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<sup>1</sup> Handbook of Birds | of the | Western United States. | Including | the Great Plains, Great Basin, Pacific Slope, and | Lower Rio Grande Valley. | By | Florence Merriam Bailey. | With thirty-three full-page plates by | Louis Agassiz Fuertes, and over six | hundred cuts in the text. | Fourth Edition, Revised. | Boston and New York. | Houghton, Mifflin Company. | Riverside Press, Cambridge. | 1914. 12mo, pp. i-li+1-570. \$3.50 net, postpaid \$3.69.

<sup>2</sup> The Wild Turkey | and Its Hunting. | By | Edward A. McIlhenny. | Illustrated from photographs. | 12mo, pp. i-viii+1-245, 20 plates. Doubleday, Page & Co., Garden City, New York. \$2.50 net.