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## GENERAL NOTES.

**Capture of the Black-capped Petrel Inland in Virginia.**—The little town of Blacksburg, in Montgomery County, Virginia, beyond the Blue Ridge, and about 2150 feet above the sea, is distant from the coast about two hundred miles. Yet here, on August 30, 1893, two days after the great cyclone, I obtained a bird, the capture of which would be well worthy of note if made anywhere on the coast of the United States. A negro brought me, confined alive in a shoe box, a bird which he had captured on a small fish pond that day; the bird could scarcely fly, and he had caught it by hand. I recognized it as one of the Procellariidæ, but its large size and stout, strongly hooked beak brought to my mind only vague visions of