

## KU FOR KING.

PROFESSOR SAYCE'S opinion carries weight, but I cannot admit that I was mistaken in saying that Mr. Pinches and Mr. Bertin consider *Ku* to be an Akkadian word for king. I have their letters still in my possession, The fact is that Dr. Sayce differs from not only Mr. Bertin and Mr. Pinches, but also from Lenormant, and Norris, and Fox Talbot, in denying the existence of this word. The matter is not of very great importance, since I have been able to show independently of Akkadian that such a word exists in Turanian languages with such a meaning. It would appear that what Professor Sayce calls a "makeshift" on the part of Norris was really a discovery.

The authorities who give this word were well aware of the existence of the word *anin* or *unan*; but because we have the word "monarch" in English this does not deprive us of the word "king."

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## BIRDS AND ANIMALS NEW TO PALESTINE.

AMONG the 2,000 bird skins which I collected while in Palestine, from 1882 to 1886, there are several which, so far as I know, are new to that country, and hence they should be added to the list of those already known. Dr. Tristram's catalogue is the one followed, and to which the additions are supposed to be made:—

- (1) Brambling—*Fringilla montifringilla*.
- (2) Cuckoo, Lineated—*Cuculus leptodetus*. An eastern form of a West African bird.
- (3) Curlew, slender-billed—*Numenius tenuirostris*.
- (4) Duck, Golden eye—*Clangula glaucion*.
- (5) Duck, Common Sheldrake—*Tadorna vulpanser*.
- (6) Phalarope, Red-necked—*Phalaropus hyperboreus*.
- (7) Plover, White-tailed—*Chettusia leucura*.
- (8) Pratincole, Nordmann's—*Glareola melanoptera*.
- (9) Yellow-ammer—*Emberiza citrinella*.

It may be of interest also if I make a few additions to his list, following the same order, chiefly as to the locality of birds. In two or more instances I was fortunate enough to obtain specimens which he has entered in his list, but which he did not obtain himself.

### No. 6. Rock Thrush—*Monticola saxatilis*.

Tristram.—"It arrives in the beginning of April. South of Lebanon it is only a passing traveller tarrying but a night."

Addition.—It is true that it arrives in April, and in some seasons as early as March; but to the last part of his statement I would