

indefinitely, or if the cash is needed, as it often is, the pigeons are strung through the nostrils with wire to be peddled about the streets, this latter was done last December to such a degree that the butchers of Guantanamo complained that the consumption of beef decreased.

This pigeon has the habit of moving about the country in search of food, which when once found they will not abandon for any amount of shooting so long as the supply of food lasts. During May of each year they congregate in huge numbers at certain places on the coast, where they nest on the Mangroves in colonies known as 'Pueblos'; and where unfortunately they are shot by the thousand, very often before the young are able to take care of themselves, and therefore must perish. Fortunately some of their nesting colonies are in inaccessible swamps, where they are safe, for the present at least.—CHAS. T. RAMSDEN, *Guantanamo, Cuba*.

The Marsh Hawk Nesting in New Jersey.— During the past twenty years, the impression seems to have steadily increased that the Marsh Hawk (*Circus hudsonius*) is a rare breeder in the state of New Jersey. This is not in accordance with my experience. It is true, that not many nests have been found, but during a number of trips taken to various points in Cape May, Atlantic, Burlington and Ocean Counties during the last five years I have always noted this bird as present during the breeding season. It is never as common in one place as such birds as the Fish Crow or Green Heron, but not many hawks are. On the 29th of June, 1912, I examined a Marsh Hawk's nest with five young and saw another pair of birds undoubtedly nesting, not far from Atlantic City.—RICHARD C. HARLOW, *State College, Penna.*

The Sharp-shinned Hawk again in Maine in Winter.— I saw a Sharp-shinned Hawk (*Accipiter velox*), apparently a male, circling at a height of about seventy-five yards over upper Spring Street, Portland, on the morning of January 27, 1913. The bird has thus been five times recorded¹ as a winter visitor in Maine after relatively little observation.—NATHAN CLIFFORD BROWN, *Portland, Maine*.

First Michigan Specimen of the Three-toed Woodpecker.— While enroute to the northern peninsula on the Shires Expedition to the Whitefish Point Region, Michigan, the writer examined a collection of mounted birds in the high school at Sault Ste. Marie. In this collection there is a specimen of *Picoides americanus americanus* labeled "Soo, October 1, 1910; C. E. Richmond, collector. Although Mr. Richmond has not been located, Mr. M. J. Walsh, Superintendent of Schools, Sault Ste. Marie, states that Mr. Richmond was at that time instructor in biology in the high school, and that there can be no reasonable doubt of the correctness of the locality record.

¹ Auk. XXVIII, p. 265.