

Mr. Snyder has added interesting notes on the occurrence of the various species to the account of the specimens which constitute the only collection ever made upon Wrangell and has also compiled a bibliography of Wrangell island.—W. S.

Arrigoni on the Game Laws of Italy.¹—This report is an explanation of the Italian National game law of 1923, which is apparently the first general law on the subject. Italy has been notorious for giving birds no protection at all, even song birds have been sold in all the markets for food.

It will doubtless take many years and additional laws with stringent enforcement to make the people appreciate the proper attitude toward wild life but this law and the explanation and comments here presented by Count Arrigoni degli Oddi is a good beginning.

In addition to the legal discussion there is much historical matter and an interesting account of the various methods used recently and in the past for catching birds, with numerous illustrations.—W. S.

Humphreys' 'Fogs and Clouds.'²—The ornithologist in these days of zoogeography and the influence of environment and climatic conditions on the distribution of life must needs acquaint himself with subjects which at first thought would appear foreign to his work.

Mr. William J. Humphreys, meteorological physicist of the U. S. Weather Bureau has published several works dealing with air conditions and the weather such as 'Physics of the Air,' 'Weather Proverbs and Paradoxes' and 'Rain Making and other Vagaries' and now presents a very interesting volume on 'Fogs and Clouds.' All of these are books that the field ornithologist can read with profit. In the book before us the author not only presents a wonderful collection of fog and cloud photographs but explains in a very lucid way the formation of clouds and the method of evaporation and condensation, the effect of air of different temperature and density blowing over differently heated ground or mountain sides, the cause of continual rainfall on certain coasts, and the formation of sea fog, city fog, etc., etc.

Many of these conditions familiar to the zoologist but often little understood by him are here fully explained. As Mr. Humphreys states, nearly everyone is a collector. He is a collector of cloud photographs and quite naturally in the course of his writings he solicits the help of all who are in a position to aid him increase his collection.—Ornithologists could, we think, prove valuable contributors.—W. S.

¹ Testo Esplicativo ed Illustrativo delle Disposizioni Vigenti in Materia Venatoria, W. By Ettore Arrigoni degli Oddi. Padova. 1926, pp. xl, 1-252 with 15 figures in the text.

² Fogs and Clouds. By William J. Humphreys. The Williams and Wilkins Co., Baltimore, U. S. A., pp. 1-104, 93 figures from Photos. Price \$4.00.