Publishers of Worcester's Royal Quarto Dictionary.

BREWER & TILESTON,
Publishers and Wholesale Booksellers,
~~131 WASHINGTON STREET,~~
Removed to No. 17 Milk Street,--"Birthplace of Franklin."

Would you not like, some time this summer to visit me at Hingham, spending some Sunday there with me?

Boston, May 14th 1870

Mr Wm Brewster
Dear Sir

Your list came safely. I have hastily run over to see what you have, in order to make a bow which I know the Society have to spare for those you have not. We have the following. The selection of each I append.

No. 44 =	$0.50	
67 =	0.50	
112 =	0.40	
123 =	0.50	
153 =	0.30	
301 =	0.50	
308 =	0.25	
302 =	0.25	
346 =	0.50	
407 =	0.40	
418 =	0.50	
419 =	0.50	
447 =	0.50	
450 =	0.50	
474 =	0.50	
482 =	0.50	
484 =	0.50	
166 =	0.25	

499 = 25

You may combine these prices in any way to suite your own wishes and preferences. Even to exceed the selection of put upon your eggs and nests. I call them equivalent to 123, or 50 cents and allow you 50 cts for the nest. for the three 1.50

As you are very much behind just at present

Brewer, T. M.
May 14, 1870.

I suggest that you write me your preferences. I will, as soon as I can have them selected and leave them ready for you with Mr Sanborn at our museum, within 48 hours of receiving your note. You can then take your nest and eggs to the S. and become yours in exchange.

Below I give the list of those the Society would like to have in exchange of those you seem to have duplicates of, and the prices as fixed by Prof. Baird.

17 = 50
49 — 50
240 — 40
252 — 40
369 = 30
448 = 75
517 — 75
518 = 100
582 = 100

These are all that I note just now. Another summer's campaign will doubtless add to your list of duplicates. I have not made any mention of my own private duplicates for the reason that they are now and will be during the summer inaccessible — packed away in my new home where I shall not be able to get at them until order has come out of chaos. There will be among them several you will be glad to have —

Yours very truly
T. M. Brewer

Boston Nov. 11th 1870
No. 133 Boylston St

Mr Wm Brewster

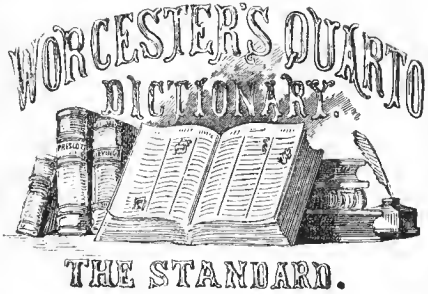
Dear Sir

In re-arranging my drawers after a prolonged reign of disorder incident to a removal, I find your two favors of May 17th and 18th. My conscience somewhat reproaches me that the entire season was allowed to go by without my having fulfilled my promise of asking you to make me a visit at Highlands and yet, when you look back upon the Summer that has gone and remember what a season it has been of constant excessive heat and drought you may understand why the daily discomforts of the present put off—and put off until it was too late, several visits I had promised myself to seek

Brewster, N.H.
Nov-11-'70

and going away the rest. This is a poor excuse, I am, but it is the simple truth, while I regret I did not disregard the season and not wait for it to improve, I may still hope to see you in a more accessible place. I live in Boylston street, five doors west of the Arlington St Church, on the same side — no 133. My cabinet is unpacked and my eggs so far arranged that I may find any kind you may wish to see and I shall be glad to have you call upon me and spend an afternoon or evening looking over my collection and seeing how we may be able to benefit each other by exchanges. There are probably a few varieties that I may have obtained during the season which you may wish to have and I hope you have also added to your stores both of new kinds and of duplicates. I expect to have to be absent the coming week on business, in which I shall endeavor to make a call at Washington before I return. As soon as I return I hope to see you at my house and during the winter to see you frequently.

Yours very truly
Thomas M. Brewer



"BIRTHPLACE OF FRANKLIN."
17 Milk Street.

BREWER & TILESTON,
Educational Publishers.

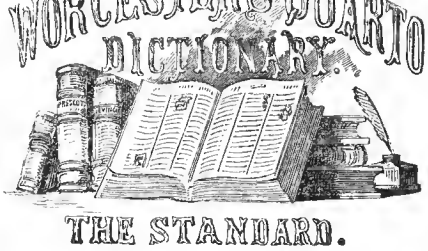
Boston, Nov. 30th 1870

Mr Mr Brewster
Dear Sir

If agreeable to you and perfectly convenient I would be happy to see you tomorrow evening (Thursday). We dine at ½ past five; if will take "pot luck" with us I shall be glad to have you, or, if more convenient to you later in the evening, I shall be at home.

Yours very truly
J H Brewer

Brewer J. M.
Nov. 30 1870



"BIRTHPLACE OF FRANKLIN."
17 Milk Street.

BREWER & TILESTON,
Educational Publishers.

Boston, Dec 27 1870

Mr Wm Brewster

Dear Sir

I was very sorry to hear of your accident, and the more so that it compelled you to disappoint me in our conference. I have some questions I want to ask you about some of our rarer birds. Almost any time I shall be happy to see you, and I have but few engagements that would interfere. As soon as you have sufficiently recovered let me know when it would be agreeable to come.

Yours very truly
J A Brewer

Brewer J. M.
Dec. 2 1870

Publishers of Worcester's Royal Quarto Dictionary.

BREWER & TILESTON,

EDUCATIONAL PUBLISHERS,

17 MILK STREET,

[Birthplace of Franklin.]

Boston, Dec 5th 1870

Dear Sir

Your favor inclosing the 2.50/100 dollars came safely to hand to day. I have written to Baird for the eggs which he will send me as soon as he receives my order. I would advise you to commence a collection of foreign eggs. Up to a certain point you will not find it very difficult. About three fifths of the eggs of the birds of Europe are readily procurable in ordinary times by exchange for those of our own. By beginning early in life if you persevere and improve every opportunity you will be surprised when you come of age to find what a fine collection you will have, for with enjoy

much greater facilities than I did when I began for a good many of the European eggs were then unknown. The Moorhen is one of those birds that are doomed to a speedy extinction. The time may come when your specimen will be worth twenty times what it will now cost you. As the egg of the great auk now sells for $300 readily

I am very sorry to learn that your eye is still troubling you so much. I know well how to feel for you, as I have been more or less troubled with mine all my life.

Yours very truly
W. M. Brewer

Dec 5 '90

Brewer J. M.
Dec. 23 70

Boston Dec. 23rd 1870

Mr William Brewster
Dear Sir

Mr Purdy tells me that you are sufficiently recovered from your accident to be out of doors, as he has met you. I write therefore to renew my invitation for you to come and spend an evening with me as soon as may be convenient and agreeable to you. I would like to have a good long talk with you in regard to certain of our Massachusetts birds — to show you my collection and to see how far I may be able to promote your collecting, both in regard to American and foreign varieties. It will be both convenient and agreeable to me to see you at any time, for instance next Monday or Tuesday, p. m. as may be most convenient to yourself. Please let me know a little in advance of your

[illegible] I may be at home.
Come direct to Yr post free, but
if you can you had better be there
by four o'clock, that we may have
some time before dinner to look
over the collection.

Yrs
J M Brewer

P.S. Baird has not yet sent me
on the Moonks eggs. I have dun-
ned him for them and they may
come any time or he may keep
them until I go to Washington in
January

Boston Jan 1st 187

My dear Sir

I have only just been able to compare carefully your list of eggs and those of which you had duplicates. I expect to leave on Tuesday and to be in Washington before I return. When I am at home again I hope you will be able to make me a longer visit. In the meanwhile I thought that perhaps you would like to know which of your eggs would be the most valuable for foreign exchanges so I have added a list of such & so regard, marking with a x the most important ones.

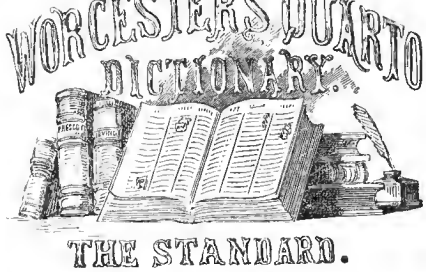
Yours very truly

J. M. Brewer

P.S. The Mosaics eggs have not yet been sent & I shall have to bring them on with me from W.

Brewer, J. M.
Jan. 1871

17
49
69
70
76
109
137 +
167
168
183
189
220
231
236
237
252
277
290
349
380
448 +
517
518
582
611



"BIRTHPLACE OF FRANKLIN."
17 Milk Street.

BREWER & TILESTON,
Educational Publishers.

Boston, Jan. 24th 1871

Dear Sir

Your eggs of Catharus Bennettii is at my house all safe and sound for you whenever convenient for you to call and get it. I have some more and very nice things to show you any afternoon except Thursday when I shall come in with the trustees of the Museum. I shall probably be able to be at home at 4 p.m. If not I will arrange to have the eggs ready for you. Send me word if you come after them any

Yours truly

Brewer J. M.
Jan. 24 - 71 -

Brewer A. M.
Feb. 21 – 71

Boston Feb 21st
1871

Dear Sir

If it would be perfectly convenient for you to meet me at my house next Friday afternoon I would be glad to have you come & if you can spare the time have you stay with me to dine. I have the list I spoke to you of birds and eggs you have in. I would like to confer with you as to their value and the expediency of securing for them. A few of the eggs I want myself, some of the skins I will for or the Dressers account and a number for the Society. He offers the whole for a quite moderate sum and the more I have looked into the matter the more

Boston

I am inclined to think I had better send for them. I would like to get your view as to their probable value
Then too I would like to see you to know how many of Mr Dreffen's desiderata in this line you would like to let me have and exchange them with me or rather with the Society for eggs, giving some fair basis of valuation for both. I inclose a copy of his desiderata which you will please preserve.
If you will drop me a line that you can come I will be at my house by 8½ p. m.

Yrs
Th Bruder

Brewer D. M.
April 1 71

Stratiotes chysant

27.20

1

8.1

Hy. adunbrans

A. Cooperi

"

"

Bubo Vir.

Scops Asio

Bro. erythrop.

"

"

Ch. varius

Ch. Tawa Cas.

Ny. Cordatus

Nyc. caledonicus

Megalurus cabri

Acrocephalus vagans

"

Poliocephalus

Poliocephala

" fringilloides

"

Dendr.

" cuculoides

" coronata

" castanea

" Berwyl.

" eugrisea

Ny. Pandicus

Coracornis

"

"

Pl. cuba

Pl. luniferus

Vir. Vireolus

" sagraedorum

Falco Cas.

Cog. impressus
Cl. cy. tristis
Pl. cf. nivalis
[illegible]
[illegible]
Zerl. [illegible]
Nel. metallicf. 63
[illegible]
Euripyga Ami.
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Cornus Ami.
Bat. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Ag. l. vortex
[illegible]
Phil. [illegible]
Phlogia mac.
" Wilsonii
Lemna Trudeau
Nal. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Emmite [illegible]
[illegible]
Nuphala Ami
Chan. [illegible] Africanus
[illegible]
Galinsoga Peru
[illegible]
Bidens [illegible]

Cic. [illegible]
Sphenoficus [illegible]
Cl. Wilsonianus
Crondale [illegible]
Cornus alternifolia
Lycopus [illegible]
Lepus [illegible]
[illegible]
Pyrus [illegible]
Cirsium [illegible]
Collinsia [illegible]
Viola [illegible]
Cultivated [illegible]
[illegible]
Chione grandiflora
[illegible]
Euripyga Ami.
[illegible] Ami.
[illegible]
Prunus [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Galinsoga Peru
[illegible]
Galium [illegible]
Pogonia [illegible]
[illegible]
Amelanchier [illegible]

Brewer S. M.
April 14 – 71 –

Boston 71

Dear Sir

[illegible]

Publishers of Worcester's Royal Quarto Dictionary.

BREWER & TILESTON,
EDUCATIONAL PUBLISHERS,
17 MILK STREET,
[Birthplace of Franklin.]

Boston, Ap. 17th 1871

Dear Sir

[illegible] after all, that the memorandum in your [illegible] [illegible] three names in your letter. Please send me their names, as I want to keep an exact memorandum of the distribution, and oblige

Yours truly

F. A. Brewer

Brewer G. M.
April 17- 71-

ADDRESS ALL BUSINESS LETTERS TO THE FIRM.

WORCESTER'S QUARTO DICTIONARY.

THE STANDARD.

Publishers of Hillard's Readers, New Series; Worcester's Spelling Books, Walton's Arithmetics and Table, Walton & Cogswell's Arithmetical Charts, &c., &c.

BREWER & TILESTON,

Educational Publishers.

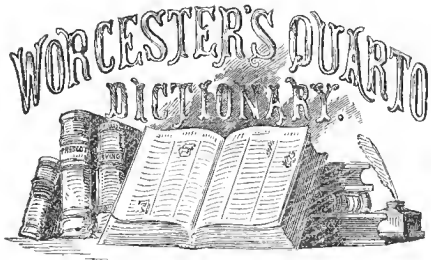
17 *Milk St., Boston,* 1872

Dear Sir

[illegible] of a sworn
[illegible] and [illegible]
that make us suspicious of foul
play. After satisfying yourselves
of [illegible] the sworn [illegible] you to make
a stir. I presume you would
like it and will let the B. M. H.
S. have something in ex. for
it? If you see anything wrong
in the [illegible] of the sworn
with you ask some one near
you, at the college or elsewhere
to see if there is any foul?

Yours in haste
Yr Brewer

Brewer J. M.
May 13 - '72



THE STANDARD.

Publishers of Hillard's Readers, Franklin Series; Worcester's Spelling Books and Dictionaries, Walton's Arithmetics and Table, Walton & Cogswell's Arithmetical Charts, &c., &c.

BREWER & TILESTON,

Educational Publishers,

CHAMBERS, NO. 114 WASHINGTON STREET.

Boston, Nov. 30th 1873

Dear Brewster

Can you come and spend the afternoon and evening with me Tuesday - Come if you can to lunch at 1½ and let us have a good long afternoon. You will wish to look at my collection and I to write down your experiences. The dine at 5½ & the East Berkeley Street car goes by the house to the Revere House at ¼ before eight. You will know the car by it being one of the Tremont St cars - the only one that goes to the Eastern depot - that is the only one of the Tremont Street cars, and it has Berkeley St on its side.

Send me word by your father, I will see him Tuesday morning, if you can come.

Yours truly

J. L. Brewer

Brewer G. M.
Nov. 30 – 73 –

Boston, Jan 14th 1875.

My dear Brewster

I find among my memoranda that a specimen of the Podiceps grisegena was shot by you at Plymouth. Can you and if so, will you be so good as to write me or bring me the particulars of the capture — season, sex and whatever you may have observed of its habits. I see that I am credited by Audubon with having procured for him specimens in our market, but it has escaped my memory. Have you met with other than the Plymouth one. Where do you keep yourself that you do not let me see more of you? I called out to see you one day last November, I think it was

but I found crape on your door and I did not ring. I learned at the Atheneum that it was your mother.

I have very nearly written through my notes of the western trip but there are a good many questions I would like to ask of you and one or two good stories I think you would like to have.

I am now at No 49 Franklin Street as well as 133 Boylston St. at either of which places I would be very glad to see you.

Yours truly
J. M. Brewer

P.S. I called with Captain Bourne last July to try to find you but your father told us that you were away. Capt B. is now stationed in Southeastern Oregon near Lake Oregon where he will be pretty sure to get some choice things.

J. M. Brewer to [illegible]
Jan. 14-15

Boston, Jan 19th 1874.

My dear Brewster

I am sorry I missed of seeing you yesterday, but our store was so cold and it was impossible to get up the heat that I had to beat a retreat soon after twelve. I am much obliged to you for the notes. As soon as the weather moderates a little I shall try to get out and see you. I have about written out my notes of the water birds and have a double box made in the way of side notes to incorporate with many of them. I expect to go to Washington somewhere about the 10th of next month to revise the proofs there and on my return would

like to hold a session with you. I am suspicious that some birds do not deserve a place in our fauna at all. Thomas's glacialis I suspect is only a bill-bitten Ma. arctica. Puffinus anglorum, if it has ever come here is an accident, and so on. I am glad you are getting up such a museum only beware of moths and the whole race of destructives. It is the first step that costs.

Yrs J M Brewer

Stephen R. Mitchell
Jan. 19, '75

Boston Feb 6th 1875

My dear Brewster

I have prepared and mean to publish a new list of the birds of New England. I have 28 names not included in any printed list, actually taken in New England. I inclose a list of 24 names given by Coues, of which I can find no reliable evidence of their occurrence. Will you look up your references & see if you can confirm the claim of any of them? I go to Washington on Tuesday, and shall not require your answer before the 25th, but would like your answer in full, very much, at your leisure. I have numbered the list, for brevity's sake. Nos 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21, 23 & 24 are given by Coues on guess-work & rest on evidence whatever. No reference to other who admits that his E. acadicus is E. traillii. S May be so, southern Conn. if anywhere & refers to a New Brunswick specimen. Board, man never found it in our limits. The same is true of no 11. Boardman only stated

three, all of them in New Brunswick.
12 rests on Dr Cabot's evidence who now disclaims it.
17 Mr Boardman, with all the pains he has taken has never been able to find
20 is possible but unsupported.
22 is undoubtedly a mistake of Samuels.
Besides this list I give another, the occurrence of which I deem possible, just based so of some. What is the name of your new Helminthophaga? Is it not a New England bird? Where obtained.
If you wish to write to me between this and the 20th write me care of Prof. Baird 918 New York Avenue Washington. Yrs J M Brewer

P.S. We have just secured a fine pair of cygnus americanus at Mr Auburn.

Charles J. M.
Feb 1875

Wm. Brewer Coes

Boston May 12th 1875

My dear Sir

I trust that I have not left the impression that I took any exception to your esteemed favor or that I misunderstood your meaning, for it was not so at all — I only thought it a good opportunity to explain in full my whole design and plan, and also that you might, if you made any mention of the matter to your colleagues, be able to explain exactly and with have any doubts as to the exact nature of my intended bequest.

It is my ambition to lay the foundation of a collection in a comparatively new and very interesting department of science, one that I hope to make better worth your acceptance and one that I also hope may in the lapse of time grow into the best collection of its kind in the world. I feel grateful to the memory of your father for founding an institution to which I can bequeath my collection with such full reliance of its care, and in its being a source of knowledge by its judicious use. I feel also a high appreciation of the liberal and judicious zeal you have shown in carrying on your father's work. I take a pride in being able to contribute my mite to such a work & what I do I is with added pleasure that my alma mater will share in what little credit may attach to the collection hereafter.

I am very glad to hear that you have the prospect of receiving so many type collections in other departments for I feel assured that with your experience as to the need of such collections, their danger, and the nature of their requirements that you will lay foundations broad and deep to guard so far as any

the mere mercy, against these perils and ensure a permanent and enduring future

I have also to thank you for the additional card of introduction which I forgot to acknowledge

Yours very sincerely

Wm Brewer

233 Beacon St. Jan. 10th

My dear Brewster

I have been in the hope of meeting with you since my return and hearing of your experiences, since we last met but three months have passed and I will not ~~await~~ wait the chance any longer. I would have accepted the invitation to meet with the Nuttalls at your father's house but during November and a part of Dec. I suffered from a severe attack of Bronchitis and could not venture out so far in the evening.

I shall be very happy to have you call to see me any time and examine the additions to my Col. Cabinet, if you care to do so. I brought with me from Europe over eleven hundred eggs of

Observer Vol. III
Jan. 10-17

five hundred species, more than half of them entirely new to me. I have also some interesting things from Texas, Oregon &c &c to show you.

Some my collection is at present in some confusion, but you can find enough to occupy a long session and Cecile must to be seen the next time!

We lunch at one and dine at six and always have an extra plate, only let me know of your coming so as to be at home.

No 233 is half way between Hopendon and Dartmouth and the Beacon St cars takes you to the corner of Marlboro and either C. or D. Sts

Yrs J M Bzewer

J. M. Brewer
Feby 18 77

233 Beacon St
Monday evening

My dear Brewster,

My friend Mr Howard Saunders is desirous of procuring skins of various gulls and terns especially the latter. He would particularly like to see the supposed Sterna portlandica and all the American forms of gulls and terns in their juvenile dress. Have you any duplicates of these to spare? If not of the portlandica could you lend him one. In the course of the early spring I shall send him a box of one thing and another. If you are willing to contribute anything you can spare the better way would be to have them go on your own account and receive from Mr Saunders in return whatever you may indicate to him of your desiderata?

Please let me know if you can do

anything? As soon as I can see what Allen and our Society can do I will know better; only of this I feel assured, we look for no immediate birds.

Yrs very truly
Wm Brewer

P.S. When are you coming to inspect my eggs? I have now all the birds to show you, e.g.

Scops McCalli
Columba flavirostris (not as described)
Picus scalaris "
Centurus aurifrons "
Myiodionas albicollis new
Chordeiles texensis
Euchemerophora rufiventris new
Xanthocephalus luteus "

Then I have some very nice things from Bendire, Lately Melospiza guttata fedo

Brewer J. M.
May 21-77

233 Beacon St Mon 21st

Mr Wm Brewster

Dear Sir

The specimen which Mr Welch insists is Rallus crepitans but which has been spoken of in the Bulletin as R. elegans has been loaned me by my nephew for your inspection. It is not in my house, but in my sister's where it can be seen any time you can make it convenient to go with me. I think you will find it the elegans, however.

Yrs J. M. Brewer

Boston May 27th 1877

My dear Brewster

In the last number of the Bulletin, p. 38. you mention, on authority of Mr Allen that a nest satisfactorily determined as that of the Pewee nonpareil has been discovered by Capt. Bendire &c. This is entirely a mistake. Capt B. is publishing a list of the birds of S. E. Oregon in the proceedings of the Society and omits this species as not found by him. The parentage of a nest found by him was conjecturally attributed to this bird, but as no trace of the existence of the species in Oregon has been observed he thinks the nest may be that of some other species, and withholds the name from his list. I have mentioned this to no one because I know you would naturally prefer to be the one to make any correction you may wish for yourself rather than by another, and that before Capt Bendires list is published in which the absence of this name will be referred

to.

yrs in haste
M. Brewer

Brewer, G. M.
May 21. 17

Brewster J. M.
June 12 - 11

Tuesday evening June 12th

My dear Brewster

Don't let me interfere with your collecting, but take some moment when you cannot work out doors to advantage.
About the Micropalama being found along our coast, my investigations do not confirm, but in the weight of their testimony contradict it. Mr Boardman for fifteen years has been on the sharp look out and has never taken it. A wading bird that neither in spring or fall can be found in the marshes of Point Lepreau or those of St Andrews can hardly be a regular migrant thence along the coast of Maine. More than this no one that I can find has ever seen a flock of this bird, nor even a family group, none have ever been seen in the spring. In every instance a record is reported, they were either single or in pairs, never more than two, except in one instance and that second-hand.

— always in company with Yellow-legs. One man wrote me of nine instances of which he made note, where he shot individuals, in two of these there were two birds, in all the rest only one and all in flocks of yellow legs. Both they are known either as the "cross" or as the "Eastern yellow-leg"

The Society has first the present of one shot in 1860 at Swampscott. He the donor has shot over the same ground every summer since, except 1870, and has never seen another specimen. And so on. I believe that all that come to our coasts are stragglers, that the main migration is inland, mostly so in spring and as a general rule, in fall. Not these stragglers wander off with the Sanderlings going due south, never east of us crossing the western portion of Cape Cod and Long Island and the Jersey shore. Frank Tilestone who gunned both spring and fall in eastern Cape Cod has never taken one. Now of course I do not mean to theorize, but I want facts. What you have seen yourself I should be very glad to have. But it seems to me hardly possible to believe that a regular migrant should be so universally unknown to our oldest and best gunners in certain localities if they are really regular migrants there. Before I publish anything I intend to follow up this matter a great deal farther. Have you, by chance, ever met with it in its own independent flocks, as you meet with other regularly migrating waders?

Yours in haste

M. Brewer

233 Beacon St June 6th
1877.

My dear Sir

Can you without too much trouble refer me to the vol. and page of the places where you have referred to microplana. linearis & pus. I find the impression you had published something in reference to it in the Naturalist, but I cannot find it in my file. I find that it was shot in Massachusetts, Swampscott, as long ago as Aug. 1858. I am getting together some very interesting facts. In one year a larger number were shot, 200 or more, but in no other instance more than two. Have I have ~~been~~ been taken in any part of Maine though Boardman and others have been on the lookout for them and none in R.I. or Conn. I shall be glad to have any data you can supply me with throwing any light upon this mysterious birds. What is the largest number you have ever seen at once? Swift Rye Ipswich, Swampscott, Needham and Cape Cod, have you found it anywhere?

My nephews Rollins ? awaits your inspection. It is at my sisters house, no 70 Commonwealth avenue. If not convenient

Brewer Me.
June 14 - 1877

for you to hunt me up you can call at any time and my sisters will give you an opportunity to inspect it. My nephew does not wish it removed from the house for fear of injury or I would try to get it over here. Which still wishes it is R. respectable and not elegant.

Yours very truly
J. M. Brewer

233 Beacon St. July 8th

Brewster J. Jr
July 8th 97

My dear Brewster

Many thanks for your kind letter of the 1st which I received a few days ago. It is just such information as you send me that I want to receive in reference to the Still-Sandpiper. As yet I have no opinions, only the negative experience of others. I am only sorry that your own observations are not more exact and positive. I only know that so far the drift of the evidence seems to be all one way. About Point Lepreaux I do not know anything and Mr Boardman, I believe not much more, from his own observation. East Port I well know is of small account, but I think differently of St Andrews. There the beaches and marshes are extensive, swarm with shorebirds and it just the place where if this sandpiper follows the coast it occurs there at all, it would be sure to be found. It seems very strange that two such experienced gunners as Mr Everett and Mr Fletcher, during so many years of constant gunning should never have

heard of it in Chatham, though Mr E. has shot, and knows the bird, elsewhere.

When I come back from the Desert I mean to follow the matter up further, and if the bird does even come to N-E. in unmixed and homogeneous flocks, it will be very hard if I cant find it out by positive proof. No one, that I know, has found them with any other birds than fly-catchers — only once with the Solitary Sandpiper.

Once one note, unfortunately it is at second hand, the younger Mr Phillips of Swampscott told Mr Geo. H. Mackay, that in 1860 there was an enormous flight of this bird about Farmers Pond in S. and that his family bagged about 200 birds. Mr P. is not living and this story cannot be confirmed. Mackay rather believes it, but others ridicule it.

But you have pleasanter topics to think of now, and better things to occupy your working moments this summer, and I will not bore you with more of other interests. Please present my best wishes to Mrs Kettell, and express to her my own desire and that of my daughter, to make her acquaintance. You will, I trust, let us know of her being in the city or where we can give ourselves the privilege of calling upon her.

Yours very sincerely

Thomas M. Brewer

P.S. Dr Merrill has taken in Texas the eggs of what must be Hypotriorchis femoralis. He shot the ♀ but unfortunately could not secure her. He has also shot a ♀ and found the nest of what must either be a new Buteo or B. caspedis. He has found a new parasitic bird for our fauna Molothrus aeneus, which lays white eggs. He has taken 19 all alike. In one nest of the Hooded Oriole there were two eggs of Molothrus obscurus, besides M. aeneus and several of the owner. It would be interesting to watch the bringing up of that happy family!

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] your paper [illegible]
[illegible] time [illegible] remarks
of [illegible] and [illegible] such [illegible] the
that [illegible] man [illegible] left [illegible] and that
you may yet be able to [illegible] off
for a time [illegible] another [illegible]
[illegible]. If [illegible] a [illegible] formation
[illegible] your active [illegible] and
line of investigation. I'll give
myself the pleasure [illegible] and
see you at the first [illegible]
could [illegible] to get [illegible]
go to the Museum [illegible] I'll see
[illegible] there [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible].

I am [illegible] I did not know you
were [illegible] the article in the
[illegible] [illegible] you would not
[illegible] east [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. There is no question but

Brewer, Dr. Ebe.
Oct. 10 1872

[illegible] their [illegible] This
being the [illegible] of the [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible]
the nests [illegible] [illegible] and the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] and sent to the [illegible]
the words which [illegible] [illegible] with
of these nests [illegible] to have eggs
previously sent [illegible] but the
nest [illegible] and still positively this
my article has been printed and
stands [illegible] [illegible] kept [illegible] a-
bundant [illegible] in the [illegible] of this
identifications. I found the nests and
[illegible] have attended the most
[illegible]. It is in the [illegible] collec-
tion, and has been accurately [illegible]
in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] "nests
[illegible]".
You must have overlooked my [illegible]
meeting article - with [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] these
nests as subsequent to my first article
and to Mr [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that their
situation is [illegible] constant.
Mr Jeles is a perfectly reliable
good naturalist and is neither care
less nor unjust worthy

[illegible] [illegible] friend
[illegible] [illegible]

233 Beacon St – Oct. 19

My dear Brewster

I presume you fully understand that I was in earnest in assuring you that I leave you the field open in reference to Jonism self-connecting in the Matter of the Den. dominic. As you wish to amend, there is no occasion for me saying anything in the Bulletin. The work of what I had written I can use in our proceedings in a different way and with only a very slight reference to your paper, or rather only so far as it establishes a remarkable variation in the building of this bird. So, go ahead make your own statement and count me as out of the way.

I have at last the bird's bill still on Bone Cod, as far east as Orleans. I am not surprised, in fact I was rather surprised to find how rare, or never, it has been met with by parties who know the bird well and have seen summer on the Cape.

Yrs F. J. Brewer

Brewer J. M.
Oct. 19-1877

233 Beacon St. Oct. 29th

My dear Brewster,

I was not fooled as to your last meeting or possibly I might have ventured out, I think the storm was all over by dark? Still you must not count on me too confidently at any time unless the weather be favorable. Between two enemies always watching their chance to catch me off my guard, sciatica and bronchitis, I have to be cautious as winter comes on.

What do you think has turned up as a Massachusetts bird? Peale's Egret Heron. I saw the creature yesterday, shot twenty-five years ago and have the privilege of it for our New England collection. By the way we are sadly deficient and I am having a list of some of our most common wants. When finish I will send you one. "Smallest favors gratefully received"!

I have a note of a single example of Micropalama on the southern coast of Orleans. Of course it may be that they are more frequent than this solitary case would seem to show. But so far this bird seems rather an irregular visitant than a regular migrant. It is known only in the Mississippi Valley in the spring. With us

unknown. I hear of several cases near Portland, all this side of it, so far.

I was very sorry to miss Henshaw, I had only gone to Frankfort and came home just as he had gone. He concluded I would be sure to be in and did not take your advice to call down. I was very much disappointed at missing him for H. is one of the few I hold very dear, he is a first rate good fellow as well as a good ornithologist. I hope still that he will get the weather-gauge of Elliot on the hummer, though it looks as if E. may be right.

I am expecting from the S. I. some nests of Geters cuculatus, some abnormal built in Tillandsia moss and others typical. Although your nest is a unique, I am inclined to the opinion that it is the typical form and the others owing to the convenience of the moss and abnormal. I shall prepare a paper on the subject with only a passing reference to Giles identifications referring to the curious variations in style I have in these two birds and also in the Emp. acadicus.

Yrs Wm. Brewer

Brewer Wm
Oct. 22, 74

433 Beacon St. Boston Nov. 8th

Dear Brewster

[illegible] of the Ind. I only received to day, that P. M. and I might answer it at once. It looks too much like a sum to see the sun to 5°. to night, and see if it were pleasant I fear my bland-landlord — if you will pardon so Germanic an expression, would have made it impossible.

In regard to the Hemgenter, so far as I know there is no published record of its breeding any where south of latitude 42°. It is known to breed in Bryant's Maine but I have no positive date for any where else. It undoubtedly breeds in Wisconsin as young hard by able to fly have been taken in the southern part of the State, and in Massachusetts, for the same reason. But in Florida certainly not. It occurs there in summer, but I always supposed such cases were of immature or barren individuals.

So by all means bring out your facts, for they must be of exceeding interest, quite as much so the breeding there of the Dusky duck, or of the breeding in Jamaica of the Cape May Warbler.

The laws that control continents seem to be loosely expressed in islands and Florida is insular to all intents and purposes. Her dwarfed and stunted growth, her humming birds, the breeding there of the White Pelican, the White Orchids &c all attest an irregularity quite insular.

Yours very truly
W. M. Brewer

P.S. I hope you are gaining as to your lameness? I suppose your Dr sees to it that you get rest and exercise enough to prevent another illness like that of last winter. It is a good thing to have you go to such a place as Flo. but the occasion should be avoided

233 Beacon St Nov 2/54

My dear Brewster

The heron, shot at Cohasset twenty five years ago has been sent to me and turns out to be something not new to the list but an interesting specimen to have. It is a very white specimen of the Small Blue-heron. As soon as I saw it, it was at once evident that there was no 32 inches in its length and besides the bluish slate told its story. It barely measures 22 inches.

I nearly got out to see you Monday to consult you about some skins but your father discouraged me about finding you in and then the weather was so blustery, dusty and cold I gave it up for the day. I have a curious ammodroma from S. Andrew's Bay which I can't make out what it is, whether a starfield or a young maritima probably the latter.

Yours very truly
M Bredder

J. M. Brown
Dec. 21-1871

233 Beacon St. Dec 11 1900
11

My dear Brewster

I have just received your kind favor of the 29th. Much obliged to you for the insects so. Mention. I will see Mr Hyatt on Monday and see if he cannot send out Mr Cole, our forester with a large boy and get your specimens. I have a boy that I think I will answer. The specimens are very acceptable, as my appropriation for fitting the gap is $20. all told! In case, I presume the localities?

The skin of the thrasher was sent to Washington and proves to be a young male, in the plumage of, I should say, Audubon's the Gilliorey's finch. I was at Byron on Wednesday & have the bird nest photographed, and returned it to Mr Wales. It is to be mounted and I have purchased it, otherwise I would buy it out to you. I have another curious one which Miller thinks is a very young cardinal.

This I will be happy to show you and I will try next week to give you a call, and talk over your matters.

I have written a paper on the matter of variations in the nests of the same species, in which I make mention of your interesting contribution to our knowledge of the nest of the Dominica wp and other remarkable instance. It is to appear in the Naturalist.

Yours very truly

J. H. Brewer

Spencer F. Baird
Dec. 1 1882

Brewer J. M.
Sept. 18, 1878

Boston Sept. 18th 1878
8 a. m.

My dear Brewster

I lose no time in answering your favor of the 15th which has only this moment reached me — returned from Damariscotta, which I left on Monday. I hope it will be in time. I take before my mess of the Band, Brewer & Ridgway water birds and I make a brief extract covering your point:

"It is very rare in New England though it is probable that more or less pass over this section each year (as they were formerly known to do) in their autumnal migrations. Two were shot a few years since, in the fall, in West Barnstable, Mass. by Capt. Baxter of that place". I have under investigation now a specimen shot in Nantucket last

fall I believe it to be the Americanus but the presence of yellow is denied and it may be the Trumpeter. In my younger day New England shot I was there not uncommon but of what species I do I have unfortunately no record.

Yours in haste
J. M. Brewer

P.S. Perhaps you have got hold of the very specimen I was looking for but postponed to the fall?

233 Beacon St. Oct. 29 1878

My dear Brewster

I would like very much to have the tern for the Society's New England collection. If most convenient to you, you can send it to me or, if it unmounted, as I suppose you may send it by express to Geo. O. Welch taxidermist, Newhall and Baltimore streets Lynn. He is mounting some other birds for us.

I am glad to hear that about the other swan. When you work up that you had better include the Nelson's fellow. I will try to make a clearer connection in the meanwhile.

Yrs M. Brewer

P.S. Please let me know when you send it, if to Welch.

J. N. Brewer

Oct. 29/88

233 Beacon St. Nov 9th

My dear Brewster

I received your card yesterday. I congratulate you on your new home. I will certainly come out to see you soon and Mrs Brewer too with not long delay. I presume you are ready for callers. I received on the 3rd inst. a very curious Macrorhamphus scolopaceus. The bill was larger than that of a Limnosa hudsonica received at the same time. I want to show it to you to see if it be so very rare. Neither Mr Fiske, who shot it, nor Welch or Jeffries ever saw its like.

About that Swan Welch has not yet looked up the date of its taking. The man who shot it is not now living, but his son is presumed to know all about it. Welch told a very straight story about its being in our collection, a young bird just fledgling or the mature plumage &c. and on looking I found the bird. When at Lynn

on Monday I forgot to ask W. more about it. I suppose you have seen the mill paper on the birds of Texas?

Yrs

Th Breeder

J. J. M. Bruce

Jan 9/77

Dr. J. M. Brewer
Dec. 6, 1878

233 Beacon St. Dec. 6th 1878

My dear Brewster

I hope you would be reminded of Franklin's severe remark that one who was good at making excuses was good for nothing else, if I have to plead a severe cold with bronchial sore throat (thinking out the weather) as my only available reason for having been out to see you. But to me, after last winter's experience, a cold is no joke and I have been fighting mine most resolutely and so far with some decided progress.

I am afraid the case of the Swan will have to remain without the complete data that once "might have been", but I have no doubt that a young <u>americanus</u> was shot at Nahant about fifteen years ago, by a Mr Taylor, and that the bird in our society is that one. Mr Welch is a wholly reliable person and when I was telling about the Nantucket Swan he at once said that he was knowing to the shooting of one at Nahant and, after a moment reflection he added it was given to your society. If you still have it you will know it at once, it is a young bird with just a trace

of minute plumage on the head and neck. I went at once to our cases and there was the bird just as he described it, a gift of Deming Jarvis Esq. Mr Baylor, the man who shot it is not living and his son who would know more about it has not been seen by Mr W. W. saw it, after it had been set up, at the house of Mr Jarvis, and naturally supposed that it was Mr Jarvis who gave it to the Society. But it stands as having been given by Mr Jarvis who then lived at Halifax. With all this cloud over its origin I think it is well worth referring to as undoubted (a valid New England) example and the fact, such as they are, are entirely at your service. I want some time to show you a Macrorhamphus, shot on Cape Cod Nov. and it is half as large again as a griseus and the bill is larger than that of the Limnosa Hudsonica shot on the same day. Mr Lawrence insists that the scolopaceus is a good species and differs more even in habit than in its plumage, but Coues says it is not even a variety. Certainly it lays a great deal larger egg in the one case than in the other and otherwise different. I am no judge as to questions of plumage but somewhat incline to the views of Lawrence. Can you give the dates of the coming and going of griseus and how late in that form it is known to linger on our coast?

Yrs Th Brewer

Dec 25th 1878

My dear Brewster

I am slowly getting on my feet again, though owing to the blustering nature of the weather I have only as yet ventured on one brief airing out of doors. But my head is clear, once more and I can utter a few sentences without help choking, which is a good deal gained. About that term I am sorry which so blundered. Will you notify Burgess of expenses incurred and get him to reimburse you? If I were about I would see to it in person.

Some time ago my friend Saunders notified me of a very choice collection of Indian eggs, from the seacoast of Scinde &c and offers me a first selection. I do not know that I can afford to take anything, for I buy outright but little and chiefly confine myself to N. American rarities. But among them are a few very choice rarities which I mean to secure, if they are not too high, such as Elanus caeruleus, Lanius hemprichii and a few that fill important gaps. I have asked Saunders to send me a list of all there are, sets, or otherwise and their value, leaving myself at liberty to decline what I cannot afford to take. Would you like to see this list when it comes, or are you not to be thus tempted?

Yrs

T. M. Brewer

J. M. Brewer

Dec 25, 1878

Dr. T. M. Brewer

March 25 1879

233 Beacon St. March 26th

My dear Brewster

The weather yesterday though not so bad as it might have been, was not sufficiently favorable for my getting to Cambridge, and to-day is still worse. Although I did not really apprehend that there could be any mistake on the part of Mr C. A. Allen, as quoted by Mr Hersland, I wrote to him (Mr Allen) in regard to it and probably would have learned from him the doubt or error, and I would have had it corrected in the proof. The fact is that a good deal of the work in the past on the subject of the fly-catchers has got to be gone over again with more care. In the Smithsonian is a nest and egg identified by Prof. Baird as Traillii from Flushing. In my mind now gave me that it might be a cardinalis when measuring it, but Ridgway & Dres Law thought not, from the nest. A very unsatisfactory criterion. And now Mr Osborne writes

me that neither he nor Mr Pearsall who found the nest believe it was anything but acadicus. I have asked Mr Ridgway to see if the parent be still extant at the Smithsonian.

My paper on the empidonaces will be only a good starting point for future explorations of this difficult genus putting on record the facts as they seem up to date. It seems incredible that the two sets of white eggs identified by Downes of Halifax – the set with deep purple blotches identified by Boardman & verified by Baird, and Mr Osbornes set can be eggs of one – or even two species. I have seen and compared these three kinds and they are, all three, very different. Mr Osbornes eggs are, to my eye, undistinguishable from those of difficilis. But brighter and younger eyes than mine picked out Osbornes eggs from among three similar eggs of difficilis by the lilac spots, not mentioned by Mr Purdie. The eyes were in the hands of Mr A. Jeffries! He has helped me not a little by the use of those eyes.

The first really pleasant day that I can find the chance to get out to G. I will try once again, in the afternoon.

Yrs very truly
W. M. Brewer

P.S. I had only partially sealed my letter to you when a package from the mountains of Sarth Carolina bring me a problem to solve – an unknown empidonax breeding there. I do not think that I will open it until I shall be with you lest I expose my own want of knowledge unnecessarily!

Dr. T. M. Brewer
May 25, 1879.

233 Beacon St May 25th 1879

My dear Brewster

Just before going away Dr Merrill wished me to have one of three examples of the South west Texan Humming-bird - Atthagitia — ? prepared by Welch in cabinet style for you. Two were to be mounted for the Boston Society. I have just received them back from Welch, but before I send you out the specimen for you - which is a ♂, I wish to ask if you have any objection to my lending it for a short time to Mr Lawrence of New York that it may be shown to Mr Elliot. You will remember that Cones calls it A. cervinicauda, while Ridgway considers it the same as Cabot's Trochilus Texanus. The last number of the Ibis raises the question and as Dr Cabot's type is still in his possession now is the chance to have it compared

with these examples. I have written to Lawrence about it. If he will undertake the investigation and Dr C. will trust me with his type. I would like to send all three examples to New York with the type, but I do not wish to send yours without your consent.

From the doubtful way in which Prof. Baird writes me I fear that I am to have no copies of my paper on the Eurypidoraceæ. Should this prove to be so it will be the occasion of no small disappointment and mortification to me, compelling me to disappoint those who have asked for and to whom I have promised copies. Of course I intended to send one to you and still hope something may be done to enable me to do so. Should you chance to see Mr Purdie or Mr Deane with you be so kind as to say to them that if they do not receive a copy it will be simply because I had absolutely no copy to send.

I was sorry to hear that your old enemy had attacked you again. I hope that by this time you are on your own feet once more, and well.

Yours J M Brewer

233 Beacon St. June 28th 19

My dear Brewster

It is all right. I sent the hummer to Lawrence & have it back. If it be a possible thing and if I do not hear from you that you will not be at home I will try to run out & see you on Monday evening and bring the skin. If not I may leave it at your father's office. I go away finally on Wednesday.

I sent one copy of the Empidonax paper to you in Cambridge and another to you in Upton. If you have received neither I will spare you a third rather than that you should be without it. I sent a copy to Purdie but I fear he did not appreciate the courtesy judging by the boorish or rather churlish letter he sent me in lieu of a civil acknowledgment.

I am very glad you have been so very fortunate. I am quite curious to see

Dr. J. M. Brewer

June 28, 1879.

What you have secured. So far a set of eggs nest & parent of Ploceus capitalis and of Pyranga aestiva are all my receipts, but I have some very nice things promised me on their way.

I am very well, as I generally am in hot weather.

Yours truly

J. M. Brewer.

Dr. T. M. Brewer.
June 30, 1879.

33 Beacon St. June 30th

My dear Brewster

I had promised myself the pleasure of getting out to see you this evening but I have found it impossible to do so and attend to the innumerable little matters that precede a departure for the summer. When you have fully worked up all your new materials I hope you do not intend to keep it all in abeyance until the next number of the Bulletin? I have as little curiosity as most men! I hope you have among your seven new kinds Black-throated Warbler. I hope that Dr. Yarrow's discoveries prove and others equally desirable. When you write me please do so to 233 Beacon St. for whether at Glouster, Isles of Shoals or Conway my letters will be forwarded. Yrs

T. M. Brewer

Bass-Rock House, Gloucester
July 16 1879

My dear Brewster

Many thanks for your kindness in writing me such a nice long and interesting letter. I am sorry that I can hardly hope, in my reply to render you an equivalent for I am barren of results of interest on for moment. Neither Dr Merrill nor Mr Bendire report much so far in the way of interesting acquisitions. Electrophanes McCownii is Merrill's best find.

I am sure I think you have done splendid even though you did not fill the gaps that I suggested as possible. There was a time when I considered, Certhia americana, Seiurus noveboracensis — confound those new names — I suppose you mean noveboracensis? — Geothlypis philadelphia, D. caerulescens, Myiodioctes canadensis, or Bucephala clangula, each are alone worth a long journey to secure. And none of these are so common but that they are rare and all worthy of description and mention. The position of your Creeper's nest, I am interested in. Was it between the bark & the trunk of a tree as it has been in all the

I note one very interesting occurrence here this summer. Last year Prof. Baird's party noted the entire absence of Native birds in Gloucester — and no passer domesticus, so that it could not be laid to their door. This year P. domesticus is here in considerable numbers and with them are Chipping Sparrows, Song Sparrows, Blue-birds, White-bellies, Bay-wings, Field Sparrows and several other kinds! Did Baird overlook them or did they come in with the "D. interlopes" boxes? This is inter nos. I don't be kicked into any more sparrow wars; it is settling itself and life is too short for such sense-less and unsatisfactory warfare, and this little incident I mention is, to the quite interesting.

Yr M Brewer

J. M. Brewer
July 16, 1879

instances I have known save one? There is one thing you may be sure of. You cannot be too full in your notes of these acquisitions.

The Jeffries had the same aggravating disappointment that you underwent on the matter of the three-toed woodpecker, they found plenty nests with young birds. Your experience with the wooden hen and the cat was the most aggravating of all. I hope you shot the beast. I have been so often annoyed by their depredations that at last I made instant war upon the race at Highlawn, though the supply seemed inexhaustible.

I have returns to day from my collectors in Northern Vermont. Among other things they report three sets of nests and eggs of Vireo gilvus, which you will remember is one of the birds that do not breed in northern New England — according to Purdy! They also report Den. maculosa, D. pennsylvanica, Buteo borealis, Emp. traillii, Parus atricapillus, Yellow-bellied Woodpecker and various others of the more common kind. They save the parents in most cases and once in a while pick up some very nice things. I let them have a set of boards. Brewer & Ridgway and the result has been electrical in the matter of zeal & interest. They will send me their year's work in September and perhaps you may wish to look over it when it comes.

Allen and I have the promise of a few rare eggs from Colorado & Nevada but I have not heard of their coming yet. We have some long-bills Curlews, Marbled Godwit, Broad-wing Hawks, good eggs but to me not new.

Captain Bendire is more than half inclined to present his entire collection to the Cambridge Museum. Would that be splendid? It would make such a nucleus that their collection would at once rank very high. They already have some very nice things and are ultimately to have mine.

J. M. Brewer.
Nov. 20, 1879.

233 Beacon St Nov. 20th 1879

My dear Brewster

Are you at home? and well? and have you a set of the eggs of the Louisiana Water Thrush that I can see and compare some eggs with? I have two sets of unidentified eggs from Warren, Mass that puzzle me. I can't reconcile them with the eggs of Myiodioctes canadensis, which they most resemble, or Minotilta varia which they also approximate and it has just occurred to me that they may be the Louisiana Thrush which their size renders more probable. If I mistake not you have one well identified set?

I read with a good deal of interest your exhaustive paper on the Brown Creeper and was not a little pleased to see how fully your corroborative data sustained my theory of the prevalence of the habit of its mode of nesting. You however a little misunderstood me in one thing

It was no "recent" occurrence to me of nests thus made. The one referred to in Grand Menan occurred twenty nine years ago some of the others must be more recent. It is true but of these two were ten or eleven years ago. The only very recent one was that found in Fairfax and I began my paper on the Creeper more to mention its extreme southern occurrence than the peculiarity of its nesting but as I was writing it I chanced to notice not only this peculiarity in the nesting of all my notes, and then to see that it is given by Dresser as the general rule of the European form. This came to me then as a flash of light and a sort of guilty feeling that I had not thought of it as a general rule before! Mr Allen's example was fourteen years after my experience and had entirely escaped my notice. I assure you I did not ignore it. I never happened to see or to hear of it, and yet I ought to have done so for this list has always been bound up on my shelf, and I have frequently referred to other parts of it.

I think with you that its breeding in the low lands of Bristol Co. must be regarded as exceptional, but then it may not be so. There is a good deal to be learned yet about our birds and as our Creeper breeds in the state of Vera Cruz Mexico it may have a sporadic occurrence anywhere between. After the Collurio ludovicianus breeding by the dozen pairs in and about Bangor, and in hardly less numbers among the mountains of central Vermont it ought safe to say what bird may not do!

Yours very truly

J M Bredder

Dr. T. M. Brewer.
Nov. 29, 1879.

233 Beacon St Nov. 29th 1879

My dear Brewster

Thanks for your favor of the 24th. It is as you state. I did not give with sufficient exactness the manner in which the Creeper's nest was built in 1849 at Grand Menan. Supposing then that Creepers always built in Lilacs in trees as books said, I regarded the nest as an accidental variation. I now know better.

I think 42° 10' may be fairly assumed as the southern line to which our certhiadae breeds in low land. I have known of nest actually taken in Taunton, Lynn, Springfield two and Springfield, and I used to meet with birds evidently breeding in Roxbury, though I never found their nests. Five nests actually found on this line from Lynn to Springfield is positive evidence and overbalances merely negative evidence and is not exactly on a par with such abnormal instances as you cite.

Do you know of any positive instances of the occurrence of the Purple grackle in New England? All our examples are aberrant, and I begin to fear that purpurens ought to come out.

I am very sorry to hear of your lameness. I am afraid you are not so careful of yourself as you ought to be! You must turn over a new leaf of conduct and when you get well again be sure not to do too much at a time, but stop right off the moment you feel in the least fatigued. I did not suppose you

bring or send your set of Swing to me but I only desired to know whether you had them. I will try to give you a call with mine weather permitting.

Give my kind regards to Mrs Brewster with my friendly suggestion that her husband is not to be trusted altogether in matters affecting his own health! That is somewhat my case but so far my vigilant guardians have kept me in corpore sano.

Yours
F. H. Brewer

Dr. J. M. Brewer

Jan. 5, 1880.

The last letter received from him. The writer did on Jan'y 23, 1880.

233 Beacon St. Jan 5th 1880

My dear Brewster

I have been a good deal under the weather for the first time in four weeks and my correspondence has been getting woefully ahead of me. But for this my conscience would reproach me for not have written you sooner to express my sincere sympathy for your recent mishap. I heard of it accidentally meeting Mrs Kettell in the cars. When I saw her it was so swollen it could not be set, but I have since been told that it has been set and I hope so that you will recover your full use of it?

In the small cabinet of skins belonging to Mr Atkinson Mr Hyatt was informed that the catalogue giving their exact localities could not be found but that the examples from Iowa and from Aiken – of which last there were very few – were all indicated by tags – but that those from Massachusetts were unmarked. The only ground for doubt as to these last might be that they had lost their tags as is the case with the Iowa examples in a very few instances. I did not give the poly glottus as positively, I simply stated the fact. I did not mention it for I had other instance entirely positive, and merely added it as possibly another instance of its occurrence. It was in a tray of birds that were

probably from Nantucket or Martha's Vine yard.

If its existence as of Massachusetts had depended upon this specimen I would not have mentioned it at all. It is so hard, where a false record is once positively created to get cancelled that one very careful how I make statement.

It now turns out that the Shrike mentioned by Boardman as breeding near Calais was probably borealis and he thinks so himself and if this is so we have really no authentic instance of the borealis breeding within the limits of the U.S. that are entirely free from doubt. Mr Elliot Coues will therefore yet have a chance to rise and explain the grounds for his position on this subject.

Yours very truly
Wm Brewer

Boston Feb. 18th 1896

My dear Sir

I was in hopes to have seen you before going to Washington - I go to day at eleven. Yesterday I had an ill turn and had to keep my bed part of the day with bilious colic.

I send with this the list of the woodpeckers. Can you get some one to go with you and assist you in handling the volumes? In this way you could take one vol. of birds with the vol. of plates.

You will, of course be very careful of Mr Herbe and not let it out of your sight except when in my house. I hope to be back by the 23rd at the farthest.

Yours Jno. Brewer

P. S. Please check those names which do not seem to you to be all right.

Brown U. M.
Feb. 1, 18

Brewer J. M.
March 15

Boston March 15

Mr. Wm Brewster

I have delayed longer than I intended attending to your matters, but I have been very busy & having to copy some notes from an MS I order of Keep a short time I had to take all my leisure for that. I am now ready to make the exchange with you at your convenience I shall be in town any day but next Saturday shall be there if the day is not pleasant. The value of the skins you can supply me with, with out marece American are to

$4.50, with those to 570 or 690 I would like to have four eggs of Ectopistes migratoria. These at 75¢ each would come to $3 more. The eggs I can let you have as marked that p. m. are as follows

30	100	Archil. lagopus
111	100	Aythyas. Carolinensis
~~Jun~~ 154	50	Tyrannus tyrannus
48	50	Bubo Vir.
159	100	Sialia Mexicana
221	50	Pyranga rubra
497	150	Tantalus loculator.
482	75	Dendrocygnus Fulvus
484	50	" bicolor
486	50	Herodias egretta
496	100	Nycticorax nycticorax
499	50	Ibis alba
	925	

If you should chance to have the whole of yours, including the more rare I can easily find you an equivalent.

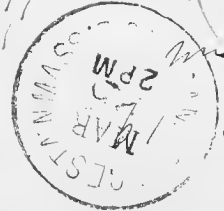
Yrs Th Brewer

P.S. Perhaps you can come Friday and let me know to morrow —

Yrs

Th Brewer

WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER



Mr Brewster Esq
Sparks Street
Cambridge

233 Beacon St, Monday

Many thanks, my dear Brewster for your friendly warning. It shall be attended to though the mss went out of my hands only yesterday. It strikes a strong point — no matter, the truth is what I want. Knowing that C.A. Allen distinguishes well between possibilities and difficulties it never occurred to me that there could be any mistake about it.

If tomorrow is a very pleasant day I will try to go out to see Allen first and then to call on you — unless something now unforeseen occurs to prevent. Yours

M. Brewer

Brewer G. A.
March 28

Boston March 23rd

My dear Sir

I have at last been able to get up to the rooms of the Nat. Hist. and have your eggs packed in a box ready for you.

They are No 30 1
48 1
497 1
482 2
484 1
486 2
496 1
499 2
685 1

I had the luck to crack No 497 but have taken one of my own from my drawer rather than delay you any longer. The box is on my cabinet ready for you, if you call when I am not in the girl will give it to you.

The by-laws of the society constitute three as the number of a committee for the depl. of birds. They are now the two Cabots Dr Sears and J. Elliot and myself. I have no doubt that Mr Elliot Cabot would withdraw if I were to say anything to him about it, but I don't exactly like doing it, as I know that some like to have him in our Council. Perhaps he will withdraw of his own accord. If so I know that I can readily have you one of our committee, but if he should not and the desire should be to have the same committee on birds another year, would you be willing to take the place of assistant to the committee, having charge of the birds, with us. We could have the permission of the Council to delegate to you this power and the only difference would be that you would not be one of the Council. But this would lead to your becoming one in another year. So that, if I can arrange it without asking any one to leave, I will propose you for one of the committee, but if not with authority to act as our delegate.

Yrs JM Brewer

133 Boylston St Apr. 8th

My dear Brewster

I send you the list of skins Dresser wants which I am not able, at present, to supply to him. Look them over and see what you can send and we will make him up another box and send to him in a few weeks

Yrs Jas M Bender

Brewer D. M.
April 8

Enc. 8 Apr [ ]

Aquila canadensis
Surnia ulula
Corvus caurinus
Herodias egretta
Botaurus lentiginosus
Megaceryle alcyon
Zonotrichia leucophrys
Sphyrapicus varius
Colaptes auratus
Nuttallornis borealis
Anas boschas
" acuta ♂
" clypeata
Aythya americana ♂
" americana ♀
Nettion carolinensis ♂
Bucephala albeola ♀
Pel. perspicillata
Sula bassana
Hal. leucocephalus
Pof. major
" fuliginosus
" anglorum
" obscurus
" cinereus
Larus glaucus
" leucopterus
" marinus
" argentatus

Ornithocephalus philadelphia
Rissa tridactyla
Larus ebarnei
Sterna caspia
" fuliginosa
" macroura
Anous stolidus
Podiceps auritus
Alca torda
Mormon glacialis
Sterna arctica

1
2
2
2
1
1
2
1
2
1
1
1
2
2
1
2
2
1

24 species

POSTAL CARD.

WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

BOSTON
JUN 23
1CAM
MASS.

POSTAGE

Wm Brewster Esq
Brattle St Hopkinton
Maine
Cambridge Mass

233 Beacon St June 22nd

My dear Sir.

I wrote to you some three weeks since letting you that Dr Merrill had left with me three skins of Stenella cerviniventris Gray. from Lanensis, one of them for you and two for the society. I sent them to Weld to be put in order and wished to send them with Cabot's type to Lawrence & Elliot to compare, and wished to do so with your consent — not getting it I sent them without! I have yours back again all safe. Elliot says the species is one. I do not believe it nevertheless! I also sent you to Cambridge, my paper on the Cheiroidoneas. I send you another now to Salem, so if you get two you can punish some one with the duplicate.

I hope you are having a successful hunt and that Mrs Brewster enjoys real life — or life in the wilderness. You are favored in this as I never was! My kind regards to her.

Yours very truly

T. M. Brewer

POSTAL CARD.

WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER.

BOSTON
8 OCT
11
4 PM
MASS.

Andrew Wm Brewster
Cambridge
Mass.

233 Beacon St Oct 10

Dear Brewster

I am on the track of another instance of a swan shot at Mahant, by a Mr Taylor, it fell into the possession of Mr Fudon was by him given to Mr Deming Davis and by him to the B. S. N. H. and is now in their collection. It is a young bird. My informant has promised to look up and ascertain, if possible, exactly when it was secured. The man who killed it is not living but his son is alive. My informant saw the swan at the time, told me of its being given to our Society and there it is, a young bird as he said. Yr Mr B.

133 Boylston St
Saturday Nov. 19

Mr Wm Brewster
Dear Sir

I have just returned from my brief absence, recalled by illness in my family. As you might be expecting to hear from me, I write now to say that it would be better to wait a few days, when I think we shall be all right again. I will not forget to let you know the first moment it will be convenient to ask you again.

Yours very truly
J M Brewer

Brewer J. M.
Nov - 19

Thanks for your kindness

Friday evening

Dear Sir

I intended to have shown you the inclosed, if you came, last evening & I forgot to write you about it this morning.

Do you care to buy foreign eggs? would you like to have me if those here referred to? I shall take one for myself & one for the Society. Do not hesitate to say no, if you do not wish for one.

Yrs M Brewer

P.S. Please send me back Baird's letter

Brewer D. A.