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CORRESPONDENCE.

The Extra-illustrated Edition of 'Baird, Brewer and Ridgway.'

EDITORS OF 'THE AUK':

Dear Sirs:—The Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia recently became the possessor of a copy of Baird, Brewer, and Ridgway's 'A History of North American Birds. Land Birds,' which differed from the one already in its library by having in addition to the sixty-four plates of bird-heads, thirty-six plates, each containing a full-length figure.

These extra plates are colored and were lithographed by Robert Ridgway, one of the joint authors, and represent the following species¹: *Turdus mustelinus*, *Turdus migratorius*, *Galeoscoptes carolinensis*, *Sialia sialis*, *Thryothorus ludovicianus miamensis*, *Helminthophaga leucobronchialis*, *Dendroica aestiva*, *Dendroica caerulea*, *Dendroica blackburniae*, *Dendroica virens*, *Helminthophaga lawrencii*, *Pyrranga rubra*, *Carpodacus rhodocolpus*, *Chrysomitris tristis*, *Leucosticte atrata*, *Ammodromus nigrescens*, *Zonotrichia albicollis*, *Junco hyemalis*, *Melospiza melodia*, *Euspiza americana*, *Hedymeles ludovicianus*, *Cyanospiza cyanea*, *Cardinalis virginianus*, *Dolichonyx oryzivorus*, *Icterus baltimore*, *Cyanura cristata*, *Anrostomus vociferus*, *Trochilus colubris*, *Sphyrapicus thyroideus*, *Melanerpes erythrocephalus*, *Conurus carolinensis*, *Scops asio floridanus*, *Glaucidium ferrugineum*, *Speotyto floridanus*, *Falco richardsoni*, *Scardafella inca*.

While the existence of an edition of this work with these plates may be known to many ornithologists, yet there is no printed record of such, as far as the present writer is aware. No mention of these plates is made in Coues's 'Bibliography,' nor in the several reviews of the 'Land Birds' to which I have had access. Dr. C. W. Richmond informs me that Mr. Ridgway has never seen a copy of the work with these plates although he has some loose plates in his possession.

This work was published by Little, Brown, and Company, and from their catalogue there seems to have been two editions—one with 64 plain plates, the other with 64 colored plates, "and 36 additional plates of full-length figures beautifully colored by hand." There is still another colored edition without the 36 additional plates. It is quite likely that the original issue consisted of two editions, colored and plain, without extra plates, the latter edition appearing some time later.

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In Re *Meleagris sylvestris* Vieillot.

EDITORS OF 'THE AUK':

Dear Sirs:—My attention has been called to a rather ill-natured attack on Mr. Ogilvie-Grant, by Mr. J. A. Allen, which appears in your Journal for July, 1902, p. 311. Will you allow me to inform the "unenlightened American ornithologists" that Mr. Grant's citation of *Meleagris sylvestris*, Vieill. is perfectly correct as Nouv. Dict. d'Hist. Nat. IX, p. 447 (1817). That it is spelled with an *i* instead of a *y* does not appear to me to be of the slightest consequence. The reason that Mr. Allen and his friends cannot find *silvestris*, but do find *fera*, is due, I suspect, to the fact that they are not using the original edition of the IX Vol. (1817) of the Nouv. Dict. (ed. 2), but the Vol. IX which contains the reprinted leaf pp. 447,

¹ The names are as they occur on the plates and are in sequence, as the plates are not numbered.