

country belongs just as much to the nature lovers, which are everywhere increasing in numbers, as it does to the sportsmen, and that the latter have no right to jeopardize the native species of game birds without the approval of other bodies interested in them.—W. S.

**Esten on Nest Studies.** Mr. Esten has made an intensive study<sup>1</sup> of nests of a Towhee, Meadowlark and Rose-breasted Grosbeak and presents the results of his observations in tabular form with some additional comment. The data presented show the details of feeding, number of visits of each parent, time spent at the nest, excreta eaten and carried away, the feeding of the individual nestlings, the kind of food brought by the parents, etc. The vast amount of data presented in the small space of the tables is no less a valuable contribution to the life history of the species than an illustration of patient and painstaking observation.—W. S.

**Kalmbach and McAtee's 'Homes for Birds.'** This little pamphlet<sup>2</sup> is another bird box circular issued by the U. S. Biological Survey to meet the popular demand for information on this subject. It supercedes 'Bulletin 609 Bird Houses and How to Build Them,' the edition of which has apparently been exhausted and was probably never large enough to meet the needs of the country, a shortcoming of most Government publications of today. Messrs. Kalmbach and McAtee have compiled a very satisfactory Bulletin with short descriptions and illustrations of the simpler sorts of bird boxes suitable for a number of familiar species. The House Wren problem had not reached the Survey at the time this 'Bulletin' was prepared, so the usual provisions are made for the accommodation of this much discussed species. The famous cat trap of the Biological Survey is also fully described and this will prove of value to many who desire to quietly eliminate destructive felines.

The Survey has also published the usual 'Game Laws for the season 1925-26,' by George A. Lawyer, a pamphlet of 46 pages, which may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., for 5 cents per copy.—W. S.

**Sun Brothers.**<sup>3</sup>—This book differs from most collections of nature tales in that whatever the natural history, there is woven with it about an equal proportion of the sayings and doings of mankind. The joy of life and the glory of love are appreciated keenly by the author, but he glosses over none of the unpleasant realities which most of us forget as soon as possible. He tells the whole truth and the effect necessarily is sombre.

<sup>1</sup> A Comparative Study of the Nest Life of the Towhee, Meadowlark and Rose-breasted Grosbeak. By Sidney R. Esten. Proc. Indiana Academy of Science, Vol. 34, pp. 397-401, 1924 [1925].

<sup>2</sup> Homes for Birds. By E. R. Kalmbach and W. L. McAtee. Farmers' Bulletin No. 1456, July, 1925, pp. 1-22. Price 5 cts. per copy from the Supt. of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C.

<sup>3</sup> By Henry Williamson. E. P. Dutton & Co., New York, 1925, \$2.50.