

**Anderson's Birds of Winnebago and Hancock Counties, Iowa.**<sup>1</sup> — This is a carefully annotated list of 218 species, based on six years' observations by the author, mainly in the immediate vicinity of Forrest City, Iowa, about seventeen miles south of the Minnesota boundary, and on the meridian of Des Moines. Two pages of introduction describe the topography of the region. The author states that "no species is enumerated of which the identification is doubtful," most of the species having been personally observed or collected by him. Credit is given to other observers for notes on several species which have escaped his notice. In a list so generally free from typographical errors, it seems strange to see *Dendroica* spelled *Dentroica* in each of the nine cases when it is used. — J. A. A.

**Ricker's Notes on the Birds of Hull, Mass.**<sup>2</sup> — The *raison d'être* of this annotated list of some 76 species is not very evident, based, as it admittedly is, on rather limited observations. Hull is of course a very restricted locality, and not especially favorable for birds, which may to some extent account for the very small number of species here recorded. The list contains nothing noteworthy on account of rarity or otherwise, while many of the species are not very positively identified. — J. A. A.

**Howe's Birds of Brookline, Mass.**<sup>3</sup> — One hundred and thirty-six species have been noted during the last six years within the town limits of Brookline, Mass. The list is briefly annotated, from the notes of Mr. Howe and five other well known observers. The haunts of a number of species have been recently destroyed, and the birds forced to seek other resorts; yet 72 species are recorded as regularly breeding within the town limits, and 47 occur as regular migrants. — J. A. A.

**Tegetmeier's 'Pheasants.'**<sup>4</sup> — This authoritative manual, now in its third edition, has long been recognized as a standard work on the hatch-

<sup>1</sup> An Annotated List of the | Birds | of | Winnebago and Hancock Counties, Iowa. | — Being a List of Birds Observed in the Counties of | Winnebago and Hancock, State of Iowa, with Brief | Notes on the Same. | — | Forest City, Iowa. | Printed by the Author. | 1897. — 16mo, title page, pp. i, ii, 1-19.

<sup>2</sup> Notes on the | Birds of Hull | Massachusetts, | by Everett W. Ricker. | Illustrated. | Newtonville. | C. J. Maynard. | 1896. — 16mo, pp. 36, with 3 col. pll., and several figs. in text, some colored.

<sup>3</sup> Birds of Brookline, Mass. A list prepared by Reginald Heber Howe, Jr. Fol., pp. 2, Jan., 1897.

<sup>4</sup> Pheasants | their | Natural History and Practical Management. | By | W. B. Tegetmeier | (Member of the British Ornithologists' Union), | Author of "The Natural History of the Cranes," "Table and | Market Poultry," Etc., Etc. | [Design.] Third Edition, Enlarged. | Illustrated from Life by Messrs. J. G. Millais, T. W. Wood, | P. Smit, and F. W. Frohawk, Etc. | London: | Horace Cox, | "The Field" Office, Bream's Buildings, E. C. | — | 1897. | (All rights reserved.) — 8vo, pp. xii, 237, pll. 16.

ing, rearing, and treatment of Pheasants in captivity. A dozen species and several interesting hybrids are beautifully illustrated in the 16 fine plates that accompany the text, one of which shows the Argus Pheasant displaying its plumage. The principal subjects treated are the 'Natural History of Pheasants,' 'Management in Preserves,' 'Management in Confinement,' 'Diseases of Pheasants,' 'Pheasants adapted to the Covert,' and 'Pheasants adapted to the Aviary.' No species of Pheasant seems susceptible to domestication, like the common fowl; even when bred in aviaries for generations they retain their original wildness, and when set at liberty "betake themselves to the woods and coverts as soon as able to shift for themselves." Mr. Tegetmeier refers to the successful introduction of the Ring-necked and Golden Pheasants into Oregon, where they have become thoroughly acclimatized; but he seems to take a too sanguine view of the case of the English Pheasant, introduced in the Eastern States, or to have been misinformed, when he states it "is generally regarded as the future game bird of the country," etc. (p. 38)—J. A. A.

**Bird-nesting with a Camera.**<sup>1</sup>—The second part<sup>2</sup> of Mr. Lee's admirable work is fully up to the standard of excellence set by Part I,—higher praise cannot be accorded it.

The nests of the following species are herein figured and described:

(1) Coot (*Fulica atra*), two plates; (2) Shoveler (*Spatula clypeata*); (3) Kittiwake Gull (*Rissa tridactyla*); (4) Waterhen (*Gallinula chloropus*), two plates; (5) Willow Wren (*Phylloscopus trochilus*); (6) Sandwich Tern (*Sterna cantiaca*), and (7) Sheld-Duck (*Tadorna cornuta*), two plates.—F. M. C.

**A List of the Birds of Florida.**<sup>3</sup>—This is a nominal list of the birds of Florida, enumerating 352 species and subspecies, and will doubtless prove a convenient Check-List to students of Florida birds. The following species have apparently been overlooked: *Buteo borealis harlani* (see Bendire, Life Histories of N. A. Birds, Part I, p. 218); *Spiza americana* (see Beckham, Bull. N. O. C., VII, 1882, p. 250); *Dendroica dominica albilora* (see Scott, Auk, XII, 1890, p. 20); *Sylvania canadensis* (see Allen, Bull. Mus. Comp. Zoöl. II, 1891, p. 269); *Seiurus noveboracensis notabilis* (see Brewster and Chapman, Auk, VIII, 1891, p. 135).—F. M. C.

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<sup>1</sup> Among British Birds in their Nesting Haunts. Illustrated by the Camera. By Oswin A. J. Lee. Part II. Edinburgh. David Douglas. Folio, pp. 41-77, pll. x.

<sup>2</sup> For a notice of Part I, see this journal, Vol. XIV, 1897, p. 106.

<sup>3</sup> A List | of the | Birds of Florida | By Charles B. Cory | For sale by | Bradley Whidden | 18 Arch St. Boston. | 1896 — 8vo, pp. 24.