

up of eighty-one pieces. The dry box-elder pedicels measured ten feet and the live ones two feet and contained twenty-two pairs of seeds. So the total number of pieces in the nest was one hundred and twenty, and the total length of these pieces was thirty-eight feet. In addition to these there were eleven crab-apple leaves, ten of choke-cherry and fifty-three of box-elder, making a total of seventy-four and a grand total of one hundred and ninety-four pieces, which the bird had brought together for the nest; and it was not such a remarkable nest either. There was nothing in the construction of this nest that might not have been procured within fifty feet of the tree upon which it was built.

Although it is not always possible to tell just what each piece in a bird's nest is from, it usually is, particularly if one has studied the botany of the locality somewhat.—VIRGINIUS H CHASE, *Wady Petra*, III.

GENERAL NOTES.

NOTES FROM MINNESOTA.—EGGS OF LE CONTE'S SPARROW.—On June 18 I took a set of four eggs with nest of Le Conte's Sparrow in Otter Tail County, Minn. The nest was in a meadow near running water, in a clump of weeds, and was composed of weeds, lined with fine, dry, yellow grass. The female was sitting and the eggs were very slightly incubated. They were pinkish-brown, dotted and streaked with dark-brown and black, and measured as follows: .80 x .56, .80 x .54, .78 x .52 and .76 x .50.

AN ALBINO ENGLISH SPARROW.—While driving on a country road near St. Paul, on July 3, I saw an English Sparrow nearly all white, among a flock of twenty or thirty other Sparrows. The bird was white, or more of a cream color, speckled on the wings, breast and tail with brownish-black.

A LARGE SET OF CUCKOO.—Mr. Oliver V. Jones, of Minneapolis, took a set of eight Black-billed Cuckoo last May. The eggs were all of normal size and varied greatly in incubation as usual, and were undoubtedly laid by one bird, as a careful watch was kept to discover more than two birds. The eggs were piled up in the form of a pyramid to keep from rolling off.—WALTON I. MITCHELL, *St. Paul, Minn.*

NESTLING DOWN.—Mr. Howard P. Mitchell, who has in charge investigations relating to "Nestling Down," sends the following for publication:

On the 16th of May, 1894, I observed two young Horned Larks with nest-