## Family TANTALIDÆ.

### Genus Falcinellus.

266. Falcinellus igneus . . . . . Vol. IV. Pl. XLVII.

Glossy Ibis.

This bird has a wide range, being found in Europe, India, Africa, and Australia. Accidental in Britain.

## Family SCOLOPACIDÆ.

Under this family name I shall, like Mr. Harting, include many forms of strand- and marsh-loving birds, beginning with the Curlews and ending with the Snipes.

### Genus Numenius.

The birds of this form will be found described in all general histories of birds under the trivial names of Curlews and Whimbrels. One or other of the species are distributed over every country of the entire globe. In Britain we have two very distinct kinds, to which a third, a straggler from America, has just been added; here, however, it will only receive a passing notice.

267. Numenius arquata . . . . . Vol. IV. Pl. XLVIII.

Curlew.

Resident and universally dispersed. Lives much on the sea-shore during winter, and in summer resorts to heathery hills and wastes for the purpose of breeding.

268. Numenius phæopus . . . . . Vol. IV. Pl. XLIX.

Whimbrel.

A spring and autumn visitant, leaving us at the former period for regions further north, whither it proceeds to breed.

269. Numenius borealis.

Esquimaux Curlew.

This bird has been shot in this country about four times; being, however, purely an American species, it is not figured.

### Genus Limosa.

Godwits, like Curlews, are all but universally dispersed over the sea-shores and marshes of every country.