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Birds Nesting under Electric Arc-light Hoods.— The fact of the arclight hoods being utilized for nesting purposes is common to most every city or town where this type of lamp is used. The House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*) was no doubt the first bird to adopt them, and subsequently the Purple Martin (*Progne subis*); this is quite a common occurrence through southern New Jersey. But there yet remains another species, the fact of which may be new to ornithologists, which I observed at Atlantic City, N. J., about July, 1892.

The Friends' Meeting House, corner of South Carolina and Pacific Avenues, has been used as a breeding place by a colony of Barn Swallows (*Chelidon erythrogastra*) for a number of years, building their nests on top of the caps of the pilasters around the outside of the building. While watching their movements from the veranda of a cottage on the opposite side of the street, I noticed a Swallow fly out from under an arclight hood which stood above the sidewalk. From the frequent trips to and fro, the nest I thus discovered no doubt contained young.— J. HARRIS REED, *Beverly, N. J.* 

The Use of Hornets' Nests by Birds. — Miss Elizabeth A. Simons of East Clifton, Delaware Co., Penn., has in her possession a large hornet's nest, which was taken from a pear tree, in the vicinity, by her brother. A neat hole had been excavated in its side, directly under the comb, about two and one half inches in diameter, with quite a good-sized cavity inside, which was bedded with slender fall-grasses and lined with body feathers from fowls. Upon inquiry they were not certain of its true occupants, but from a careful examination I would judge it to be a freshly built nest of the House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*). It is to be regretted that it had not been found by a more careful observer.

This is the second occurrence of the use of hornets' nests by birds, which has come under the writer's notice, the other instance being a House Wren (Auk, Vol. VI, p. 339). — J. HARRIS REED, Beverly, N. J.

Some Corrections. — In 'The Auk,' Vol. XII, pages 191 and 192, are some notes on Upper Peninsula Michigan Birds by the writer, which are here corrected.

The specimens of supposed Yellow-headed Blackbirds taken by me, have later been identified as "heavily marked fall specimens of the Rusty Blackbird, *Scolecophagus carolinus*," by Prof. W. B. Barrows. This does not affect the specimen taken by E. E. Brewster of Iron Mountain, Mich., which is a true *Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus*.

Also the Connecticut Warblers have been identified by Dr. C. Hart Merriam as *Geothlypis trichas*, which they very closely resembled in this the first fall plumage. — OSCAR B. WARREN, *Hibbing*, *St. Louis Co.*, *Minn*.

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