

1913 list. That author has emphasized the close relationship of the birds of Australia to those of neighbouring and even more remote lands, by classifying over 70 of the "Check-list" species as sub-species of extra-limital species (some with different names). Over 80 of the 751 species of the "Check-list" are regarded as worthy of sub-specific rank only by Mr. Matthews. Twenty-four of the "Check-list" specific names were preoccupied, while for 80 of them a prior name had been given. Ten names are fixed by the B.O.U. list, and 33 names require further consideration or more evidence as to validity as Australian species.

462 species names, 1913 list and "Check-list."

81 names valid; sub-species (G. M. M.).

61 names valid; sub-species of extra-limital species.

604 names common to "Check-list" and 1913 list.

10 names fixed by B.O.U. list.

24 preoccupied.

80 names for which there was a prior name.

33 names for further evidence.

751, total.

Camera Craft Notes.

Camera versus Gun.—Reviewing "Life-Histories of African Game Animals," by Theodore Roosevelt and Edmund Heller, *The Times Literary Supplement* (issue 14th May, 1915) says, *inter alia* :—"The numbers of those who abandon the rifle for the camera is steadily on the increase; it is becoming recognized that the work of the naturalist who can bring the living animals before the eyes of others is now of higher value to the progress of the science of natural history than the work of the collector of specimens. Each is, of course, complementary to the other, but the time has now come when the hunter must give way to the observer."

Shrike-Thrush Tamed.—Three years ago a pair of Whistling Shrike-Thrushes (*Colluricincla selbii*) began to come about the back garden of our residence. To encourage them, various scraps were placed in prominent positions, but the birds' preference for fat was soon noticed. They always took the larger pieces to a crack in the ridge of the wood-shed. This crack held the meat secure, and the birds were able to tug off pieces. Long-tailed Wren-Warblers (*Malurus longicaudus*) and Grey Butcher-Birds (*Cracticus cinereus*), discovering that the Shrike-Thrushes often left a reserve store in the "cupboard," paid surprise visits to it. During my sister's long illness, when she spent much time on the verandah, these Shrike-Thrushes became very tame, sitting on her head, running



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