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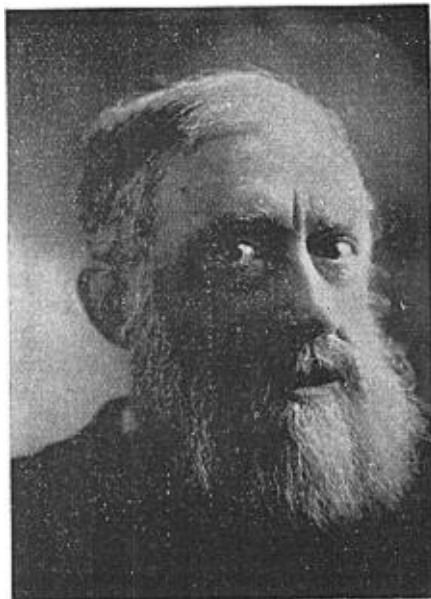
Last Through the courtesy of *The*
Portrait of *Land of Sunshine* of Los Angeles,
Cal., we present to the readers of
Dr. Coues.

THE CONDOR probably the last like-
ness which was taken of Dr. Coues preceding
his death. In the February number of *The*
Land of Sunshine, Mr. Chas. F. Lummis, the
editor, devotes several pages to a character
sketch and his impressions of Dr. Coues, of
whom he was an intimate friend. Mr. Lummis
was a member of Dr. Coues' party in New Mex-
ico in 1899, when the doctor was engaged in
what was destined to be his last scientific work.

Mr. Lummis' lofty estimate of Dr. Coues'
character and ability as an ornithologist is
shared by all who counted the doctor as their
friend. Referring to Dr. Coues' illness, he says:
"In all the wavering shadows of the leaves up-
on us, there was no shadow of what was to
come. Yet it was already written. As the
rest of us look back to that flawless day in
Juan Rey's patio I fancy we shall not escape
some twinge that we could not better read the
lines under those clear, genial eyes. Already
Dr. Coues was a doomed man. Already he
suspected—and allowed no one else to. The
weariness and bruises of a long, hard trip in
springless wagons would soon wear off, and our
Nestor be himself again. Even his last letters
months after, did not convey a sense of appre-
hension. But now we know he knew."

As the years wear on, ornithologists generally
will realize more and more the loss which their

science has suffered in the death of Dr. Coues
In many respects his position as a writer was
unique, and in most discussions his position
was an aggressive one. Being an ornithologist
through and through and having pursued the
study for the purpose of advancing it as lay
within his power, he had no patience with the



side-issues of doubtful value or sincerity, and
never ceased to upbraid those who forsook the
study proper to engage in fads. While Dr.
Coues' frankness at times made for him en-
emies, there are few but whom admire Dr.
Coues as a man who had the courage of his
convictions.

ERRATUM.—In Mr. Swarth's list of birds ap-
pearing in the March-April CONDOR for 73,
Phalacroptilus nuttali nitidus read *P. nuttali*
californicus; 121, instead of *Junco thurberi* read
Junco hyemalis thurberi; 168, instead of *Regu-
lus satrapa olivaceus* read Ruby-crowned King-
let, *Regulus calendula*.

To those ornithologists who receive this issue
of THE CONDOR as a sample copy, we invite a
careful inspection of its contents. The issue
contains notable articles on the nesting of the
Clarke's Nutcracker and the Pine Siskin, be-
sides other papers of value, all of which are
but examples of the valuable papers to be
found in each issue. With 90 active club
members in the field, there are few rare or in-
teresting discoveries which are not promptly
recorded. Should THE CONDOR not, therefore,
be included in your list of bird periodicals?