

during the early spring (1896), lying well within the limits of the village. It lies within a stone's throw of the pumping station and one of the principal streets, and can be seen from about twenty dwelling houses. In spite of its exposed position and the lateness of its completion, at least five species of ducks visited it. Two pairs each of Redhead and Pintail were seen on April 4. Five male Buffleheads spent the greater part of the day of April 12 on the pond, and the same day and in company with them, a solitary Pied-billed Grebe and one male Lesser Scaup. Lesser Scaups were seen on the 14th, 22d, and 24th. The last date four males and five females. On April 12, two American Mergansers visited the pond.

A FORCED PARTNERSHIP.—A pair of Robins had made their nest on the horizontal branch of an evergreen tree which stood near a dwelling house, and the four young had hatched when a pair of English Sparrows selected the same part of the same branch for their nest. When the Robins refused to vacate their nest, the Sparrows proceeded to build theirs upon the outside of the Robin's nest. To this the Robins made no objection, so both families lived and thrived together on the same branch, with nests touching. The young of both species developed normally, and in due time left their nest. The branch bearing both nests is now preserved in the college museum.

ENTERPRISING HOUSE WRENS.—A pair of House Wrens which had been in the habit of nesting in buildings, discovered a hole in the window screen of our neighbor's house, entered the kitchen through this hole, and took possession of a tin steamer which had not been in use for some days. With their characteristic enterprise, the steamer was soon nearly full of sticks. When deprived of this nesting place, they moved to a knot hole in the outside of the house.—LYNDS JONES, *Oberlin, Ohio*.

THE BRONZED GRACKLE.—*A Change of Nesting Sites*.—On the second day of May an old apple orchard was explored for its nests. Besides the nests of English Sparrows, House Wrens, and Mourning Doves, seventeen Bronzed Grackles' nests were found, almost all in the same position and nearly every one containing four eggs. The birds were quiet about their work. It is a new move for these birds to occupy this orchard. Last year they were found in a grove of evergreen not far away, but none in this orchard. Now the evergreen grove is deserted in favor of the orchard. The conditions prevailing in previous years do not seem to have changed, and no cause can be assigned sufficient to account for this change of nesting sites.—H. C. TRACY, *Oberlin, Ohio*.