

County, which is located in the northern part of Kansas, about one hundred miles west and thirty miles north of this city; while the specimen mentioned by Mr. Mitchell in the October Auk, 1894 (XI, p. 327), killed at Earl, Crittenden County, Arkansas, April 1, 1891, and sent to Memphis, Tenn., for identification, was taken about two hundred and fifty miles east, and three hundred miles south of this point. The one noticeable fact in regard to the capture of these three specimens is the different seasons in which the birds were taken, the Crittenden County, Arkansas, bird having been captured in spring (April 1, 1891), the Marshall County, Kansas, bird in summer (Aug. 13, 1888), and the Jackson County, Missouri, bird in autumn (Oct. 28, 1894). Mr. Kellogg notes in 'The Auk' for July, 1894 (XI, p. 260), that Mr. Menke of Finney County, Kansas, records, "Three birds were seen Oct. 10, 1891," in the far southwestern portion of that State, but no specimens were secured. — JOHN A. BRYANT, *Kansas City, Mo.*

The Cowbird Wintering in New Hampshire. — I shot a male Cowbird (*Molothrus ater*) Jan. 18, 1895, on one of the principal streets of the town. It was in company with a flock of Sparrows feeding in front of a grain store. The bird had been seen at odd times throughout the winter, usually in company with the Sparrows. It was in good plumage and condition, and did not seem to mind the cold weather. It would probably have remained all winter, for the snow had covered the ground for nearly two months and the mercury had touched 20° below zero several times. — F. B. SPAULDING, *Lancaster, N. H.*

The Goldfinch (*Carduelis carduelis*) near Boston, Mass. — In Brookline, Massachusetts, in May, 1892, I noted a bird of this species feeding in a pine tree in company with a few American Goldfinches. It seemed perfectly at home and therefore I take it was not an escaped cage bird, — rather one of the Goldfinches or their offspring that were imported to this country not long ago. — REGINALD HEBER HOWE, JR., *Boston, Mass.*

Second Occurrence of Harris's Sparrow (*Zonotrichia querula*) in British Columbia. — Mr. Allan C. Brooks writes me that on January 9, 1895, he shot two Harris's Sparrows and saw a third at Chilliwack, British Columbia. According to Mr. Rhoads the only previous instance of the occurrence of this species "on the Pacific side of the Rocky Mountains" is that of a specimen taken by Mr. Maynard near Victoria early in April, 1891 (Rhoads, Proc. Acad. Nat. Sci. Phila., 1893, p. 49). — WILLIAM BREWSTER, *Cambridge, Mass.*

A Set of Unspotted Eggs of the Chipping Sparrow. — Nests of the Chipping Sparrow (*Spizella socialis*) are frequently found containing one or two of the eggs without spots, but never until the past summer have I found or heard of a set in which *all* the eggs were devoid of