

morants destroy salmon, nor did stomach examinations. Of 32 stomachs examined, 5 were empty, 3 contained unrecognizable food, 16 contained sculpins, 5 herrings, one capelin, one eel, and 2 tomcod or allied fishes.

Furthermore, the bulk of evidence shows that salmon have lately been increasing from year to year. "The cormorants are also generally increasing in number, the rookeries are enlarging and new ones being established. These facts taken together do not indicate that the cormorants are markedly harmful to the salmon."*—W. L. M.

* Mus. Bul. 13, Canada Dept. of Mines, 1915, p. 14.

INCUBATION PERIOD OF THE GANNET.

In the very interesting list of periods of incubation, as noted in different birds, contributed to your pages by Mr. F. L. Burns, the period allowed for the Gannet (*Sula bassana* (L.)) is given at 39 days, but this seems too short.

An egg laid on April 22d at the Bass Rock on the east coast of Scotland, and at once inscribed with the date by Mr. J. M. Campbell, the lighthouse keeper, was not hatched until June 5th, which gives a period of 44 days.

Another Gannet's egg, laid in confinement at Brighton in Sussex, is recorded by the late Mr. E. T. Booth to have hatched out about the 43d day, as stated in "The Gannet" (p. 355), where the *pros* and *cons* of the subject are discussed at some length and different opinions quoted.

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A NEW LOUISIANA BIRD.

The observance of a solitary species of bird life has not only supplied the Louisiana list with a new bird but with the one order of the seventeen found in the United States that has been missing since the avian life of the state has been studied by those who preceded Audubon and those who have followed him.

The species observed was a Wilson petrel (*Oceanites oceanicus*), sometimes known as one of "Mother Cary's Chickens," of the order *Tubinares*, or Tube-nosed swimmers, which includes, besides the petrels, the fulmars and shearwaters.

The discovery was made by Herbert K. Job, head of the Department of Applied Ornithology of the National Association of Audubon Societies, and Stanley Clisby Arthur, ornithologist of the Conservation Commission of Louisiana, while they were on an expe-