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"*Les Oiseaux de France*," by A. Menegaux. Volume II. *Oiseaux d'eau et especes voisines—Colymbiformes, Alciformes, Procellariiformes, Lariformes, Charadriiformes, Anseriformes, Pelecaniformes, Ciconiiformes, Phoenicopteriformes, Gruiformes.* 430 pages, eighty plates, sixty-four of them coloured, 148 text figures. Paul Lechevalier et Fils, Publishers, 12 Rue de Tournon, Paris—VIe.

This is the Second Volume by Dr. Menegaux, and deals with the Water-Birds and allied species. Firstly, the names of each species are given in French, German, English, Spanish, and Portuguese; concise details are then supplied with regard to the breeding and non-breeding plumages, measurements of the birds, nest construction, size of clutch, incubation period, together with, where necessary, a block showing any distinguishing feature in the head, wing, bill, feet, or tail of a bird. Secondly, the Parasitic Insects of the living birds are given, some illustrated, as well as a list of the birds with their particular parasites. Thirdly come the Plates, and doubtless, so as to avoid constant turning back to the first portion, full particulars are given with each Plate. The coloured Plates are well done, and the bird shown can be easily identified.

This Volume, which can easily be carried in the pocket, will be found indispensable for a person interested in birds when

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visiting France and adjacent countries in Europe, and can be highly recommended to Australian ornithologists and bird-lovers as an aid in studying the species referred to therein. Excellent indices are furnished in the work.

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