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GENERAL NOTES.

A NEW NAME FOR *TANAGRA SCLATERI* BERLEPSCH.

Dr. C. W. Richmond (Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., 35, No. 1656, Dec. 16, 1908, 644) has shown that *Tanagra* Linnaeus can not be used for the birds that have usually been placed in this genus, but that *Thraupis* Boie will have to be used. He fixes the type of *Tanagra* upon *Fringilla violacea* Linn., therefore *Tanagra sclateri* Berlepsch (Ibis, 1880, 112) becomes untenable on account of *Tanagra sclateri* (*Euphonia sclateri* Sunde-
vall, Oefv. Vet. Ak. Förh. Stockh., 1869, 596), and the bird described by von Berlepsch under the above name may be called ***Thraupis epis-
copus nesophilus***.
—J. H. Riley.

THE NAMES OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN GOATS.

The specific name *montanus*, applied to the Rocky Mountain Goat (*Ovis montanus* Ord, 1815), is preoccupied by *Ovis montana* Schreber, Die Säugthiere, plate 294 D, published, according to Sherborn (P. Z. S., 1891, p. 587), in 1804; and by *Ovis montana* Tiedemann, Zoologie, I, p. 404, 1808, both synonyms of *Ovis canadensis* Shaw and *Ovis cervina* Desmarest, 1804. The earliest available name for the Mountain Goat is *Rupicapra americana* Blainville, 1816. Though described from "North America," it may properly be restricted to the first recognized form, long known as *Oreamnos montanus*, inhabiting the Cascade Mountains, and the nearby ranges. Blainville, in his preliminary arrangement of the ungulates, divided his comprehensive genus *Cerophorus* into what he called sub-genera, of which *Rupicapra*, with three species, including "*A. americana*"* is one; but in his diagnoses of new species which follows he first characterized the goat under the combination *Rupicapra americana*.

The name applied to one of the two subspecies of *Oreamnos montanus* described by Dr. J. A. Allen in 1904, *O. m. columbianus* (Bull. Amer. Mus. Nat. Hist., XX, p. 20), is preoccupied by the *Capra columbiana* of Desmoulins, 1823, a synonym of *Ovis montanus* Ord. On my calling Dr.

* Not *Antelope americana* Ord, as stated by Palmer, Index Gen. Mamm., p. 613; but a *nomen nudum*, really referring to the animal he later diagnosed under the name *Rupicapra americana*, the Rocky Mountain Goat.