

in suns and men. My brain, which on this star-lit mountain night tries to capture some of the drama, albeit imperfectly and piecemeal, was formed out of the same elementary particles as the brilliant dust cloud in Orion. My eyes, registering the celestial spectacle, was formed out of the same elements as the red eye of Taurus, the enormous Aldebaran. We are made of such stuff as stars are made of."

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The Urner Field Observer, published by the Urner Ornithological Club of Newark, N.J., includes in the April 1970 issue an article entitled Notes on the Abundance of the Barn Owl in New Jersey in 1947, by Edwin I. Stearns. Of interest are observations about nest locations. These owls prefer height, seclusion from humans, a walled enclosure for the eggs, and freedom from great horned owls. Darkness does not seem to be necessary.

Proffer of cigars is suggested as a preliminary to a request to search a church of barn. Audubon literature about the value of barn owls should be presented to the wife who will persuade her husband that barn owls are valuable. Lollypops will elicit from children information about the habits of owls.

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In the previous issue of the News, we reported to you of a new type of band opening pliers being investigated. Meanwhile we have located the distributor for these and have sold some to various active banders who've all, without exception, found these pliers superior to any other models in use.

The pliers in question, known as "Bow openers" (a jewelry tool), are similar in quality and weight to McDonald's banding pliers for the smaller sized bands. Normally, conventional pliers close when the handles are pressed together; these however, open when this function is performed. They come with a fairly sharp point (tapered), thin enough to open 1B bands; when ground down further, however, they can be made to fit size 0 bands, easily. All sizes can be opened with these, up to and including size 6. They may be obtained from HUB Material Company, 387 Washington St., Boston, Mass. 02108 for the cost of \$4.85 each plus 35¢ postage per item. In ordering, please refer to stock number 37-002. It will be well spent money. Your editor has been using them for six years of banding. They are still my favorite band openers!

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