

collections therein. But brief mention can be made of a few of the papers, the first of which is by Robert Ridgeway on "The Humming Birds," covering 130 pages and illustrated by 46 plates of the many species enumerated. "The Methods of Fire Making," by Walter Hough gives the various ways in which primitive people secured the all essential fire. Prof. Romyne Hitchcock contributes two very interesting papers, one on the "Ainos of Japan," a race which at one time probably inhabited the whole empire, but which is now a scanty people in the island of Yezo; the other on the evidences of a race which may have preceded the Ainos and which are designated as "The Ancient Pit Dwellers of Yezo." The first part of a "Handbook for the Department of Geology" appears and deals with Geognosy, or the materials of the earth's crust, by Geo. P. Merrill.—(ED.)

Birds of Michigan.—Bulletin 94, Michigan Agricultural College. Prof. A. J. Cook.

The Michigan Experiment Station here furnishes to its supporters a very valuable catalogue of the birds recorded from the State, many of which are illustrated in part or in whole—The species recorded number 332, and as the fauna of Michigan agrees in general with that of Ontario the members of the club will find the work of Prof. Cook to be of much interest and value to them in the study of our own bird fauna.—(ED.)

BOTANY.

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Veronica Buxbaumii at Quebec.—I have received from Miss Alice Bowen of Quebec, some nice specimens of the above pretty little Speedwell, which is such an attractive feature of the English hedgerows. "The plant was found in an old, neglected, garden flower-bed" at Quebec. This species is recorded by Macoun as a ballast plant from North Sydney, N. S., and by Burgess from Kingston and London, Ont.—J. F.