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Lastly I have to remark that, although I entitle this work a second edition of the Trogonidæ, it is in reality a new publication, all the plates having been redrawn, and many new species figured for the first time, so as to bring the history of the family down to the present day.