

Mr. Stone deserves great credit for the present paper, which is a good basis on which to build a better knowledge of plumage changes. Such work is tending rapidly to disprove the many guesses formerly so common but now gradually being displaced by the results of unbiased, systematic study.—W. P.

**Stone on Birds collected in North Greenland.**<sup>1</sup>—Mr. Stone gives an annotated list of the birds “obtained by the Peary party during their sojourn in North Greenland from July, 1891, to August, 1892, and also of those collected by the Relief Expedition of 1892.” They consist of 122 specimens, besides numerous nests and eggs, part of which were collected by Mr. Langdon Gibson in the vicinity of Peary’s winter quarters, and the remainder by Mr. Charles E. Hite, at various points from Disko to Cape York. The two collections number 19 species each, and collectively represent 28 species, only a part of the species being common to both collections. The annotations give the localities, and generally the dates, of the specimens obtained, with occasionally further notes of interest. No species are added to the Greenland fauna, but the breeding grounds of *Chen hyperborea nivalis* appear to be for the first time here made known.—J. A. A.

**Schalow on a Collection of Birds from West Greenland.**<sup>2</sup>—In 1892 the Geographical Society of Berlin sent an expedition to West Greenland, under the direction of Dr. von Drygalski, which was accompanied by Dr. Vanhöffen as naturalist. The region explored extends from latitude 69° to 73°, and the expedition remained in the field from May, 1892, to October, 1893. The birds collected number 29 species, of which 12 are represented only by eggs. Dr. Schalow, in his report upon this collection, includes also notices of a number of additional Greenland birds’ eggs contained in the collection of Major Krüger-Velthusen; some 35 species are thus formally noticed, with passing remarks on a number of others. Many field notes are given, apparently extracted from Dr. Vanhöffen’s previously published observations,<sup>3</sup> with many technical notes on various species. While the collection gathered by Dr. Vanhöffen added no species to the Greenland fauna he reports seeing a skin of *Tadorna casarca* [= *Casarca casarca* (Linn.)] in a small collection of bird’s skins made at Aupgalartok, in the District of Upernavik, which was collected

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<sup>1</sup> List of Birds collected in North Greenland by the Peary Expedition of 1891–92 and the Relief Expedition of 1892. By Witmer Stone. Proc. Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, 1895, pp. 502–505.

<sup>2</sup> Ueber eine Vogelsammlung aus Westgrönland. Von Herman Schalow. Journ. für Orn., Oct., 1895, pp. 457–481.

<sup>3</sup> “Frühlingsleben in Nord-Grönland (Verhandl. Ges. für Erdkunde zu Berlin, XX, 1893, pp. 454–469).”