

but belongs in some other group. The specimen is composed of long, narrow, threadlike or hairlike filaments of even width, the longest being more than one hundred millimeters long. On careful examination under a microscope these filaments have smooth, continuous margins, without lateral branches of any kind. No feather of this general length is known in which there are not occasionally at least lateral branches (barbs or barbules). Even in the Cassowary part of the filaments have these lateral elements.—ALEXANDER WETMORE, *Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.*

**Another Audubon Copper-plate Located.**—On a recent visit to the Pleasant Valley Bird and Wild Flower Sanctuary at Lenox, Massachusetts, I was the overnight guest of Miss Mary Parsons, one of the Trustees of the Sanctuary. Among the many *objets d'art* in the great house, I was interested to find a framed copper-plate of Audubon's folio edition. This plate is listed as Number 362 and contains figures of the Yellow-billed Magpie, Ultramarine Jay, Steller's Jay and Clarke's Nutcracker.

This brings the number of Audubon copper-plates now known and located to forty-two and it was my good fortune to locate the forty-first plate also, as recorded by Mr. Deane in 'The Auk' for July, 1925.

This plate was formerly in the possession of the late Mr. Morris K. Jesup of New York. Miss Parsons writes me as follows regarding her own acquisition of the plate.

"It was a few months after Mr. Jesup's death that I found Mrs. Jesup making piles of things that she thought had no interest and that she wanted to get out of her house in New York. The Audubon plate was among these things. When I told her that the plate was interesting and of some value she would not believe me and jokingly told me to take it if I would give it house-room. My carriage was at the door. I sent for my footman then and there to carry the plate to the carriage, much to Mrs. Jesup's relief!"

It is probable that this is one of the plates which were distributed by Phelps, Dodge and Company as described in the article by Mr. Ruthven Deane in 'The Auk' for October, 1908. Miss Parsons evidently acquired the plate before the days when automobiles were in use.—JOHN B. MAY, *Division of Ornithology, State House, Boston, Massachusetts.*