

RECENT LITERATURE.

Elliot's *Shore Birds*, 2d Ed. — Our extended notice of this work (Auk, Jan. 1896, pp. 64–66) leaves little to be said now, beyond renewing our felicitations on the success which Mr. Elliot's lending a hand to popularize ornithology has achieved, as witnessed by the call for another edition in a year from original date of publication. The second edition remains substantially the same as the first, though, as stated by the author in his new preface, "the letter press has been carefully examined and the few typographical errors that may have existed in the first edition have been corrected. The kindly criticism, also, of my colleagues on these matters has been of considerable assistance. In the Appendix the Key to the Families has been slightly rearranged, but not changing in any way the definitions." The omnipresence if not omnipotence of the printer's devil is displayed in this new preface, which leaves the misprints *Squaturolo* and *Helodromus* to be corrected in the next edition of this admirable work, which we expect to see in due course. — E. C.

Elliot's *Gallinaceous Game Birds of North America*.¹ — Seldom are the original and next edition of a book on birds published so almost simultaneously as to reach an active reviewer's desk together, but such is the result of a happy conjunction of authorial and publicational ability in the present instance. We understand that the first edition was exhausted in a month; the second immediately appeared. We believe it is identical, except in the appearance of the explaining words on the title-page, there having hardly been time for sandpapering, even had any places needing that process been observed. The plain form of the book is well made in all its appointments, presenting a very attractive appearance, like most of Mr. F. P. Harper's issues; the large paper copies are sumptuous, almost to be styled luxurious.

¹ The | Gallinaceous | Game Birds | of | North America | including the Partridges, Grouse, Ptarmigan, | and Wild Turkeys; with accounts of their dispersion, habits, nesting, etc., and full descriptions of the plumage of both adult and young, together with their popular and scientific names. | A book written both for those who love to seek these birds afield with | dog and gun, as well as those who may only desire to learn the | ways of such attractive creatures in their haunts | By | Daniel Giraud Elliot, F. R. S. E., etc. | [Etc. 5 lines of titles.] | With forty-six plates | New York | Francis P. Harper | 1897 | —1 vol., 100 large-paper copies, numbered and signed by author, roy. 8vo, others 8vo., both with rubricated title, 1st and 2nd eds. pub. nearly together, Oct. and Nov., 1897; pp. i–xviii, 19–220, pll. 1–46, and colored charts inside back cover.