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CORRESPONDENCE.

Habits of the Maryland Yellow-throat.

EDITORS OF 'THE AUK':—

Dear Sirs:—If the correspondence pages of 'The Auk' are open to minor matters of this kind, I should like to ask if the note on 'Peculiar Nesting of the Maryland Yellow-throat' by Mr. Walton I. Whitehill¹ in the October issue of 1897 makes a correct statement in regard to the Maryland Yellow-throats of Minnesota when it says "the nests are usually to be found in dense woods far from water." This is certainly diametrically opposite to the habits of this bird in the eastern part of its range, for here in New England I am sure that all observers will bear me out in saying that *Geothlypis trichas* is very rarely and perhaps *never* found breeding at any distance from water.

Yours very truly,

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The Fauna of Muskeget Island—A Protest.

EDITORS OF 'THE AUK':—

Dear Sirs:—In a recent paper on the Terns of Muskeget Island,² Mr. George H. Mackay records the extermination of a family of Short-eared Owls that had established themselves on the island during the summer

¹ [For WHITEHILL read MITCHELL, Whitehill having been printed through error.—EDD.]

² *Auk*, XIV, pp. 380-390. October, 1897.