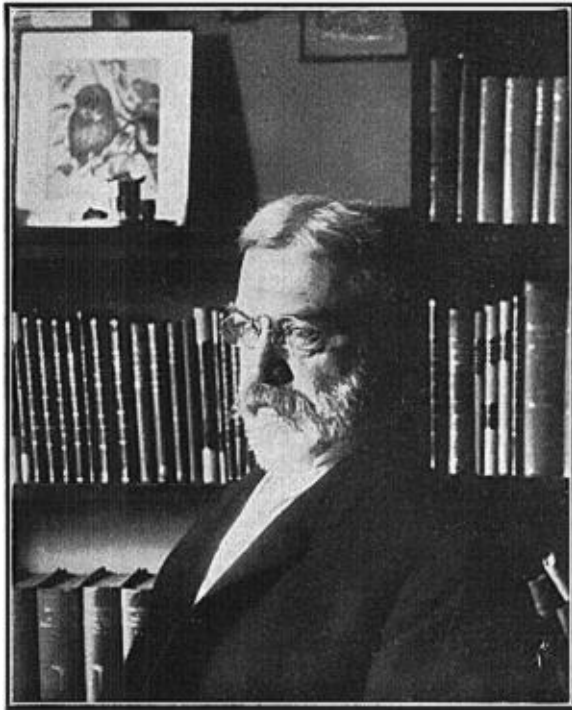


a bunch of dead grass and composed of the same material and a few hairs. Both parents approached me closely while at the nest.

The disparity between the abundance of the thick-billed sparrow (*Passerella iliaca megarhyncha*) in the Big Trees region and the number of nests that one can note in a week's observation is very striking. One nest only was found, this being at Gardner, elevation 4800 feet on June 8. It was placed in a small cedar two feet above the ground and contained three eggs in which the incubation was almost completed. The nest materials used were stems, dry grass, and fine inner bark. The sitting bird was very tame and all but allowed me to touch her with my hand. The fact that the male kept close to the nest and sang lustily most of the time makes it all the more remarkable that the breeding habits of this species have been comparatively so little studied. We were compelled to leave Gardner before the eggs were hatched.

(To be concluded.)



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