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I have given the two systems a pretty thoro test side by side, working with one set of papers bound and another equal number of papers unbound, and for convenience the bound volume is away ahead of the bunch of loose papers.

I hope the above notes will call forth additional remarks on the subject.

*Manila, P. I.*

## FROM FIELD AND STUDY

**Birds Whose Notes Are Imitated by the Western Mockingbird.**—For the past three years I have made observations on the song of the western mockingbird in the vicinity of Pasadena and find in every instance that they imitate the commonest and most noisy birds of the locality. A striking proof of this was noted on Santa Catalina Island in the early part of last April. The western flycatcher was very numerous and in full song and as a result the mockingbirds of the Island were imitating it freely, something I have never known a mainland mockingbird to do.

In addition to the notes of other birds, the mockingbird utters several scolding notes which are strictly its own, but these are seldom heard in the regular song. There are quite a number of notes which I have been unable to place as yet. However, I think the following list will convey an approximate idea of the birds mimicked by *Mimus polyglottos leucopterus* in this region.

Western gull (Santa Catalina Island), killdeer, valley partridge, sparrow hawk, California woodpecker, red-shafted flicker, ash-throated flycatcher, Say phoebe, black phoebe, western wood pewee, western flycatcher (Santa Catalina Island), California jay, western meadowlark, Arizona hooded oriole, Bullock oriole, Brewer blackbird, San Diego song sparrow, black-headed grosbeak, western tanager, western martin, cliff swallow, phainopepla, California shrike, western gnatcatcher, dwarf hermit thrush, western robin.—C. H. RICHARDSON, Jr., Pasadena, Cal.