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LXIII.—*On a new Species of Megapode.* By R. BOWDLER SHARPE, F.L.S., F.Z.S., &c., Senior Assistant, Zoological Department, British Museum.

THE Museum is indebted to Dr. Sharpey, F.R.S., for a specimen of a Megapode which was shot by Henry David Cooper, Esq., on the island of Trinkut, in the Nicobar group. I propose to call it

Megapodius trinkutensis, sp. n.

Above olive-brown, many of the feathers rather inclining to clearer and more rufous brown on their margins; wings uniform with back externally, the inner webs of coverts and quills deep brown, the primaries very pale fulvous brown on their outer webs; tail uniform with back; crown of head light bay; lores, cheeks, and region of the eye bare; ear-coverts, throat, sides of neck, and hinder part of latter forming a collar pale creamy fulvous; under surface of body rather lighter olive-brown than the back, greyish on the abdomen, thighs, and under tail-coverts; under wing-coverts olive-brown like the breast, except the greater series, which are greyish like the inner lining of the wing. Total length 15·5 inches, culmen 1·1, wing 9·7, tail 3·5, tarsus 2·45.

Hab. Trinkut Island, Nicobars.

This new species is closely allied to *M. nicobariensis*, as might have been expected; but on examining the excellent account of the latter bird lately published by Mr. Hume ('Stray Feathers,' ii. p. 276), it is evident that the Trinkut bird is distinct. It has none of the "French-grey" tinge on the throat and sides of neck, but, on the contrary, has these parts a pale fulvous colour, forming a collar round the hind neck.

LXIV.—*On the Skeleton of the New-Zealand Pike Whale,* *Balænoptera Huttoni* (*Physalus antarcticus*, *Hutton*). By Dr. J. E. GRAY, F.R.S. &c.

[Plate XVIII.]

THE skeleton of the whale of which Professor Hutton's account and figure are given in the 'Annals' (*ante*, p. 316, Pl. XVI. A), from Otago Head, has arrived at the British Museum. It is in a very perfect state and beautiful condition, wanting only one ear-bone, which Professor Hutton says he will send at the next opportunity.