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## GENERAL NOTES.

**The Paroquet Auklet in California.**—In the collection of the California Academy of Sciences there are five specimens of *Cyclorhynchus psittaculus* from the bay and ocean at San Francisco. Three of these were captured by Dr. John Hornung—a male, Jan. 10, 1895, and a male and female, Jan. 8, 1899. The remaining two specimens (a male and female) were secured by Mr. William J. Hackmeier, Dec. 17, 1899. The white feathers behind the eyes are well developed in the three January specimens. So far as I am aware this species has not been recorded from California waters.—LEVERETT M. LOOMIS, *California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco.*

**On the Southern Limit of the Winter Range of Bonaparte's Gull (*Larus philadelphia*).**—In the first edition of the A. O. U. Check-List the habitat of *Larus philadelphia* is given as follows: "Whole of North America, breeding mostly north of the United States; south in winter to Mexico and Central America." In the second edition the closing clause is omitted and the following substituted: "Not yet recorded from south of the United States, though reported from the Bermudas."

Nevertheless, it has long been a matter of record (Lawrence, *vide* Grayson, Mem. Bost. Soc. Nat. Hist., Vol. II, 1874, p. 317) that this species occurs at least as far south as Mazatlan, Sinaloa. A recent instance of occurrence is not lacking to confirm this record, there being in the collection of the California Academy of Sciences three specimens from