

same name as the Chinese race; and one author gives a joke, which annoyed a celebrated old gentleman with a bald head. The latter was sitting with some friends in an arbour, when a Bulbul flew over. One of the friends asked what bird it was, and another replied, 'The White-poll'd Grandsire,' as *I. sinensis* is named by the Chinese literati. The friends laughed, but the old gentleman did not like it.

"The whole story is thus given in the 'Kiung-shan-Heen Gazetteer':—'*Choo Kokih* was in the reception-hall of Lord *Woo*, when this bird flew past. Lord *Woo* asked what bird it was. *Choo* replied, "The White-poll'd Grandsire." *Chang Chao*, an old gentleman also present, suspecting that *Choo* was joking at his expense, said, "I have never heard of a bird called White-poll'd Grandsire. Perhaps you know another called White-poll'd Grandmother?" *Choo* at once rejoined, "No! but you must know the Parrot's Mamma (Cockatoo). Would you like to have also a Parrot's Papa?" Poor *Chang* was perplexed, and the rest of the company amused."

I copy the annexed description from the published papers of Mr. Swinhoe:—

"*Adult*.—Bill and legs black. Iris rich brown. Crown, moustache, and nuchal band black. Auriculars brown, ending in a large white spot. Upper parts brownish grey, each feather being margined laterally with yellowish olive-green. Quills and tail hair-brown, margined on outer webs with greenish yellow. Throat white; a broad pectoral band of light greyish brown. Underparts pure white in most specimens, with only a few yellow streaks; in others dingy yellowish white, most of the feathers margined exteriorly with sulphur-yellow. Under wing whitish, the fourth and fifth quills equal and longest. Tail-feathers twelve, somewhat graduated, with white under-shafts.

"The young of this species have the head a uniform colour with the back, which is light brown instead of grey; the rest of the colours are much paler. Among my series from Amoy I have one very curious variety, in which the white of the occiput and throat is of a fine clear smoke-grey. My specimens differ from one another chiefly in the development of the white occipital patch; some have it very large, and occupying a good portion of the head, while in others it gets encroached upon by the black, until in some specimens it almost entirely disappears. There is also a great variation in size and length of wing and tail; but in the form and length of bill the difference is not so appreciable as I have found it in many species of birds."

The Plate represents the birds with their nest and young, all of the natural size.