

TEN PRIZE QUESTIONS.

The following ten questions are original with Mr. H. C. Campbell of Lansingburgh, N. Y., who offers a prize of one fine egg of the European Swan to the person answering the most of the questions.

We will offer a free copy of this and the next number of the SEMI-ANNUAL to the person answering the second largest number. If the two persons sending the most right answers send the same number, the first prize goes to the one whose list was received first and the second prize goes to the other person of course. The answer to each question is the name of some American bird.

1. What some people call taking birds' eggs.
2. What a bully sometimes is.
3. What a prima donna generally is.
4. What women like to do.
5. What one of the clusters of stars is called.
6. What a gaping countryman is often called.
7. The condition in which a mad-man sometimes gets.
8. What the boys go out for.
9. What one of the principals in grinding an axe is called.
10. What a mean boy is sometimes called.

All those wishing to try for the prize will please send in their list of answers to Mr. Campbell as soon as possible before Feb. 1st, '89, and prizes will be forwarded to the winners about the 10th of same month. A list of the right answers and also a list of competitors will be published in the July issue of the SEMI-ANNUAL.

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EDITORIAL.

If this number of the SEMI-ANNUAL meets with the success we expect it to, the next number will be greatly improved and enlarged, and will contain much more original matter from prominent Ornithologists and Oologists.

The July issue will contain a frontispiece, an engraving of some eminent Ornithologist and Oologist if possible, together with a sketch of his life. We hope to make arrangements whereby we can illustrate our work with a few full page engravings of birds and their nests. An

unlimited number of small bird cuts will be scattered through the text.

We desire to say that we will at once set to work on the July number, and will be pleased to receive MSS., exchange notices and advertisements at any time after Feb. 1st, '89. We hope you will all contribute something, as every little helps to make the work interesting, the more contributors the better the book.

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We ask you all as a personal favor to read every advertisement in our publication. You will certainly profit by so doing. We have had dealings with all our advertisers, and have found them honest and reliable in all their dealings with us. We can recommend them all to you. When answering "ads" please remember to always mention where you saw the "ad." You will help us greatly by following this little item.

PUBLISHER'S NOTES.

The *Hoosier Naturalist*, Messrs. R. B. Trouslot & Co. of Valparaiso, Ind., publishers, will in the future be issued monthly instead of bi-monthly from Kansas City, Mo. The publishers soon expect to make it an eight page monthly—now a four page.

The *Oologists' Exchange*, a four page monthly for young collectors, is now under the management of Messrs. Dickinson & Durkee of Sharon, Wis.

The *Old Curiosity Shop* comes floating in, this time from Riverside, Cal. With Mr. Haight as editor and proprietor, it will undoubtedly be a success. A journal devoted to Philately, Numismatics, Natural History, Antiquities and Bric-a-brac.

A new magazine for all persons belonging to the Agassiz Association is *The Scientist*, published by Mr. I. C. Greene, for Chapter 48, A. A., Fitchburg, Mass. An eight page monthly of fine appearance and contents.

The *Ornithologist & Oologist* of Boston, Mass., comes regularly and is without doubt the best of its class. The March number contained a cut of the nest of the Parula Warbler, described by Mr. Wm. Brewster. Two continued articles are now running in it, one on the "Birds of Colorado" by Chas. F. Morrison, and the other "Notes on Nebraska Birds" by Messrs. Taylor and Vanvleet.