

As already stated the new matter relates especially to the North American species of Ibises and Spoonbills. The paper is well illustrated with text cuts and two plates, only a few of which appear here for the first time. — J. A. A.

Chapman on a New Race of the Great Blue Heron.¹—From certain fragments of Herons that have been in the American Museum of Natural History for several years it was evident that a strongly marked undescribed form of the Great Blue Heron existed on the Northwest Coast, but it was not until recently that Mr. Chapman was able to secure proper material for its description. The Northwest Coast Heron is, as would be expected, very much darker and more deeply colored throughout than its relatives from other parts of North America. The type of the new form is from Queen Charlotte Island, and has been named by Mr. Chapman *Ardea herodias fannini*, in recognition of assistance rendered him in securing material for his paper by Mr. John Fannin, the well-known Director of the Victoria Museum.

In addition to describing the new form, Mr. Chapman calls attention to the status of *Ardea wardi*, commonly recognized as a distinct species, which Mr. Chapman very clearly shows intergrades with the northern *Ardea herodias*. Mr. Chapman considers that birds from the lower Rio Grande are not separable from the Florida birds which bear the name *wardi*. — J. A. A.

Grinnell on Two Races of the Red-breasted Sapsucker.²—The two forms here recognized are *Sphyrapicus varius ruber* and *S. v. daggetti*, new subspecies. The range of the former is given as the Northwest Coast region of North America, south to the Santa Cruz Mountains, while the new form is from Pasadena, California, the range of which is given as southern California and the west slope of the Sierra Nevada north at least to Amador County. Not only has Mr. Grinnell separated a new form of Red-breasted Sapsucker, but claims to have found evidence of intergradation between the eastern *S. varius* and *S. ruber* of the Pacific Coast, thus reverting to the view held by Mr. Ridgway in 1873, when all the forms of the genus *Sphyrapicus* were made subspecies of *S. varius*. — J. A. A.

¹ A New Race of the Great Blue Heron, with Remarks on the Status and Range of *Ardea wardi*. Bull. Am. Mus. Nat. Hist., Vol. XIV, pp. 87–90. April 15, 1901.

² Two Races of the Red-breasted Sapsucker. By Joseph Grinnell. The Condor, Vol. III, No. 1, p. 12. Separates issued Jan. 15, 1901.