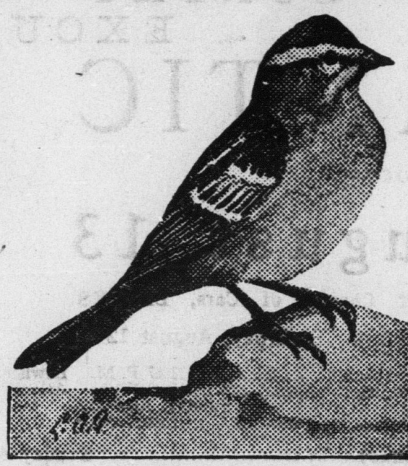


CHIPPING SPARROW  
Spizella passerina

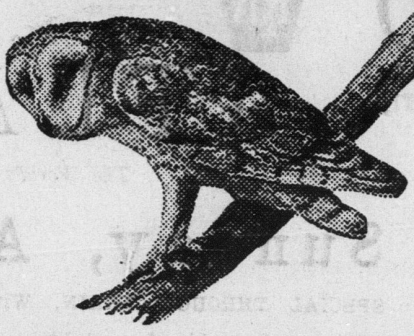


Length, about five and one-fourth inches. Distinguished by the chestnut crown, black line through eye, and black bill.

Range: Breeds throughout the United States, south to Nicaragua, and north to southern Canada; winters in the southern United States and southward.

Habits and economic status: The chipping sparrow is very friendly and domestic, and often builds its nest in gardens and orchards or in the shrubbery close to dwellings. Its gentle and confiding ways endear it to all bird lovers. It is one of the most insectivorous of all the sparrows. Its diet consists of about 42 per cent of insects and spiders and 53 per cent of vegetable matter. The animal food consists largely of caterpillars, of which it feeds a great many to its young. Besides these, it eats beetles, including many weevils, of which one stomach contained 30. It also eats ants, wasps, and bugs. Among the latter are plant lice and black olive scales. The vegetable food is practically all weed seed. A nest with four young of this species was watched at different hours on four days. In the seven hours of observation 119 feedings were noted, or an average of 17 feedings per hour, or four and one-fourth feedings per hour for a day of 14 hours at least 238 insects eaten by the brood.

BARN OWL  
(Aluco pratincola)



Length, about seventeen inches. Facial disk not circular as in our other owls; plumage above, pale yellow; beneath, varying from silky white to black tawny.

Range: Resident in Mexico, in the southern United States, and north to New York, Ohio, Nebraska, and California.

Habits and economic status: The barn owl, often called monkey-faced owl, is one of the most beneficial of the birds of prey, since it feeds almost exclusively on small mammals that injure farm produce, nursery, and orchard stock. It hunts principally in the open and consequently secures such mammals as pocket gophers, field mice, common rats, house mice, harvest mice, kangaroo rats, and cotton rats. It occasionally captures a few birds and insects. At least a half bushel of the remains of pocket gophers have been found in the nesting cavity of a pair of these birds. Remembering that a gopher has been known in a short time to girdle seven spruce trees worth \$100 it is hard to overestimate the value of the service of a pair of barn owls. One thousand two hundred and forty-seven pellets of the barn owl collected from the Smithsonian towers contained 3,100 skulls, of which 3,004, or 97 per cent, were mammals; 92, or 3 per cent, of birds; and 4 were of frogs. The bulk consisted of 1,987 field mice, 656 house mice, and 210 common rats. The birds eaten were mainly sparrows and blackbirds. This valuable owl should be rigidly protected throughout the entire range.

Those Mexican Names.

When you pronounce the name of the illusive, now dead, now living, ever-sure-to-be-captured Villa, pronounce this bandit's name "Vee-ah" (I have most excellent authority for it); and when in the next breath you must read the name of Andreas Garcia, yawn with a bored air and pronounce it Ahn-dray-ahs, Gahr-thee-ah—accenting all but the first and last syllables. By this time you ought to make an impression upon any listener interested in the Mexican situation and hopelessly helpless regarding the pronunciation of names in the Big Bend district. In a blase manner express the opinion that "Vee-ah" is very much alive, and pronounce the puzzling names as follows: Arriba, Ah-ree-bah (accenting second syllable); Carrizal, Cah-ree-sol (accenting second syllable); Cienega, See-ain-ay-gah (accenting the third syllable); Cuchillo Parado, Koo-chee-lyo (accent on second); Pah-rah-do (on the second of this also); Chihuahua, Shee-wah-wah (accent on second); Guerrero, Gay-ray-ro (root the "r" in this, butting emphasis on second syllable); Jabonillas, Hay-bon-see-yahs, (accent on third syllable); Jimenez, Hee-mee-nays (accent on second); Marfa, Mahr-fuh, (accent on first); Nogales, No-gah-lays, (accent on second syllable); Ojinaga, Oh-he-na-gah, (accent on third syllable); Opo del Aguas, O-ho-dell Ah-wahs, (accent on fourth syllable); San Elisario, Sahn, Ay-lee-sah-ree-o, (accent on fourth, i. e., sah); San Ignacio, Sahn Ig-nah-thee-o, (accent on third); Saltillo, Sahl-tee-o, (accent on second syllable); and Terlingua, Tay-reen-gwah, (accent on second). These are but the most conspicuous points—enough, however, to make you appear quite erudite if you enunciate them nonchalantly. General Gavira's name is a simple matter—Gah-vee-rah, the accent on the "vee"—and who could suspect, after "Vee-ah," that anything so easily mastered could come out of Mexico?

A French Boy's Pluck.

A patient in the American Ambulance hospital at Neuilly-sur-Seine tells the following story of one of his comrades: "We had been living in the trenches for days with the water above our ankles. At that time our trenches were only thirty-six yards away from the German trenches, so that we could hear the enemy talking and whistling, and, indeed, we often called across to them. "One day, young P., who was a hot-tempered chap about twenty-one years of age, threw down his shovel and said that he wouldn't work in such a nasty hole another moment, and that he had rather die at once from a German bullet than live another day in the trench. Anyhow, he was going out to chop some wood for a floor and let the Germans snort him if they wished. "Thereupon P. calmly crawled out of the trench, walked to a woodpile in full sight of the Germans, and began making planks from the wood. He worked a whole hour; for the Germans were so much astonished at his audacity, and so delighted with his pluck, that they made no attempt to stop him. "When he had finished the needed pile of boards, P. as calmly carried them into the trench; and the men made a good floor of them.—Ex.

Boat Story over Again.

"My good man," said the philosopher to the laborer who was amputating weeds from a piece of vacant real estate, "do you ever have occasion to complain of your lot?" "No, sir," answered the honest son of toil. "I don't own this lot."—Indianapolis Star.

A Politician.

"What are your views on the tariff?" "I'm for protection of everything that my constituents manufacture for sale," replied Senator Sorghum. "And I favor free trade for everything that they are compelled to buy for cash."—Washington Star.

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Pennsylvania in Month Mails 112,000 Bulletins.

Some idea of the immense amount of business handled by the division of public documents, the distributing end of the State Department of Public Printing and Binding, can be gained by a statement made by Superintendent Pomeroy, showing that since July 1 the division had issued approximately 112,000 bulletins from departments. This included the work of printing in envelopes, addressing, stamping and mailing, and was all done in addition to the shipment of tons of State reports. This work was for years in the hands of the departments, but is now centralized, and under the system planned by Mr. Pomeroy has resulted in considerable saving of money. Incidentally, the number of such bulletins is greater than last year, and illustrates the increase of the printing department's work.—"Reformatory Record."

The Eyesight.

The eyesight is all important, and one should preserve it as much as possible when one is young. It is said that a good portion of the people who wear glasses could have avoided doing so had they been careful in youth of their eyesight. A strong infusion of tea when cold makes a splendid eye tonic because the tannic acid is an excellent astringent. For daily use, however, a solution of boracic acid and distilled water will keep the eyes clear and brilliant. Have your eyes tested just as you would go to a physician for any other ailment. Please understand that all this is far more important than it seems and, above all, while you let your medicine eye cup remain in the medicine closet, get another eye cup at once, add it to your toilet articles and use it every day. If you do not need a lotion wash your eyes with clear, distilled water. It will work wonders.

Catching a Tiger.

Orientalists show the greatest ingenuity in the methods they adopt in the capture of wild beasts. Nothing affords the native of the Malay Peninsula so much sport as catching tigers. One was taken in a pit dug in a Chinaman's garden; and it is interesting to learn of the clever fashion in which they got the beast out of the pit. The pit was circular in shape, eleven feet deep and three feet in diameter at the top. It was slightly smaller at the bottom. It was in sandy clay, and as the sides were clean-cut, the tiger could not scramble out. The pit was situated on the margin of a jungle, and it had been contrived, not to capture tigers, but wild hogs. It was covered with a thin roof of sticks, grass, and leaves. As soon as the owner of the pit became aware of the nature of his prize he covered the mouth of the pit with strong planks. Then he looked about for a purchaser, who was soon found. The money was paid over while the beast lay at the bottom of the pit. The sun agreed upon was 25 pounds, but it cost 50 pounds to remove, cage, and convey the animal to Singapore. For six days the captive was allowed to lie in the pit; he was fed very sparingly, in order to reduce his strength and energy. Six Malays with thorough knowledge of the ways of wild beasts were engaged to cage him.

Harmony.

"What is your idea of harmony in politics?" "Same as most other people in my line of activity," answered the robust alderman. "Harmony consists in having your own way and persuading the other people to be resigned to fate."—Judge. "Tis a Wonder. Cynicus—"Oh, all women are alike." Sillicus—"Then why should any man commit bigamy?"—Life.

COMMISSIONERS' SALE OF UNSEATED LANDS.

By virtue of the several Acts of Assembly relative to the sale of Unseated Lands in the County of Centre, for the taxes due and unpaid, the Commissioners will offer the following tracts at public sale at the Court House at Belleville, Pa., Friday, August 25th, 1916, at 10 o'clock A. M. The sale will be adjourned from time to time until all the tracts have been sold. Terms of sale: The purchase price and costs must be paid when the land is stricken off, otherwise it will be put up and sold at an adjourned sale.

Table with columns: Acres Per, Warrantee Name, Supposed Owner Taxes & Costs, and various township names (BENNER, BOGGS, BURNSIDE, CURTIN, FERGUSON, GREGG, HAINES, HALFMOON, HARRIS, HOWARD, HUSTON, LIBERTY, MARION, MILES, PATTON, etc.).

Need of Two Eyes.

Because we have two eyes the things we see seem solid and not flat, with the result that we can judge their distance from us with fair correctness. Look through the window at a house across the street with one eye closed and then with the other eye closed. The bars of the window frames will cut across the opposite house in different places. The two fields seen with the eyes separately although in the main alike, differ. When you look at the house with both eyes open the two fields seen by the two eyes are combined and the house across the street assumes depth and relief. Although we see a house with each eye, we see only one house with both eyes. This makes the stereoscope possible—an instrument so designed that the two eyes are made to converge on a single point and yet to see two different pictures. If these two pictures represent a chair as it would appear to the right and left eyes, respectively, they are perceived as one solid object.—"Popular Science Monthly."

LIME!

Advertisement for LIME and HO-LIME, including contact information for American Lime & Stone Co. and details about the product's uses.

Advertisement for Niagara Falls Excursions, featuring personally-conducted tours and round-trip fares from Belleville.

Large advertisement for ZU ZU GINGER SNAPS, featuring an illustration of the product box and the text: "Say ZU ZU to the Grocerman and hand him a nickel. He'll come back with the snappiest ginger snaps you ever put in your mouth. Spicy, crisp and always fresh."

Advertisement for 16-DAY SEASHORE EXCURSIONS to Atlantic City, Cape May, Wildwood, Ocean City, Sea Isle City and Other Resorts.

Advertisement for PAINT, stating "Will Improve Anything" and listing services like Paper Hanging and Painting or Decorating.

Advertisement for THE CENTRE COUNTY BANK, featuring the text "Apply Business Methods In Your Home!" and "If You Haven't a Bank Account Start One Today."