

they are disregarded in the history of the eggs given in the text.

'No change' means that the egg was unaltered except perhaps to become dirtier. 'Chipped' means that a one-quarter inch hole had been made in the egg, the beak of the chick was visible, and that it was alive. 'Hatched' means that the chick was completely free from the shell. 'Gone' means that parents were squatting over an empty nest. 'Growing' means that chick was apparently healthy and likely to thrive.

SUMMARY

1. The Macaroni Penguin, *Eudyptes chrysolophus* (Brandt), lays a clutch of two eggs of which the first is very much smaller than the second. Measurements are given by which first and second eggs can be distinguished.

2. First eggs are fertile, and can produce apparently healthy chicks.

3. The reasons why few first eggs survive are discussed.

4. The occurrence of occasional dwarf specimens is given and measurements compared with those of a pair of normal adults.

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Gulls Eat Fruit.—Local bird lovers have been surprised to discover that Silver Gulls (*Larus novæ-hollandiæ*) eat strawberries in gardens at Victor Harbour, S.A. However, Mr. N. B. Tindale, of the South Australian Museum, reported many years ago (*S.A. Orn.*, IX (6), 217, 1928) that hundreds of Silver Gulls were feeding on fruits of a native currant-bush (*Leucopogon parviflorus*) at Coffin's Bay, Eyre Peninsula, in December, 1927. The late Dr. A. M. Morgan had earlier seen gulls feeding on these fruits at Robe, in the south-east of South Australia. Black-headed Gulls (*Larus ridibundus*) are known (*Ornithologische Monatsberichte*, 31 (3), 64, 1923) to do damage to cherry crops in parts of Europe by eating the ripe fruit off the trees while in flight—ERHARD F. BOEHM, Sutherlands, S.A., 21/6/54.