

Bangs on a New Quail-Dove from Colombia.¹— Mr. Bangs finds that the *Geotrygon* from the Santa Marta region of Colombia, at first referred to *G. linearis*, is subspecifically separable, and he has given to it the name *Geotrygon linearis infusca*.—J. A. A.

Dugmore's 'Bird-Homes.'²— Mr. Dugmore here enters a comparatively new field, at least for America. While many half-tone illustrations of birds' nests and young birds have been published of late in ornithological journals and elsewhere, Mr. Dugmore is the first to give us a distinctively illustrated treatise on 'Bird-Homes.' As shown by the title page, the work is limited to the 'Land Birds Breeding in the Eastern United States'; but of course not all the species are illustrated. Of the forty full-page plates, fourteen are in colors, four of these being plates of eggs. The plain half-tones are excellent, and the subjects are well chosen. The colored half-tones, by the three-plate process, are as a rule far from satisfactory, though a few of them are rather attractive, and to some tastes may be very pleasing. Their fault is in the method of reproduction, the results being surprisingly good considering the low cost.

'Bird-Homes' consists of two parts, Part I (pp. 1-33) being general and introductory, and Part II (pp. 35-183) systematic. The species are grouped into categories, under nine chapter headings, according to whether the species builds an open, a covered or an arched nest, on the ground, in open country or in woods, in bushes, trees, or vines, or in holes, and if in holes, whether in trees, walls, banks, etc. The nests of about forty species are illustrated, selected to represent all these various methods of nesting. The species thus succeed each other without reference to their systematic relationships, the chapter grouping, according to character and position of the nests, being intended to aid in the identification of the species. A brief description is given of the nest and eggs of each species, with a statement of its breeding range, followed by a short account of its nesting habits.

The geographical area covered by 'Bird-Homes' is so extended that many of the species are necessarily treated at second hand. We are not sure that the author would not have produced a more valuable book if he had restricted its scope to his own personal observations, and given these

¹A New Dove from the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, Colombia. By Outram Bangs. Proc. New Engl. Zoöl Club, I. pp. 107-109, May 14, 1900.

²Bird Homes. | The Nests | Eggs and Breeding Habits of | the Land Birds Breeding in the | Eastern United States; with | Hints on the Rearing and Pho- | tographing of young Birds | By | A. Radclyffe Dugmore | — | Illustrated with Photographs from Nature by the Author | — [Vignette] New York | Doubleday & McClure Co. | 1900 — 8vo, pp. i-xvi, 1-183, 40 fulpage plates (14 colored), and 10 text illustrations. Price, \$200 net.