

Another Deformed Bill.—On page 279 of the April number of 'The Auk', 1904, is figured and described an abnormal bill of *Corvus americanus*. This brought to mind a bill deformity in the English Sparrow in my collection, of which I herewith append a description:—

Passer domesticus, ♂, Snyder Collection, No. 5399, San Jose, Calif., Jan. 3, 1900, coll. by Ernest Adams. Plumage and lower mandible normal; both mandibles of usual color. Upper mandible: Length, 18.5 mm., width, 6 mm.; depth 4 mm.; notched on both sides, the notch being back 4.5 mm. from tip. Tip of mandible broken off abruptly. Mandible from base to tip of equal depth and width throughout.—W. E. SNYDER, *Beaver Dam, Wis.*

Clay-colored Sparrow in the Cariboo District, British Columbia.—On the 3d July, 1901, at 158-Mile House, Cariboo District, I shot two sparrows which I identified at the time as *Spizella breweri*. I now find these to be Clay-colored Sparrows, *Spizella pallida*,—another instance of the infusion of the Great Plains element so noticeable in that District.

These were both singing males but they were not breeding though the sexual organs were greatly enlarged. I had worked the locality where they were taken very thoroughly for about two months previously without hearing their very peculiar song, which as soon as heard at once drew my attention.—ALLAN BROOKS, *Comox, B. C.*

Henslow's Sparrow in St. Clair County, Michigan.—Up to the present season Henslow's Sparrow (*Ammodramus henslowii*) has been treated by me as a rare summer resident in southeastern Michigan. The only authentic record of the occurrence of the species here was made by Mr. Jas. B. Purdy of Plymouth, Wayne County, who detected a pair breeding in a hay field near his home on July 27, 1893, and discovered the nest in the tall grass, containing eggs which were destroyed by the mowing machine. Mr. Purdy secured the female. (Auk, 1897, p. 220).

On the Canadian side of Lake St. Clair, near the mouth of the Thames River, Mr. W. E. Saunders found a small colony of about ten pairs on May 24, and June 12, 1898. On July 2 he met with two males near Sarnia, Ontario, which is directly across from Port Huron. (Bull. Mich. Ornith. Club, Vol. II, p. 38.)

The above records sum up all available data with regard to this species here.

Lake St. Clair, in southern St. Clair County, is bordered by an extensive stretch of grassy meadows which practically extend the entire circuit of the lake. This territory is flat, very wet in places, and is intersected with an occasional slough or dredged cut bordered by a growth of willows. In this section of the country I was convinced that Henslow's Sparrow would be found, if anywhere, especially with the Ontario records on the Canadian side.

On June 18, 1904, Mr. Percy A. Taverner and I were working in the