

While on the subject of rare visitors to the Gulf of St. Lawrence I will add that on the 13th and 14th of August, 1883, I saw a Man-of-war Bird, (*Tachypetes aquilus*) outside of the Bay here. A few days later it was again seen by Capt. Le Blanc of the 'Manicoriagan Light Ship,' thirty miles west of Godbout.—NAP. A. COMEAU, *Godbout, Quebec*.

Oidemia perspicillata in Florida.—A male of this species was taken January 23, near Punta Rassa, at the southern entrance to Charlotte Harbor.—FRANK M. CHAPMAN, *New York, N. Y.*

An Addition to the List of North American Birds.—I have in my collection two specimens, taken in Texas, of *Rallus longirostris caribæus* Ridg., heretofore only known in the West Indies. They are exactly like the type kindly sent me by Mr. Ridgway, and are undoubtedly referable to this form. A female was taken by Mr. Fred. Webster and myself at Galveston, Feb. 28, 1877, and a male was taken by my collector, Jno. M. Priour, at Corpus Christi, May 19, 1887.—GEORGE B. SENNETT, *Am. Mus. Nat. Hist., New York City*.

The Yellow Rail in Connecticut.—I am indebted to Mr. E. H. Austin of Gaylordsville, Conn., for a specimen of the Yellow Rail (*Porzana noveboracensis*) found at that place on March 24. Mr. Austin writes in reference to it: "It was picked up in the morning at the side of the road near the river by a boy who found it in an exhausted condition, and was taken into the house where it revived enough to run about the room, but finally died in the evening. The most singular point in my mind is that the Saturday it was found the thermometer stood at 10°, and the day before at 7°. It was taken into the Post Office as a rare or unknown bird."

It proved to be a male. I sent the contents of the gizzard to the Department of Agriculture, and Dr. A. K. Fisher says in a letter of the 30th inst.: "The seeds found in the gizzard of the Rail are as follows: one grape seed, one grass seed (*Paspalum*), two sedges (*Carex*). Probably the grape seed was taken in with gravel."

Mr. Austin has recorded his discovery in 'Forest and Stream.'—C. K. AVERILL, JR., *Bridgeport, Conn.*

Notes on *Melanerpes torquatus*.—During the springs of 1885, 1886, and 1887, I made constant observations upon the migration of birds at Fort Wingate, New Mexico, but during those three years never so much as observed anywhere in that region a specimen of Lewis's Woodpecker (*M. torquatus*); nor, as for that matter, at any other time during the year. This spring (1888), however, my son noted a bird of this species in a large pine tree close to the garrison buildings, and when I was out next day (May 8), four other specimens were in sight at one time, within two miles of the station. These, as usual, were extremely wary, and I only succeeded in obtaining one fine adult female.

Upon carefully plucking this bird, I found the pterylosis to be for the