

**Allen's 'Winter Birds—A Bird Masque.'**<sup>1</sup>—This attractively illustrated little pamphlet presents a bird masque in three acts intended to portray winter feeding. It will prove of great interest to schools and other organizations which desire to stage small plays or masques and carries a convincing lesson in bird conservation.—W. S.

**Meinertzhagen's 'Review of Oriolus.'**<sup>2</sup>—The author presents in this paper a complete list of the species and subspecies of the Old World Orioles, with important synonymy, comparative descriptions, distribution, etc. He rejects the genus *Mimeta* as not distinct from *Oriolus* but regards it as the primitive group from which sprang the Golden Orioles on the one hand and the Maroon Orioles on the other.

Col. Meinertzhagen admits twenty species, with forty-nine additional subspecies or sixty-nine forms in all, while Sharpe's 'Hand-List' (1909) recognizes sixty-four, and the British Museum Catalogue (1877) but thirty-three.—W. S.

**Pennsylvania Audubon Bulletin.**—The Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania has published its first 'Bulletin' dated April, 1923. It contains a list of winter birds of the region by Geo. M. Sutton, an article on Crossbills by Bayard H. Christy, on the Great Horned Owl by S. S. Dickey, and on the Purple Martin by J. W. Jacobs with many notes on bird study and conservation. It is a well printed and attractively illustrated brochure.—W. S.

### The Ornithological Journals.

**Bird-Lore.** XXV, No. 3, May-June, 1923.

The Common Loon. By Robert J. Sim.—An admirable study of the bird and its nesting with photographs and a drawing by the author.

Stories from Birdcraft Sanctuary. IV. Ducks and Drakes. By Mabel Osgood Wright.—Nesting of Mallard.

Spring Visitors to a Pasadena Garden. By Ada Wilson.

Daisy Fields in June. By A. A. Allen.—Illustrated by beautiful photographs of Meadowlark, Vesper, Henslow's and Savannah Sparrows, Prairie Horned Lark and Bobolink, and their nests. The Educational Leaflet treats of the Louisiana and Night Herons.

**Bird-Lore.** XXV, No. 4. July-August, 1923.

Audubon's Farm. By Mary W. Daley.—A visit to "Fatland Ford."  
How the Killdeer came to Southport. By Milton S. Lacey.

<sup>1</sup> Winter Birds. A Bird Masque in Three Acts to Portray Winter Feeding. By Elar Guerdrum Allen. Reprinted from Nature Study Review, May, 1923, pp. 1-19. Comstock Publishing Co., Ithaca, N. Y.

<sup>2</sup> A Review of the Genus Oriolus. By Col. R. Meinertzhagen. The Ibis, January, 1923, pp. 52-96.