

most interesting contribution to a little known subject and added value is furnished by a number of photographic illustrations.—W. S.

**Bangs and Phillips on a New Weaver Finch.**—The bird here described<sup>1</sup> was collected by Emin Pasha in Tanganyika Territory in 1890 and upon comparison with a series obtained recently by Dr. Phillips in the West Nile region and eastern Congo it seems to represent a distinct southern race which is named *Icteropsis pelzelni tuta* (p. 177).—W. S.

**Riley on Chinese Birds.**—Further study of the collection sent to the U. S. National Museum by Rev. David C. Graham, from Szechwan, China, has resulted in the description<sup>2</sup> of a Ground Warbler belonging to a new genus and species *Antiornis grahami* (p. 55), and a new species of *Liocichla*,<sup>3</sup> *L. omeiensis* (p. 57). This genus was heretofore known only from a single species from the mountains of Formosa.—W. S.

**Bangs and Peters on New Guinea Birds.**<sup>4</sup>—Dr. Thomas Barbour has recently presented to the Museum of Comparative Zoology a collection of birds made by Thomas Jackson in 1920–24 in the region of Merauke, Dutch New Guinea. The locality is opposite Cape York and consequently has a strong Australian element in its fauna. Some 95 forms are represented in the collection of which only about one-third are Passeres.

Forms described as new are: *Geopelia humeralis gregalis* (p. 423) and *Gymnorhina tibicen papuana* (p. 431).—W. S.

**Peters on Neotropical Birds.**—In a recent paper<sup>5</sup> Mr. Peters reviews the races of *Elaenia martinica* of which he recognizes six. He shows that this species in addition to possessing two color phases, a gray and an olive-yellow one, exhibits great individual variation and is subject to fading during life, all of which make its study more complicated. *E. m. complexa* Berl. is shown to have been based upon a discolored individual while *E. flavogastra* of St. Vincent is a quite distinct species.—W. S.

In another paper<sup>6</sup> he describes as new *Dendroica petechia alsiosa* (p. 41) from the Grenadines.—W. S.

<sup>1</sup> A New Race of Pelzel's Weaver-Finch. By Outram Bangs and John C. Phillips. Occasional Papers of the Boston Soc. Nat. Hist. Vol. 5, p. 177. December 18, 1925.

<sup>2</sup> A New Genus and Species of Ground Warbler from the Province of Szechwan, China. By J. H. Riley. Proc. Biological Soc. Washington, Vol. 39, pp. 55–56. July 30, 1926.

<sup>3</sup> A New Species of *Liocichla* from the Mountains of Szechwan, China. By J. H. Riley *ibid.*, pp. 57–58. July 30, 1926.

<sup>4</sup> A collection of Birds from Southwestern New Guinea (Merauke Coast and Inland). By Outram Bangs and James L. Peters. Bull. Mus. Comp. Zool. Vol. LXVII. No. 12, pp. 421–434. July, 1926.

<sup>5</sup> A Review of the Races of *Elaenia martinica*. (Linne). By James L. Peters. Occasional Papers of the Boston Soc. Nat. Hist., Vol. 5, p. 197–202. June 7, 1926.

<sup>6</sup> A New Race of the Golden Warbler from the West Indies. By James L. Peters. Proc. New England Zool. Club, Vol. IX, p. 41. February 17, 1926.