

This movement does not seem to be caused by lack of food, as the birds are extraordinary plump and in good condition. It is not easy to understand why it is taking place, as the conditions on both sides of the Me Kong seem the same.

Since writing the above, my attention has been drawn to a similar movement in July and August of jungle-fowl taking place at Phrachoab Kirikhan, a province of the Monthon of Rajburi. Phrachoab Kirikhan is situated at k.m. 318 on the Southern Railway line, several hundred miles south of Chiengsen.

This movement of jungle-fowl which causes the birds to leave their forest home and come out into the open, and into villages, is so unusual that the people in the south hold equally with those in the north that it is a portent of evil omen.

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No. IV. Pla Buk (*Pangasius* sp.).

The fishing season for pla buk in the Me Kong in the vicinity of Chiengsen is from about the middle of May to the end of July. Two were caught at Chiengsen, one on the 11th and one on the 12th of July, opposite the Gendarmerie Station, but on the French side. The fish caught on the 12th was a female, in spawn. Her length was 87 inches, girth 50 inches. The roe alone weighed 88 pounds. The whole fish was not weighed. It was sold immediately it was caught, for 55 rupees (the equivalent of 44 ticals). The person who bought the fish then sold the roe for 60 rupees (48 ticals), and the remainder for 30 rupees (24 ticals), within half an hour of the fish being caught. The roe is considered a great delicacy.

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No. V. Additional Notes on Introduced Plants.

Solidago polyglossa DC. Golden-rod.

The *Solidago* mentioned in the previous number (*Nat. Hist. Suppl.*, viii, No. 3, p. 211), has since been kindly identified for me by Dr. E. D. Merrill as *Solidago polyglossa* DC. Dr. Merrill states that it is a species of wide distribution in South America.

Tithonia diversifolia DC. Mexican sunflower.

In 1902 Mrs. Collins imported seeds of this Mexican species from Java. Unlike the ordinary sunflower, this is a bushy perennial plant. It has now become established in several places in the Sriracha area, notably at Nawng Yai Bu. It is also in cultivation in many other parts of Siam, but does not seem to be spreading. It has been introduced in many other countries, and is recorded as