

genera, while some of the species of these two groups are most certainly much more nearly related to each other than they are to any of the interposed groups. Our Robin group is allotted to *Turdus*, and forms the only American species of the genus, except *T. rufitorques* of Mexico and Central America.

It seems like returning to the 'good old times' to see such groups as the Mimidæ, Regulidæ, Paridæ, Certhiidæ, etc., installed again as full-fledged families.

*Parus* is restricted to a group of Old World Titmice, the American species hitherto referred to *Parus* being placed in *Picile* Kaup, except *P. gambeli*, for which the new genus *Picilodes* Bianchi (1902) is adopted.

The recent additions to the list of described forms are given at their face value, with, however, references to adverse opinions when any such have been made public. In short, the care, thoroughness and fairness of Dr. Sharpe's great work will long render it a most invaluable aid to every systematic ornithologist.—J. A. A.

**Ridgway on New American Birds.**—Mr. Ridgway, in preparing Part III of his 'Birds of North and Middle America,' has found it desirable to describe a number of new genera, species, and subspecies.<sup>1</sup> The new genera comprise the following four genera of Swallows, as follows: *Alopochelidon*, type, *Hirundo fucata* Temm.; *Orochelidon*, type, *Petrochelidon murina* Cass.; *Diplochelidon*, type, *Hirundo melanoleuca* Wied; *Lamprochelidon*, type, *Hirundo euchrysea* Gosse. The new species and subspecies, 29 in number, are mostly from Mexico and Central America, but the following come within the scope of the A. O. U. Check-List: (1) *Budytes flavus alascensis*, Western Alaska; (2) *Vireo huttoni cognatus*, Cape district of Lower California; (3) *Vireo bellii arizonæ*, western Texas and Arizona; (4) *Lanius ludovicianus mearnsi*, San Clemente and Santa Margarita Islands, L. Cal.; (5) *Bæolophus inornatus restrictus*, vicinity of San Francisco Bay, Cal.; (6) *B. i. murinus*, northern Lower California; (7) *Psaltriparus minimus saturatus*, Mount Vernon, Wash.; (8) *Chamæa fasciata rufula*, central coast region of California; (9) Mississippi Valley and Great Plains region, north to Alberta.—J. A. A.

**Nelson on New Birds from Mexico.**—The 13 new species and subspecies here described<sup>2</sup> were mainly collected by Messrs. Nelson and Goldman in southwestern Mexico during the winter of 1902-03. They

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<sup>1</sup> Descriptions of New Genera, Species, and Subspecies of American Birds. Proc. Biol. Soc. Wash., XVI, pp. 105-113, Sept. 30, 1903.

Diagnoses of Nine New Forms of American Birds. *Ibid.*, pp. 167-170, Nov. 30, 1903.

<sup>2</sup> Descriptions of New Birds from Southern Mexico. By E. W. Nelson. Proc. Biol. Soc. Wash. XVI, pp. 151-160, Nov. 30, 1903.