

of *Anthus cervinus* from Lower California, and gives its synonymy and characters. He also has a 'Note on *Merula confinis* (Baird),'\* recording and describing two specimens taken by Mr. Belding at Laguna, Lower California, the species having hitherto rested on the original type specimen obtained by Xantus in 1860. These specimens show "not only quite constant but very pronounced" characters, so that there is now no reason "for denying it the specific rank to which it is clearly entitled."—J. A. A.

**Cory's Birds of Haiti and San Domingo.**†—Part I of Mr. Cory's work on the birds of Haiti and San Domingo appeared early in March, and consists of five colored plates and 40 quarto pages of text. Beginning with Turdidæ, 27 species are treated, carrying the work into the Tanagridæ, and including three of Mr. Cory's recently described species, namely, *Ligea palustris*,‡ *Hirundo sclateri*, and *Myiadestes montanus*. Each of these species is figured, as are also *Mimocichla ardesciaca* and *Spindalis multicolor*. A plate is also devoted to the nest and eggs of *Mimocichla ardesciaca*. Each species is fully described, and to the descriptions are added in some cases measurements of a considerable series of specimens. The synonymy and bibliographical references are reasonably full; the manner of occurrence of each species in the region under consideration is recounted, and some account is given of the breeding habits, nests and eggs of several of the resident species. The biographical notes are, however, fewer than we had hoped to see them. The plates are excellent as regards coloration and structural details, but are somewhat stiff and lacking in artistic finish. We also notice a few typographical errors in the technical names. The work, however, promises to be a very important contribution to our knowledge of the birds of a hitherto very imperfectly known region. Mr. Cory is certainly entitled to great credit for his enterprise in gathering the materials for his work and presenting them so acceptably.—J. A. A.

**Minor Ornithological Publications.**—'Forest and Stream,' Vols. XX and XXI, March 15-Jan. 23, 1884, contain, besides the greater part of Mr. Everett Smith's 'Birds of Maine' (see Bull. N. O. Club, VIII, pp. 164-166), the following (Nos. 609-668):—

609. *The Carrion Crow.* (*Cathartes atratus*.) By Byrne. *Forest and Stream*, XX, No. 3, p. 45.—Account of its habits as observed at Crockett's Bluff, Ark.

610. *The Horned Lark.* By Rev. J. H. Langille. *Ibid.*, No. 4, pp. 66, 67.—Its habits and abundance in Western New York.

\* Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus. 1883, p. 158.

† The Birds of Haiti and San Domingo, by Charles B. Cory, F. L. S. Published for the Author by Estes and Lauriat, Boston, U. S. A. Part I [March] 1884, 4to. pp. 17-56, pll. 6.

‡ The plate of *Ligea palustris* appeared in advance of the work in the first number of 'The Auk,' to which Mr. Cory generously contributed it in illustration of his original description of the species.