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January 9, 1844.

Rev. John Barlow, M.A., F.R.S., Sec. R.I., in the Chair.

A letter was read from Richard Hill, Esq., Spanish Town, Jamaica (Corr. Memb.), accompanied by two Birds' Skins, which he presented to the Society, one of which Mr. Gould pronounced to be the European Shoveller, *Rhynchaspis*, in a peculiar state of plumage, which it only assumes for about two months in the year; the other was the *Fringilla Canariensis*.

A communication was read from Dr. Templeton, Royal Artillery, Colombo, Ceylon, Corr. Mem., accompanied by drawings of a species of Monkey which he conceived to be new. Mr. Waterhouse recognized it as the *Semnopithecus Lewcoprymnus Cephalopterus*, described already by Mr. Bennet in the 'Proceedings of the Zoological Society' as *Semnopithecus Nestor*.

At the request of the Chairman, Mr. Gould called the attention of the Meeting to a new species of Bird from Western Australia, the habits of which he described thus:—The bird is an inhabitant of the close underwood of the country, never making its appearance in the open plains or woods, thus rendering it a matter of difficulty to procure a specimen; the only means of securing it being to lie concealed in the thicket until it hops in sight, within two or three yards of the observer.

The great peculiarity which distinguishes it from all others of the *Sylviadæ*, and marks it at once as a new genus and species, is the total absence of the vibrissæ or bristles at the base of the mandibles. From this fact, and its note being the loudest of all the inhabitants of the grove, Mr. Gould proposed the name of *Atrichia clamosa*.

Genus ATRICHIA.

Gen. Char.—*Rictus* omnino vibrissis carens. *Rostrum* æquè longum atque caput, ad latera compressum, mandibule superioris apice distinctè denticulato, gonyde a rictu acclivi exinde rostri lineam
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