

send you in same mail with this a bird which was captured on her nest in a hole in a willow tree. The hole was made by the decay of a limb, was about five and a half feet from the ground, and large enough to admit the hand of an adult easily. It was about ten inches in horizontal depth. There was almost no nest—simply a depression scratched in the decayed wood, with half a dozen short strips of grape-vine bark arranged circularly in it. The whole cavity was wet and soggy. . . . The bird was sitting on five eggs when captured.” On examination the bird proved to be a female Song Sparrow (*Melospiza fasciata*), showing marks of incubation.—J. A. ALLEN, *American Museum of Natural History, New York City.*

The Sharp-tailed Sparrow (*Ammodramus caudacutus*) in a Fresh-Water Marsh.—I am informed by my friend, Mr. Lewis M. Todd, of Calais, Me., that during the autumn of 1886 he captured one of these Sharp-tails on a marsh some distance above the falls on the St. Croix River. The water at that point must be free from saline flavor, as the falls prevent the sea water from reaching it.—MONTAGUE CHAMBERLAIN, *St. John, N. B.*

Nesting of the Hudsonian Chickadee (*Parus hudsonicus*).—I find that this species, when excavating for its nest, sometimes enters from the side of a tree, and not invariably from the top of a stump, as I have stated elsewhere. My co-laborer in this district, Mr. James W. Banks, during the seasons of 1885 and 1886, discovered three nests of which the entrance was at the side of a decayed stub. One of these, now before me, is a rather interesting example. It lays in the section of the tree (a poplar) just where it was placed by the birds. The tree measures four inches in diameter, and the nest fills all the space excepting the little that is taken up by the outer bark, and on one side by a slight margin of the decayed wood. The nest is about two inches deep, and is set on a cushion of dried moss. Beside the felted fur used in the construction of the nest, there is considerable dry moss mixed through, a material I have never before seen in the nests of this species.

The entrance was about six inches from the top of the nest. After piercing the outside shell of bark the excavation turned downward, and was carried obliquely some four inches, where it was abruptly widened from two to four inches. This width was continued to the bottom.—MONTAGUE CHAMBERLAIN, *St. John, N. B.*

Another Addition to the Avi-fauna of South Carolina.—May 6, 1887, I shot a specimen of *Turdus alicia bicknelli* in the thick undergrowth of a large body of timber near the town of Chester. In the same locality I have found *alicia*, in varying numbers, in former years. Some of the examples of this form have approached closely to the maximum dimensions of the lesser race, still none could be properly assigned to it. The following are the measurement of the bird above noted: ♂ Length, 176.53 mm.; extent, 274.32 mm.; wing, 86.36 mm.; tail, 72.39 mm.; culmen, 12.7; tarsus, 24.2 mm.; middle toe, 16 mm.—LEVERETT M. LOOMIS, *Chester, S. C.*