

whose extirpation, so far as the Orkneys is concerned, was compassed in 1813 by Bullock.

In the Transactions of the Edinburgh Field Naturalists and Microscopical Society, Mr. Symington Grieve brings the history of the Great Auk down to the end of July, 1898, recording the further discovery of bones in kitchen middings on the coasts of Iceland and Denmark. Still more interesting, however, was the finding of a hollow cast of an egg of the Great Auk, determined as such by Prof. Steenstrup, in a deposit of the sub-glacial period in the southern part of Sweden, to the northeast of Falsterbo, by members of the Swedish Geological Survey.—F. A. L.

Stickney and Hoffmann's 'Bird World.'¹—This book is designed for use as a school reader for intermediate grades. It contains some seventy odd chapters most of which treat briefly of the commoner birds while others deal with various phases of bird-life or bird structure; thus there are chapters on 'The Coming of the Birds,' 'Bird Homes,' 'How Young Birds Get Fed,' 'Food of Birds,' 'About Birds' toes,' 'Birds' Bills,' etc. The material has been carefully selected and seems well adapted to interest children in bird-study.

The author has done wisely in securing the coöperation of a practical ornithologist and Mr. Hoffmann's name on the title page of her work is a guarantee of its freedom from serious errors. In two or three instances, however, more careful revision would have added to the accuracy of the author's statements. For example, on p. 22, feathers are said to grow on the toes of the Grouse; on p. 103 birds are stated to moult their feathers "one from one side, then one from the other," while the unqualified assertion that "Parrots hang themselves up at night by their beaks" requires considerable modification, and, as a matter of fact, the name 'Candelita' is not applied to the Redstart in the West Indian Islands, outside of Cuba.

The book is profusely and well illustrated by ten full-page drawings by Mr. Thompson, eight half-tone color photographs of mounted birds, pen and ink outlines of birds' wings, bills, feet, tails, etc., cuts from the publications of the Department of Agriculture, and other illustrations from 'The Osprey,' including several drawings by Mr. Fuertes.

An appendix gives a color key to fifty common birds, and lists of commoner birds grouped according to their local distribution, and whether beneficial or injurious, etc.—F. M. C.

Publications Received.—Bangs, Outram. On some Birds from the Sierra Madra de Santa Marta, Colombia. (Proc. Biol. Soc. Wash. XII, 1898, pp. 171-182.)

¹ Bird World | A Bird Book for Children | By | J. H. Stickney | Assisted by | Ralph Hoffmann | — | Boston, U. S. A. | Ginn & Company, Publishers | The Athenæum Press | 1898 | 12 mo., pp. vi + 214. Numerous illustrations. Price, 70 cents.