

Lot.' Unfortunately the locality at which these notes were made is in some instances given in only a general way, while in others it is wholly omitted.

The two concluding chapters are written from the 'Bird-Room' and give detailed studies of the Clarin (*Myiadestes unicolor*, not *M. obscurus*, the latter being known as the Jilguero) and Orchard Oriole in confinement.

It is difficult to overestimate the value of books of this class. They reach an audience to whom the ordinary 'bird-book' is unknown and we feel assured that the present greatly increased desire for information about our birds is largely due to the influence of just such books as Mrs. Miller's. — F. M. C. .

The Sharp-tailed Sparrows of Maine.¹—Mr. Norton records the breeding of *Ammodramus caudacutus subvirgatus* in 'fair' numbers at Small Point, Sagadahoc County, the first time this race has been discovered nesting in the State. In discussing the relationship of our three forms of Sharp-tailed Finches it is very pertinently suggested that as typical *Ammodramus caudacutus* is known to breed at Scarboro', only some thirty miles west of Small Point, it is quite probable that *subvirgatus* and its western representative *nelsoni* are specifically distinct from *caudacutus* and should therefore stand as *Ammodramus nelsoni* and *Ammodramus nelsoni subvirgatus*. — F. M. C.

The Story of the Farallones.²—In an attractive little booklet of thirty-two pages Mr. Barlow gives an interesting sketch of the Farallones and their bird-life. Numerous half-tone reproductions of photographs afford an excellent idea of the topography of the islands, the dangers of 'egging,' and the nests and numbers of certain of the sea-birds that have made these barren rocks famous. — F. M. C.

Bird-Nesting with a Camera.³—Parts III and IV of this work appeared respectively in April and May, the latter part concluding the first volume of a book which will long hold first place among those

¹The Sharp-tailed Sparrows of Maine with Remarks on their Distribution and Relationship. By Arthur H. Norton. Proc. Portland Soc. Nat. Hist., II, 1897, pp. 97-102.

²The Story of the Farallones. Text by C. Barlow. Arranged and Published by H. R. Taylor, Editor of the Nidologist. Alameda, California, 1897, oblong 16mo, unpagged, numerous half-tone illustrations. Price 50 cents.

³Among British Birds in their Nesting Haunts. Illustrated by the Camera. By Oswin A. J. Lee. Parts III and IV, Edinburgh, David Douglas. Folio, Part III, pp. 79-120, pll. X; Part IV, pp. 121-159, pll. X.