

correct, the blue is not dependant on *surface* structure as can be learned from the article on 'Blue Feathers' in the present issue of 'The Auk'.

In the list of birds which have been exterminated the use of "America" instead of North America or the United States is somewhat misleading as some of the species said to be extinct "in America" are still plentiful in Middle or South America. The term is, as we know, often used synonymously with the United States but not in scientific works or in distributional discussion. In this connection too we might suggest that the Scarlet Ibis said to be "found in the Gulf States; now exterminated in America" had never more than one definite record for North America—three birds seen by Audubon flying overhead in Louisiana. The Roseate Spoonbill, moreover, we hope is not quite extinct, while we notice that the Dickcissel has been exterminated in some states under that name and in others as the Black-throated Bunting, thus figuring twice in the list of species on the road to extinction. These are however, but casual slips in compilation and do not affect the value of Mr. Hartley's excellent volume.—W. S.

White's 'Check-List of the Birds of New Hampshire.'¹—This is another of those convenient little pocket lists for the recording of observations of which quite a number are appearing today. The names, technical and vernacular, are printed on the outer edge of the left-hand page with several narrow blank pages inserted, the paper being wide ruled ledger with each species occupying one line. The total number of species is 292, eight of them being additions to Dr. Glover M. Allen's list, namely: *Gavia pacifica*, *Pelecanus occidentalis*, *Mareca penelope*, *Nyctanassa violacea*, *Numenius borealis*, *Sturnus vulgaris*, *Spiza americana* and *Stelgidopteryx serripennis*, for the inclusion of which references are given. The author very wisely is content with the nomenclature of the A. O. U. 'Check-List' and attempts no innovations; The simplicity of the arrangement should appeal to everyone who uses it, while the good quality of the paper insures permanency to the records. We note with interest the inclusion of the English Sparrow, but at the end of the list instead of in its proper place. The Sparrow as we have always contended is in exactly the same category as the Sterling and if one is included in our daily lists so should the other.—W. S.

Chisholm's 'Mateship with Birds.'²—Popular bird study is going on apace in Australia even though it may have been later in getting started

¹ Check-List of the Birds of New Hampshire (F. B. White, Concord, N. H., October 1922.) pp. 1-120.

² Mateship with Birds. By Alec H. Chisholm, Past President Queensland Gould League of Bird Lovers, Past President Queensland Naturalists' Club, State Hon. Secretary Royal Australian Ornithologists' Union, Co-Editor Queensland Naturalist, etc. With an Introduction C. J. Dennis ("The Sentimental Bloke,") Illustrated with Photographs from Life by the Author and Others. Whitcombe & Tombs Limited. 189 Little Collins Street, Melbourne. [Also London.]