

... sworn, before God and their Country, to shield, not to pull down. A FRIEND OF THE CHINA MAN.
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DR. SMITH'S PAPERS ON NATURAL HISTORY.
(Continued from the 'Advertiser' of May 13th.)

MALCOLMUS PECTORATUS. *MILL.*—Above dark brown feathers edged and tip with dirty tawny or pale reddish white; wing coverts blackish brown narrowly edged and tip with tawny; wing feathers dark brown, with their outer vanes towards quills slightly edged with tawny; sides of head dark ferruginous; chin and throat pure white; a narrow black crescent across anterior part of breast; rest of latter and belly dusky with a shade of brown towards sides; tail much graduated; two outermost feathers on each side with their outer vanes reddish white, and their inner ones brown; all the others entirely brown; legs reddish yellow; bill and claws dark horn colored; eyes brown. Inhabits the Karoo country, to the north of the Oliphant's River, where it is found moving about amongst the small bushes in search of insects.

MALCOLMUS GRACILIS. *MILL.*—Above green, with a strong tinge of gray about the back of the neck and commencement of back; chin and throat pure white; breast and belly dusky; under tail coverts inclined to white; wing coverts greenish brown slightly edged with greenish yellow; wing feathers inclined to brown, with the edges of their outer vanes and tips greenish yellow; tail of moderate length, slightly rounded, and of a greenish brown color, with the exception of the outermost feather on each side, which is inclined to greenish yellow; legs, toes, claws, and bill, reddish brown. Length of bird nearly five inches. Inhabits the northern districts of Little Namaqualand.

MALCOLMUS ———. *MILL.*—Front crown and nape bright reddish brown, with the feathers more or less distinctly stranded in a longitudinal direction with black; back, tail coverts, shoulders, and wing coverts black, with each feather edged by dusky white; quill feathers brown, with reddish brown edgings to outer vanes; chin and throat dirty white; breast and belly faint tawny or dirty reddish white; tail much graduated; feathers above dark blackish brown edged with reddish white and broadly tipped with the same; below dirty reddish white with a large black blotch near the tip of each; legs, toes, and claws, reddish yellow; bill dark horn colored; eyes brown. Inhabits Swartland, and the country to the south of the Oliphant's River, and is commonly found amongst reeds or high grass about marshes, streams, or damp grounds.

MALCOLMUS ———. *MILL.*—Above brown, with all the feathers broadly edged with a clear pale tawny red; tail rounded; two centre feathers light brown, rest dark brown with broad white tips; below pure white, with the exception of the sides which are very lightly tawny; legs and toes flesh colored; bill brown, more or less inclined to reddish white; eyes dark brown. Length of bird about four inches. Inhabits damp situations along the banks of the Orange River.

The four birds above described are known to the Dutch Colonists by the name of 'Clap clapie.'

FUNARIUS SERRICOLLIS. *MILL.*—Above light yellowish green, beneath white, with the flanks dusky, inside of each shoulder rose yellow; wing feathers greenish brown with their outer vanes edged towards quill feathers with yellow; tail rounded, greenish brown, with a slight inclination to yellow towards the tip of the feathers; a narrow white line over each eye; legs and toes reddish brown; bill and claws horn colored. Length of bird four inches and a half. Inhabits the north-east parts of the Colony.

FUNARIUS ———. *MILL.*—Above light gray or dove colored, below white, with the sides of the breast tinged with gray, and the flanks with pale tawny; quill feathers brownish, edged on outer vanes with gray; tail slightly rounded, grayish brown, with the feathers indistinctly edged on outer vanes towards quills with white; legs, toes, claws, and bill, horn colored. Length of bird four inches and a half. Inhabits the north-east district of the Colony.

(From a Correspondent at Cinnamon.)

June 16.—A violent storm of wind has been blowing from the Eastward for the last three days.