

TWO STORY BIRDS' NESTS.

While the expanding leaves of trees and shrubs retain the tender tints of pink, and the bright lily pads commence to mosaic the surface of the ponds with green, it is perfectly in harmony with the budding bud and opening flower comes the summer yellow-bird, and from hedge and plain may be heard his song, as simple and pleasing as the twitter of his mate, and his little person almost immediately after the first appearance of the industrious little birds they commence their preparations for nesting.

There is often a third party interested in the construction of this nest, a homeless happy-go-lucky Bohemian bird, who has a transient interest in the housekeeping arrangements of most of the smaller feathered denizens of copse and woods. This is the well-known cow-blackbird, who distains to shake his head and nod with the care of a family, and shifts a mother's responsibility by farming her progeny out, while she seeks the inconspicuous but apparently congenial companionship of the catfish, with whom she appears to be on the most intimate terms.

The cow-blackbird deposits its eggs indiscriminately among the nests of smaller birds. The blackbird's eggs generally hatch out a day or two sooner than the adopted mother's own eggs, so when the legitimate members of the family do come it is to find their nest already occupied by the strong, lusty interlopers, who, on account of their superior size and strength, come in for the lion's share of food brought to the nest. Thus the innocent parents rear the alien, while their own young starve. It is really a pitiable sight to see a couple of little grebelets searching for daybreak till evening for food for all the capacious crop of one or two young cow-blackbirds, considerably larger than themselves.

The summer yellow-birds, though confiding little creatures, are not readily duped or imposed upon. Their instinct is sufficiently near reason for them to detect the difference between their own little fragile, prettily-marked, greenish colored eggs and the great dark-colored ones the vagabond cow-blackbird has surreptitiously smuggled into the cosy nest. The domestic little couple cling to the nest, and neither will they hatch the obnoxious eggs, which they are apparently unable to throw out; but the difficulty is soon surmounted, and so are the grateful parents for their negligible workers proceed at once to cover up the cow-blackbird's eggs, constructing a new nest on top of the old one, building a second story, as it were, to their house.

Last summer Mr. Lang Gibson found one of these two-story nests at Flushing, L. I. The lower nests had two cow-blackbird's eggs, and the upper one three eggs of the summer yellow-bird. Gibson watched the construction of the nest. Some time afterwards, to his surprise, he found the nest contained three eggs of the yellow-bird and no signs of the existence of those deposited by the blackbird, but the nest had the appearance of being much taller than at first, and an examination disclosed the true facts of the case.

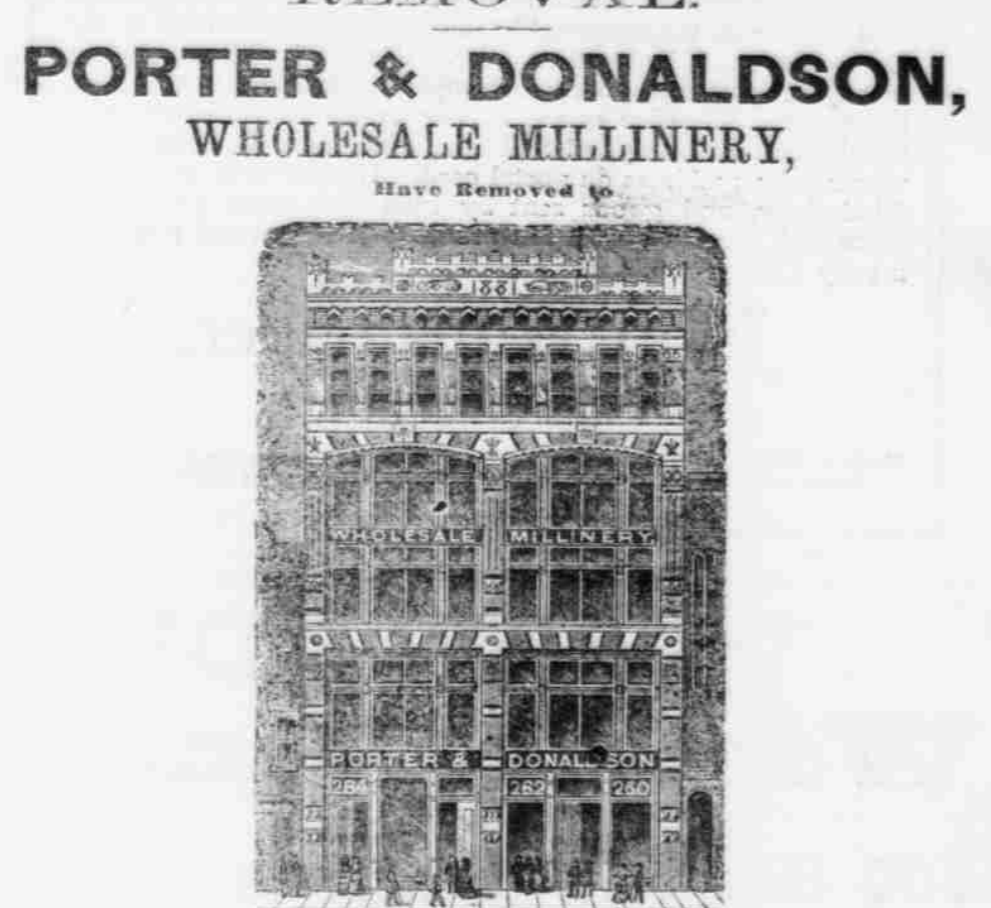
Mr. Nuttall was the first naturalist to record the observation of two-story bird nests. Mr. Baird mentions a three story nest, each of the lower nests containing the eggs of the cow-blackbird, the whole structure being seven inches high.

BOLLING BROTH IN THE ANDERSON.—In Byrum's "Wanderings in Chili and Peru," we find the following remarkable illustration of one of the well known laws of heat: "Feeling very cold we determined to boil some water, and to have it and having plenty of meat and onions, we cut them up, put them into a saucepan, with salt and Cayenne pepper, and set them on the fire, only relating this for the information of those who have not been to great heights, those who wish to go there, and also of those who, perchance, may believe that boiling is the same thing as boiling over. After our soup had bubbled away in the most orthodox style for about two hours, we naturally concluded that our 'boiling' was ready and the meat perfectly done, especially as the heat had been cut into rather small pieces; but, to our great surprise, we found the water almost colorless, and the meat almost as raw as when it was first put into the pot. One of the miners told us that it was no use trying to boil anything, as nothing could be cooked with water from the top of that mountain; for, although the water bubbled away like boiling water, the heat was not great enough to boil a potato.

At great altitudes the water begins to boil long before it arrives at the heat of 212 degrees of Fahrenheit, and as water cannot be heated to the boiling point, except by the compression of the steam, nothing can be cooked unless some safe means of confining the steam be adopted. I saw directly how matters lay, and, sticking to the right on the mountain, made it tight with heavy lumps of silver that were lying about, attaching them to the handle, and putting others on the top of it. In a very short time the steam got up, and though it made the lid jump a little, I managed to get a broth, to the great surprise of the miners, who could not conceive what I was about.

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