

EDITORIAL.

In our January issue we stated that if that number met with the success we expected it to, the next number would be greatly improved. We leave it to you to decide whether we have kept our promise, and will here state that last number *was* a success far beyond our expectations.

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We were unable to present the engraving of some prominent ornithologist and oologist for a frontispiece to this number, as we could find none who were willing to send their likeness. All stated that they did not care to pose before the public. We have, however, tried to recompense by adorning the from page with an engraving of that gaudy mimic *Cyanocitta cristata*. In connection with it we publish a fine article, bringing out the characteristics of this bird, written by Mr. W. D. Doan.

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Mr. C. C. Maxfield of Willard, N. Y. will assist in the editorial work on the next issue and all MSS should be sent to him in the future. We hope all our former contributors (and any new ones) will favor Mr. Maxfield with something from their pens, thus assisting him greatly in his work.

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We wish to exchange with all publications relating to Natural History in any branch. Always send two copies, one to the publisher and one to the editor. We will send two copies in return.

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Mr. L. G. Bishop of Necedah, Wis., has our thanks for a fine mounted specimen of the Baltimore Oriole, in the act of singing. It shows fine workmanship and an artistic taste and is a great success.

We also wish to thank Mr. H. W. Davis of North Granville, N. Y. for some very fine specimens he sent us. The eggs were prepared very nicely, and with a full data to the set, make a fine improvement in our collection. Mr. Davis has an advertisement in this issue we think will interest you.