General Notes

The Lark Sparrow Nesting in Schuyler County, Illinois.—While studying the nesting habits of birds during the past summer (1929), a nest of the Lark Sparrow (Chondestes grammacus grammacus) was brought to my attention. This nest was located on June 20, by Earl Ward, a farmer, who lives four miles southwest of Pleasant View, Illinois. The nest was found in a corn field, about 150 yards from the barn and 100 yards from an adjoining clover field. It was placed in a small depression at the base of a hill of corn, and was protected from view by a smartweed. One could approach to within six or eight feet of the nest and the old bird would sit perfectly quiet. A visit to the nest on July 15 revealed that it had been abandoned. At this time the smartweed was cut aside and a photograph made. There are comparatively few birds that nest in the corn field, and perhaps this is not a common nesting site for the Lark Sparrow.—R. O. MALCOMSON, Sioux City, Iowa.



FIG. 9. Nest of the Lark Sparrow in a corn field, concealed (left), and exposed (right).

The Fall Migration at Cleveland's Public Square.—The Public Square in Cleveland consists of four sections with small patches of grass containing a few shrubs, small plane trees and flower beds, hemmed in by busy streets and tall buildings. Each of the sections is crossed by sidewalks which bear a heavy pedestrian traffic.

The normal bird life of the Square consists of a large flock of pigeons. As an adjunct to this flock there are many English Sparrows, which live upon the leavings from the pigeons' table. In recent years the Starlings have come to use the Square as a roosting place in winter, but are usually lacking during the day and all summer.