

## NEWS AND NOTES.

**COLOR KEY TO NORTH AMERICAN BIRDS.**—This is a recent addition to the ornithological literature of North America from the pen of the well known author, Frank M. Chapman,<sup>1</sup> of the American Museum of Natural History, with over 800 illustrations in color, by Chester A. Reed, whose drawings and photographs have added so much to the value and attractiveness of the "Bird Magazine." The work is wholly devoid of technicalities, so one that is not a specialist as well as one that is may use and enjoy it together. It comes nearer answering the question, "How can I learn to know the birds," to the satisfaction of all, than any other work published. The authorship is sufficient proof of its accuracy which is much in its favor, especially at the present time when so many questionable books on natural history subjects are appearing. The author states in the introduction that an attempt has been made so to group, figure and describe our birds that any species may be named which has been definitely seen. The birds are kept in their systematic orders, a natural arrangement readily comprehended, but further than this, accepted classifications have been abandoned and the birds have been grouped according to color and markings. This in a word gives the plan of the book, and any one who desires to know the birds afield, will find it a most desirable aid. DOUBLEDAY, PAGE & COMPANY of New York City are the publishers.—J. S. H.

**ERRATA**—In February, '04, NATURALIST, p. 98, line 27, read "formerly labled Asplenium" for "formerly called Asplenium."

In Bulletin of the United States Fish Commission for 1902, pages 369-394, Miss Julia W. Snow of Smith College gives the results of her work on "The Plankton Algae of Lake Erie." This is an important contribution to the flora of the lake and represents an inviting field of study which seems to be much neglected by American botanists. Two hundred and eleven species with a considerable additional number of varieties are listed, thirteen of which are described as new. Four good plates are given to illustrate the new species.—J. H. S.

**WYTSMAN'S GENERA INSECTORUM IN THE LLOYD LIBRARY, CINCINNATI, OHIO.**—C. G. Lloyd is subscribing for this great illustrated work, and has already received a number of the parts, which have been placed in the great Lloyd Botanical Library in Cincinnati, O. This library is open free to students who wish to consult any of the books on Botany and Entomology. Through the courtesy of Mr. Holden, the librarian, I have examined this magnificent work.—CHARLES DURY, Avondale, Cincinnati, Ohio.