

me to correspond with them. The palatine processes are remarkably long and pointed, a very characteristic feature of the skull and strikingly different from the condition found in *Chlorophonia*. The vomer is deeply divided anteriorly as Parker has shown and thus is quite different from that of *Chlorophonia*.

*Sternum.* The sternum shows none of the tanagrine peculiarities of *Piranga* but is almost exactly similar to that of *Chlorophonia*.

*Conclusions.* The differences between *Euphonia* and *Chlorophonia* in the tongue and palate are so marked as to make one hesitate before asserting that the two genera are nearly allied. Differences in the alimentary canal and in the feet also, may not be ignored. In all of these features *Euphonia* approaches some of the *Cœrebidæ* and the possibility of its relationship to some members of that family should not be ignored. It is however possible that *Euphonia minuta* is not representative of the genus and that some other species may show more tanagrine affinities.

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### GENERAL NOTES.

**Holboell's Grebe in Concord, Mass.**—On December 15, 1912, Bateman's Pond froze over with black ice, but a thaw and rain resulted on the 17th in covering the ice with nearly an inch of water. During the moonlight night that followed a Holboell's Grebe (*Colymbus holbælli*) attempted to light in the pond and I believe settling on the ice and was unable again to take wing. On the following morning, it having turned cold during the night, the bird was found with its breast feathers frozen in the ice. The wrists of its wings were badly lacerated by beating against the ice to free itself, but in other respects the bird was uninjured. After much piteous squawking, its feathers were cut from the ice and the bird liberated. Its wings, however, were injured so badly that it was killed and is now preserved in this Museum.—R. HEBER HOWE, Jr., *Thoreau Museum, Concord, Mass.*

**Additional Notes on the Harlequin Duck in Wyoming.**—In 'The Auk' for January, 1913, pp. 106–107, I recorded two male specimens of the Harlequin Duck which I saw at Teton Lodge (Moran Post Office), in Jackson Hole last September, and which were supposed to have been



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