

## PAGOPHILA EBURNEA VERSUS PAGOPHILA ALBA.

The name of the ivory gull has recently been changed from *Pagophila alba* (Gunnerus) to *Pagophila eburnea* (Phipps) because the original description of *Pagophila alba* (*Larus albus* Gunnerus, in Leem's Beskr. Finm. Lapp., 1767, p. 285; northern Norway) was not considered identifiable (cf. Hartert et al., List British Birds, 1912, p. 203; Committee, British Ornith. Union, List British Birds, 1915, p. 394). The specific name *alba* was originally applied to the ivory gull by Stejneger (Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., VI, June 13, 1882, p. 39), and has since been generally accepted by American ornithologists. An examination of the original description seems to leave little doubt that the name is properly applicable to the species in question, since this is the only gull with normally pure white plumage living in the far northern regions. The bird should, therefore, continue to be known as *Pagophila alba*.

For the benefit of those who may not have access to the rare book in which *Larus albus* Gunnerus appeared, we hereby transcribe the original description:

“Præter Laros jam enumeratos apud nos adhuc datur 1) *Larus albus*, Norlandis *Vald-Maase* dictus, qui toto interdum corpore albus esse & Laro cano vel & fusco magnitudine convenire perhibetur. V. Dn. Matthias Brunn, Vefsensium nunc pastor, se hunc in præfectura Vosteraalen Norlandiæ nonnunquam vidisse mihi persvasit. Plur. V. Dn. Buschmann, præpositus Helgelandiæ & paroeciæ Næsne pastor meritissimus, me itidem certiore fecit, eundem Larum in Helgelandia nostra vulgo satis notum esse, ut ab omnibus reliquis Laris ante memoratis distinctum, licet ipse eum nondum nisi minus viderit. Ni valde fallor, Larus hic habendus est idem ac *Senator Martensii*, qui toto corpore albus, rostro & pedibus nigris describitur esse. Sed, quid de nigredine rostri judicem, nescio, quum hic color in rostris reliquorum Larorum, e. g. marinorum, hyerboreorum, canorum & tridactylorum jam adultorum prorsus evanescat. Characterem Martensii, quem addit, nimirum: *tridactylus*, taceo; illum tamen ob oculos habeant, qui occasionem Larum nostrum album examinandi nacti fuerint.”

—Harry C. Oberholser.

## SOME NECESSARY CHANGES IN CRUSTACEAN NOMENCLATURE.

In 1915 Mr. L. A. Borradaile (Ann. and Mag. Nat. Hist. [8], vol. 15, p. 207) distributed the species of *Periclimenes* among four subgenera which he called *Ensiger*, *Corniger*, *Cristiger* and *Falciger*. The type of the genus *Periclimenes*, *P. insignis* Costa, 1844=*Alpheus scriptus* Risso, 1826, falls in the subgenus *Cristiger*, which should therefore be known as the subgenus *Periclimenes*. The name *Corniger* has previously been used once in fishes and twice in crustacea; it may be replaced by the name **Laomenes**, nom. nov. The name *Falciger* has been previously used in the coleoptera; it may be replaced by **Cuapetes**, nom. nov.

—Austin H. Clark.