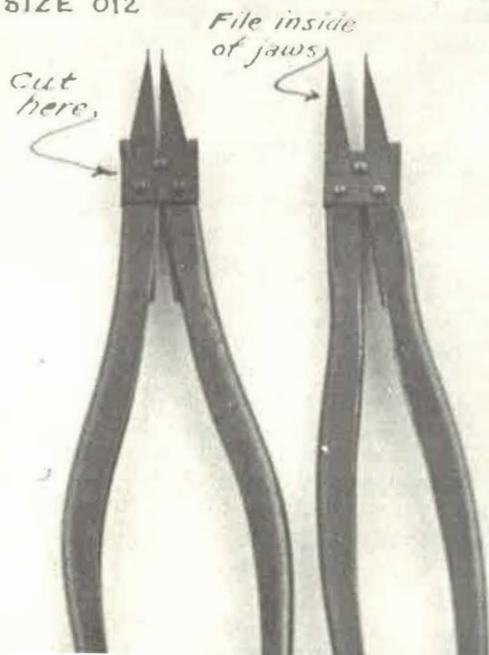


TOOL FOR REMOVING LAPPED BANDS

By George Ballentine

This is the best tool for removing lapped bands from a bird's leg that I have seen. With very little work the tool, as bought, can be put in shape for the bander's purpose.

SNRP RING PLIERS
SIZE 012



The tool at the left is the pliers as purchased. A little prong on the left side, as shown, prevents the jaws from opening more than $3/32$ of an inch. It is then necessary to file the inside of the jaws to permit the points to nearly close; a total of about $1/64$ of an inch filed from both jaws will do it. No other changes are necessary. The finished tool is shown on the right. The tool comes with a spring that keeps the jaws closed when there is no pressure on the grips. When you lose the spring, don't worry, the pliers will work just as well without it.

To use, just reverse the banding operation. The pliers will work for all bands from 0 to 3A.

These pliers are called "Field Pliers #012 External". They are made by Truark Retaining Rings Division of Waldes Kohinoor, Inc. and are distributed in most cities by Bearings, Inc. at a price of about \$2.15. If there is not such an agency in your town, ask your garage manager to order it for you.

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