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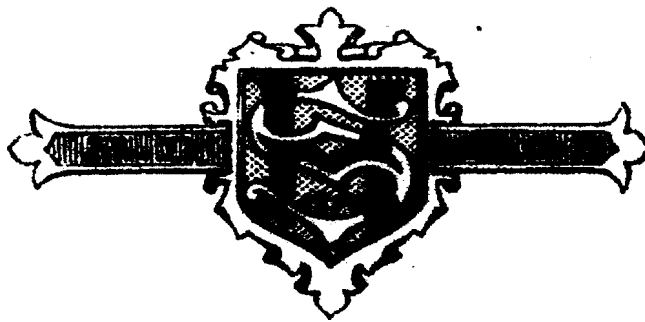
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6. *S. leucopsis*; *Athene leucopsis*, Hartl.—The wings on the inner side uniform blackish without bands; first quill as long as the ninth. A very distinct and handsome species from the Island of St. Thomas in Western Africa.

c. Subgenus ACNEMIS.—The first quill longer than the tenth; tarsus naked and scaled; toes completely naked and scaled.

7. *S. gymnopus*, G. Gray.—In size and colour it is like *S. ephialtes*, but has shorter wings and tarsus; the wings on the inner side next the root, with three small dirty whitish-yellow bars not reaching to the shaft, and directed from the tail to the head. India.

d. Subgenus PTILOPSIS; *Ephialtes*, Bonap.—The first quill very long, emarginated near the end, shorter than the second and third; bill projected and covered with very long bristle-feathers; toes with thin bristle-feathers.

8. *S. leucotis*, Swains.; *Str. leucotes*, Temm., Pl. Col. 16.—Whole face, feathers of the lorum and front pure white. This species has some analogies with *Bubo lacteus*. Africa.

If we may draw conclusions by analogies, we may expect some time or other to find two species in Asia which will represent *Bubo orientalis* and *coromander*.

e. Subgenus MEGASCOPS.—First quill as long as the seventh or tenth; 1–4th emarginated; tarsus feathered; toes mostly naked.

9. *S. flammeola*; *Str. flammeola*, Licht. (Berl. Mus.)—Wings 120–130; tail 56–66 mm. long. The smallest of the Night Owls. Mexico.

10. *S. trichopsis*, Wagl. Isis. 1832, p. 276.—Toes with bristle-feathers like *Athene noctua*. Mexico.

11. *S. rutilus*, Puch. Archiv. du Mus. d'Hist. Nat. iv. p. 326, tab. xxii.; Revue et Mag. de Zool. 1849, p. 29.—Toes naked, and also the scaled hind part of the slender tarsus; total plumage rusty red; occiput and neck without collars. Madagascar.

The following species from America are so intimately connected, that we discover the distinct character of each only by a close scrutiny. It is certain, that they are only subspecies from one and the same type. The oldest known is