

ARTICLE XVII.—*Further Note on Amazilia æneobrunnea.* By
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Since publishing a description of *Amazilia æneobrunnea* (antea, p. 163) I happened to handle a Bogota example of *Chrysolampis mosquitus*, and the "make up" of the skin at once rendered apparent the before unrecognized similarity in the color of the body of the two birds. A re-examination of the type of *æneobrunnea* showed that the *body* did belong to this species, while the head and neck were those of *Chlorostilbon haberlini*. In brief, *Amazilia æneobrunnea* is one of those taxidermal deceptions which not infrequently puzzle and sometimes, as in the present case, completely deceive unsuspecting ornithologists.

Mislead by the apparent relation of *æneobrunnea* to *A. lawrencei*—its parts in combination indeed resembling this species, as was shown in the original diagnosis—I unhesitatingly referred the bird to the genus *Amazilia*; but these same parts taken singly present a very different appearance, and I have, therefore, the peculiar pleasure of placing the body in one genus and the head in another; and in neither case does the genus prove to be the one to which the *whole* was referred.

Further remark is evidently unnecessary; but the experience apparently shows that the anatomy and construction of "Bogota" skins are as deserving of examination as their external characteristics.