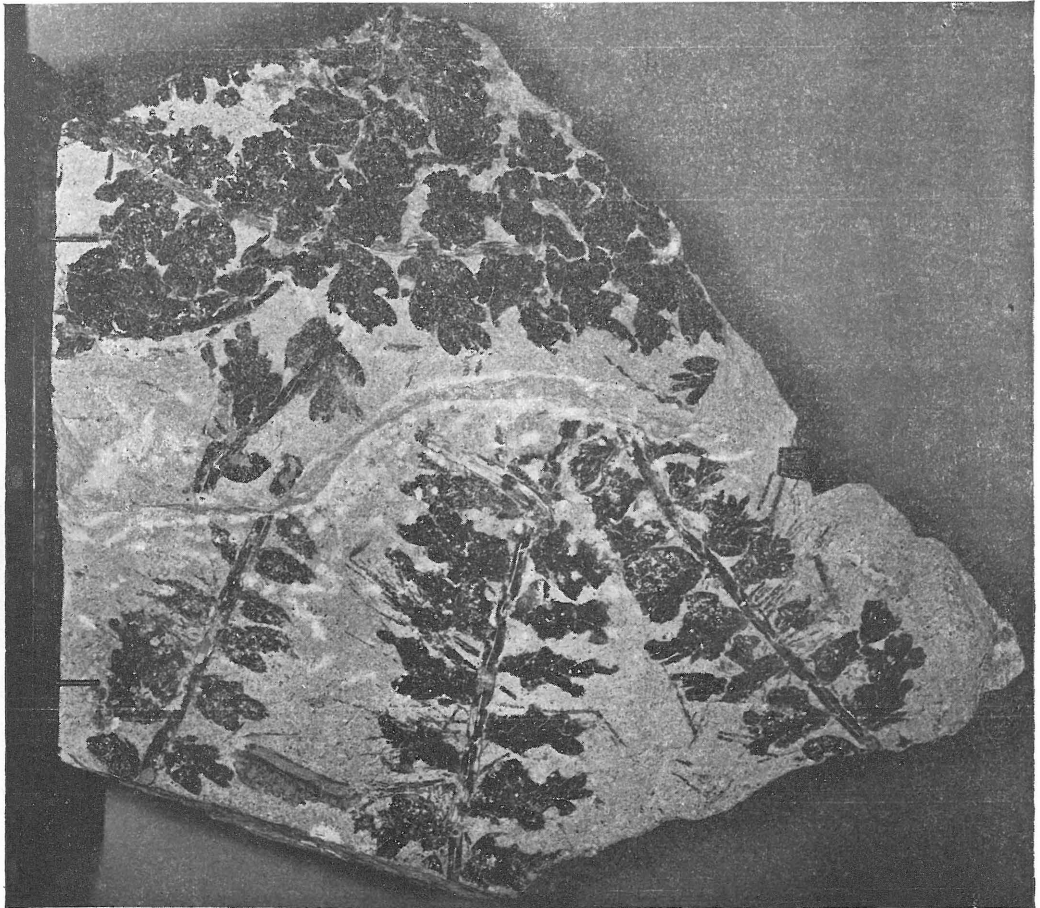
I suppose therefore, that FEISTMANTEL'S *Sphenopteris linearis* may be regarded as a further representative of the Upper Carboniferous *Rhacopte-*

Fig. 1. *Rhacopteris postculmica* KUŠTA. — 1/1 — Loc.: S v i n n á. — Coll.: Bot. inst. of the Charles University, Prague.

Fig. 2. *Ulvopteris auriculata* O. F. — 1/3 — Loc.: L u b n á (mines »Rako«). — Coll.: Nat. Museum, Prague (leg. F. Hlízka).



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rides, as *Rhacopteris linearis* O. FEISTM. The arrangement of the imprints of the pinnae on the rock gives some evidence, that this form has been three times pinnate, though the main rhachis is not preserved on the slab.

## 2. Additional remarks to *Rhacopteris postculmica* KUŠTA.

Writing my monograph "Revision etc." I thought KUŠTA'S *Rhacopteris postculmica* to be a very rare rhacopteroid form of the Upper Carboniferous of the coal districts of Central Bohemia. I knew at that time only the original specimens of KUŠTA, which have been collected in the Radnice coal measure series at R a k o v n í k (— mine Moravia; shales of the "Schleifsteine" horizon between the Lower and the Upper Radnice coal measure —). Lately during my stratigraphical and floristical studies in the coal districts of N ý ř a n y (the coal basin of Plzeň), I found a small specimen in the hanging wall of the coal seam Nro II. (— the Upper Radnice coal measure —) of the mine Krimich I. Further a very beautiful specimen was gained for the collections of the botanical institution of the Charles University (Textfig. 1). This last comes from the light yellowish sandstones of the Schleifsteine horizon (— in the hanging wall of the Lower Radnice coal measure —) at S v i n n á in the coal districts of R a d n i c e. Thus *Rh. postculmica* seems to have been spread throughout all coaldistricts from Plzeň to K l a d n o within the Radnice coal measures, of course only scarcely. The last mentioned specimen from S v i n n á is very interesting from the morphological point of view. The shape and the kind of the arrangement of the pinnae on the slab, seem to attest, that this rhacopteroid form was not simply pinnate, but at least twice pinnate. Unfortunately the lowest parts of the pinnae and thus the presumed main rhachis also are not preserved on the slab.

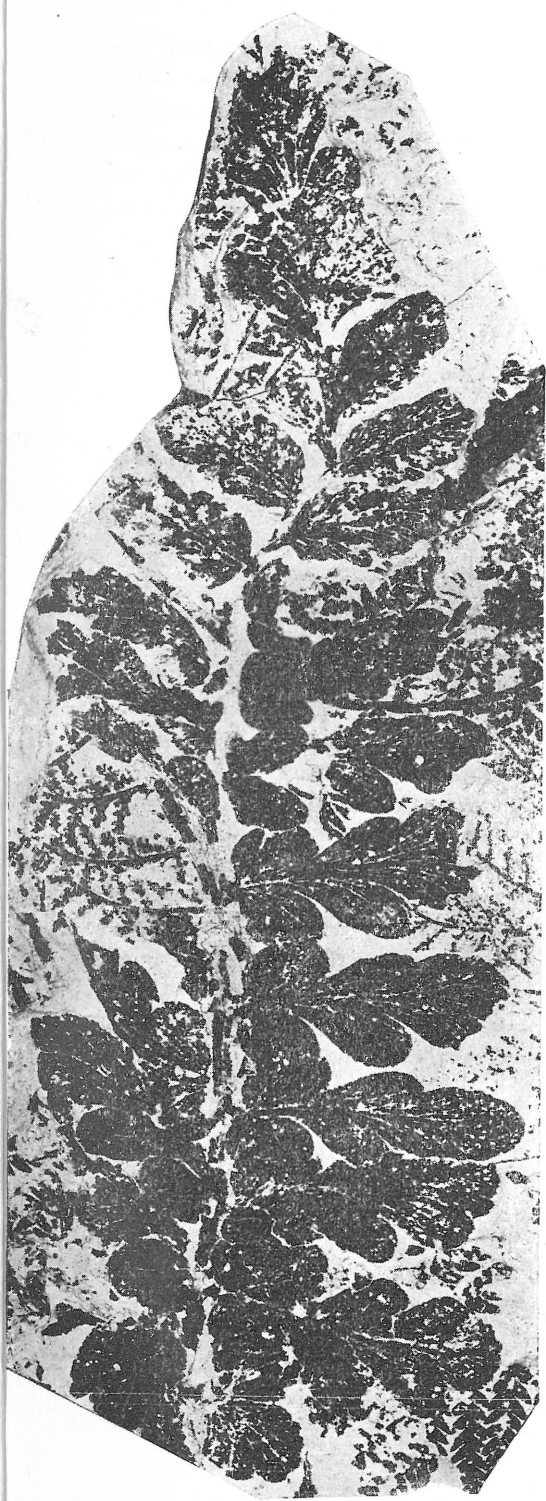
## 3. *Rhacopteris bipinnata* n. sp. (Textfig. 4, 3).

Among the lately collected fossils from the districts of K l a d n o, R a k o v n í k and N ý ř a n y, I found some rhacopteroid leaves, which are very similar to ETTINGSHAUSEN'S *Rhacopteris elegans*. But the kind of dividing of the leaflets is here far simpler than in ETTINGSHAUSEN'S species. In this respect our specimens are approaching somewhat to KUŠTA'S *Rhacopteris postculmica*, but differ essentially from that by their considerably assymetrical

Fig. 3. *Rhacopteris bipinnata* NIC. — 1/1 — Loc.: L u b n á (mines at »Brantý«). — Coll.: Nat. Museum, Prague (leg. V. Treybal).

Fig. 4. *Rhacopteris bipinnata* NIC. — 1/1 — Loc.: N ý ř a n y (mine Krimich). — Coll.: Nat. Museum, Prague (leg. Ing. F. Freiberg).

Fig. 5. *Ulwopteris auriculata* O. F. — 1/1 — Loc.: N ý ř a n y (mines at »Pankrác«). — Coll.: Geological inst. of the Charles University, Prague.

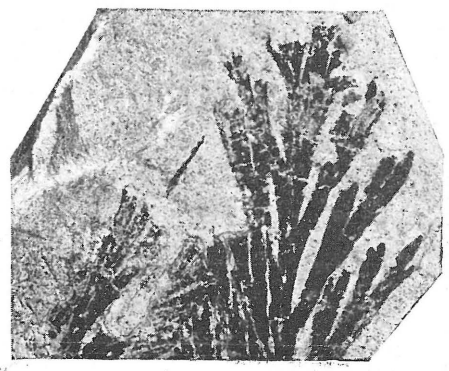


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shape. Until present I know of this species only once pinnate fragments. But in one slab, which has been collected in the surroundings of Lubná (near Rakovník), the shape of the pinnae and the kind of their mutual arrangement, seem to attest a more compound character of the whole fronds; perhaps they have been twice pinnate. But unfortunately the lower portions of the pinnae and thus the presumed main rhachis also are not preserved, just as it was the case in the beautiful specimen of *Rb. postculmica* from Svinná. I figure this rhacopteroid form, which till now has not been described from our coal districts and which is not known to me from the foreign Carboniferous, under the name of *Rhacopteris bipinnata*.

#### 4. On FEISTMANTEL'S *Neuropteris auriculata* and its relations to SCHUSTER'S formgenus of *Ulvopteris*.

(Pl. II., fig. 3—7, Pl. III., Textfig. 2, 5.)

O. FEISTMANTEL figured in his "Die Versteinerungen der böhmischen Kohlenablagerungen" 1875/6 (Pl. LXVII, fig. 1, description see on pp. 277—288) under the name of *Neuropteris auriculata* a portion of the last pinna, the leaflets of which seem indeed to be of the same shape as in BRONGNIART'S *Neuropteris auriculata* (see A. BRONGNIART: "Histoire des végétaux fossiles" Pl. 66.). But O. FEISTMANTEL notes at the same time, that his specimen (— which was collected in the hanging shales of the Upper Radnice coal measure at Břasy —) is in some measure similar to certain species of the formgenus of *Cardiopteris*, especially to *Cardiopteris polymorpha* GOEPP. O. FEISTMANTEL knew his interesting "species" not only from the coal district of Radnice, but also from Lubná near Rakovník, as well as from Bílá Hora and Nýřany (Lazarus mines) in the surroundings of Plzeň.

In all the specimens, which were known to O. FEISTMANTEL, the leaflets have generally a neuropteroid or more or less cardiopteroid shape, 2—3 cm long; from both just named formgenuses they are distinguished by the character of their margin, which is slightly divided into 3 till 8 (— never more —) broadly rounded lobes. Since Feistmantel's times some new specimens of the same plant have been obtained for the collections of the N. Museum, partly from the same localities as FEISTMANTEL'S specimens, partly also from other places of our Carboniferous. Those new specimens show, that the variability of the shape of the leaflets is far stronger, than it would seem according to the old specimens. The length of their leaflets reaches more than 5 cm, but the number of their lobes remains always the same — only 8. The incisions between the lobes become deeper; the basal lobes are then relatively broad and rounded (especially the cathadrome one). The lobes of the upper portion of the leaflets are relatively narrow with rounded tops. All the lobes have always whole margins.



An especially interesting material of leaf impressions, similar to the greater specimens as just described, was presented to our Museum by F. Hlída, the manager of the mine Rako at Lubná (near Rakovník). These specimens come from the white kaolinic sandstones of the fireclay bed in the Lubná coal measure series. The greatest part of them shows generally lower or middle parts of the fronds, which all are only once pinnate (— just as in the formgenus of *Cardiopteris* or the greater part of the *Rhacopteris* —). The variability of the length of the leaflets is in the specimens of this locality far stronger: they measure from 3 cm to 12 cm, even more. But nevertheless the number of their lobes remains the same, only 8. Their shape is nearly the same as in the greater specimens of the material above described, except the lobes which are still longer.

At the first sight it would seem, that among the whole described material of leafimpressions we could define at least 2 various plant species. One with relatively small leaflets and broad rounded lobes, corresponding with the original specimen of O. FEISTMANTEL, and a second one with relatively great leaflets provided by narrow lobes. But, as mentioned, there are also many transition forms, which make such a presumption very unprobable. Therefore at present I am inclined to consider all the mentioned specimens for remains of one and the same plantspecies. The smaller forms, which correspond f. inst. with O. FEISTMANTEL's original specimen, seem to be always portions from the top of the once pinnate fronds. Specimens showing longer and narrower leafletlobes, are certainly middle ore lower parts of fronds.

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of *Ulvopteris ammonis* from the original SCHUSTER's locality (SCHUSTER, specimen was found at the mines of Dudweiler, on the tip of the mines at Gehlenberg).

### Conclusion.

Studying some of the original specimens of O. FEISTMANTEL and K. c. STERNBERG and comparing them with newly obtained material of fossil plants in the collections of our National Museum (resp. also with some specimens conserved in the collections of the Charles University), I stated, that the plantimpressions cited previously as *Sphenopteris linearis* and *Neuropteris auriculata* by O. FEISTMANTEL are representatives of the artificial group of the Archaeopterides. The first one is a *Rhacopteris*, the second one may be regarded as species of the formgenus of *Ulvopteris* SCHUSTER (very probably it is identical with SCHUSTER's species of *U. ammonis*).

Further I stated a new *Rhacopteris* form of our Upper Carboniferous, the *Rhacopteris bipinnata* n. sp., which as to the shape of the leaflets stands between *Rh. elegans* ETT. and *Rh. postculmica* KUŠTA.

All the archaeopteroid forms described untill present from the Carboniferous of Central Bohemia may be found only in the Upper Westphalian series. One of them in the Westphalian D (Nýřany coal measures: *Rh. sarana*), the others in the Westphalian C (resp. transition into B) i. e. Lubná and Radnice coal measure series. In the whole we know at present from our Upper Carboniferous in Central Bohemia the following forms:

*Rhacopteris elegans* ETT.  
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*Rh. speciosa* ETT.  
*Rh. postculmica* KUŠTA.  
*Rh. linearis* O. FEISTM.  
*Rh. bipinnata* NJC.

*Palaeopteridium Reussi* ETT.  
*P. macrophyllum* NJC.

*Triphyllopteris rhomboidea* ETT.

*Ulvopteris auriculata* O. FEISTM.  
(?= *U. ammonis* SCHUSTER.)

PLATE II.

- Fig. 1. — "*Sphenopteris*" *linearis* STBG. — STERNBERG's original specimen (L. c. Vol. I., T. 42, fig. 4.) — 1/1 — Loc.: Svinná near Radnice.
- Fig. 2. — "*Sphenopteris*" *linearis* O. FEISTM. — O. FEISTMANTEL's original specimen (L. c. T. 65, fig. 1.) — 1/1 — Loc.: Radnice.
- Fig. 4. — "*Neuropteris*" *auriculata* O. FEISTM. — O. FEISTMANTEL's original specimen (L. c. T. 67, fig. 1.) — 1/1 — Loc.: Břasy near Radnice.
- Fig. 3. and 5. — *Ulopteris auriculata* O. F.-Njc. — 1/1 — Loc.: Rakovník (leg. O. Feistmantel, 1870).
- Fig. 6. — *Ulopteris auriculata* O. F.-Njc. — 1/1 — Loc.: Nýřany (mines et "Pankrác"; leg. Kolář).
- Fig. 7. — *Ulopteris auriculata* O. F.-Njc. — 1/1 — Loc.: Radnice.

PLATE III.

- Ulopteris auriculata* O. F.-Njc. — Loc.: Lubná, mines "Rako". — Leg.: F. Hliza.
- Fig. 1. — 1/2.
- Fig. 2. a part of the foregoing specimen 1/1.
- Fig. 3. and 4. — 1/1.

All specimens figured on Pl. I. and II. are conserved in the palaeobotanical collections of the National Museum, Prague.

