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New York March 18th 1873

Friend Brewster.

I received a case of skins from Cal. today. I have duplicates of the following.

- Oreortyx pictus* ♂s
Pipilo megalonyx ♂s
Icterus Bullockii " "
Colaptes mexicanus " or ♀s ✓
Psaltriparus minimus ✓
Chrysomitris psaltria
Zonotrichia Gambelii fin ♂
Carpodacus frontalis ♂s
Dendroica Audubonii ♂, or ♀
Helminthophaga celata ♂ only
Sayornis nigricans ♂
Atthis arua ♂
Melanerpes formicivorus ♂ & ♀
Strix pratensis ♂ mounted
Lophortyx californicus ♂s or ♀s

Cyanura Stellerii ♂ + ♀
Cyanocitta californica " "
" Floridaana
Querquedula cyanopterus ♂ very pretty
Graculus dilophus
Podiceps Clarkii
Ptychorhamphus alentius etc.

Please send me a list of all
duplicates you have for exchange
also a list of the above mentioned
~~to~~ species you want. I had a box
of eggs sent with the skins but they
were nearly all broken.

Very Truly Yours

J. H. Batty
245 B'way

N. Y. City!

P.S. I finished up nearly all my
stock Monday. The Lagopus albus
look very good.

Baldy Is. N.

March 18-'73

New York March 28th 1873

Friend Brewster.

Are the Vireo's nests on the limbs
or twigs, and Orioles do. What do
you want for your nests, in etc.
I only want those that will keep
together nice. I will send you
what duplicates I have and you
may pick out what you want
and return the rest. Please let
me know as soon as possible as I
wish to trade the nests at once.

I leave on an expedition May 1st,
and have but little time to square
up things. Very Truly Yours

J. H. Bally
245 Broadway

I will tell you what N. Y. city.

I want and give you my price list by
my next letter over

Can you furnish eggs with
the nests and if so at what
price J. H. Bathy

Bathy W. B.
March 28-79

New York April 15th 1873

Friend Brewster,

I have lost your letter, and will have to trouble you for another. I have searched every where and cannot find it hence the delay on my part. Please send me a list of what you want as soon as convenient as my time is upon the 29th inst. I received a lot of skins and eggs from Colorado yesterday and will get some more from Fla. next week but I have not time to exchange until next fall.

Very Truly Yours,

J. H. Battell
245 Broadway
N. Y.
City

Batty J. W.,

Apr. 19. '79

New York April 21st 1873

Friend Brewster.

I think the best way to settle on exchange, will be for you to send little Auklets, and balance in such birds as I checked on your catalogue. Please send Myiastor acadica and what warblers I mentioned. I will keep what birds you want and you may have your pick when I return. I shall then have a quantity ~~more~~ of other varieties. I am so flushed for time that I am anxious to settle up my affairs as soon as I can. If there are any birds you wanted to use at once ~~so~~ that I was to send you let me know and I will send them to you and you can make a return when

I come home next Fall, as I do
not want to get ^{you} in a muddle if
you have promised any of them
in exchange.

Yours in Great haste

J. H. Batty
245 Broadway
N. Y.
City

P.S. I saw a Turdus pallasii
yesterday

Batty J. H.
Apr. 21-1903

Bath May 11th 1873

Friend Brewster.

I received your skins - some time ago, but I was about to visit Washington at the time and was very busy I have neglected to acknowledge the receipt of them until now. Now, I know you do not want me to say Oh! they were a fine lot of skins, and while saying so in my letter make a ^{very} fair face to myself as much as to say they were not. Your Warblers are No 1 and all any collector could ask for, also most of the Thrushes, but there is one of them that has no bill at all. The Laughing Gull is a remarkably hard customer and ^{most of} the ~~Pittsburg~~ ^{Pittsburg} have got the Epizootic from hard knocks and too much plaster, in

fact they are quite likely to starve to death as some of them have but one mandible of the bill to assist them in feeding. Now I always talk plain English and have done so on this occasion and I have no hard feelings towards the Gutter Auk and shall only pity them if they come to grief for want of nourishment. The ~~Stellar~~ Sandpipers have both of them knocked their heads off and one of them being more of a genius than his Brother has attempted to sew his head on again. Now at the price you put your birds at and as I gave you your pick out of my stock and promised to do ^{so} in the future I think for a commencement you some of your skins are a little hard. I have lately received about 480 ^{birds} from Cal. and Oregon also some from Colorado, and about 180 more birds from Indian River and Locality. Now I am willing to give you your pick provided you return to me as good skins as you select. There are about 30 Collectors and cap-

Idermists that I exchange with but
 I always give Mass. collectors the first
 chance of an exchange, as I was formerly
 a Mass. man myself. Any specimen
 without its bill or with imperfect feet
 should not be exchanged unless before-
 hand specified. I send some poor
 skins away but they are to parties
 that send me skins below par, but
 when I am trading with a particular
 man I am particular myself. You do
 not think I have got out of the wrong
 end of the stick this morning for if I
 thought I had I would retire and come
 out of the right end for nothing will
 ruffle my plumage short of being
 "Bucked" by a mule in a rainy day.
 I write the above for our future mutu-
 al benefit, and I hope when I re-
 turn next Fall laden with trophies
 I hope your ~~at~~ representatives from
 Mass. will be respectably clothed and
 in good health, and as my flocks are
 coming from a healthy country I hope
 they will be in a similar condition, and

that we may trade in peace.
I leave for Omaha Monday
night at 7 o'clock.

Very Truly Yours
L. C. Battell
Bath Co. D.
N. Y.

William Brewster Esq.
Cambridge.
Mass.

Battell J. D.
May 11, 73

Bath. L. I. Dec. 24th 1873.

Friend Brewster.

I received your letter with about 25 others, when I returned from a collecting trip, from the Five Islands, and being very busy at the time laid it away and have never thought of it since. Please excuse delay in answering it. In regard to our exchange consider it settled, as far as I am concerned, Do not hold the specimens you received from me any longer, I had a good time collecting the past summer. I collected some rare birds & eggs. Unfortunately my eggs were all destroyed by mice or rats in our store room at Denver Col. I collected a nest, 1 ^{egg} & 6 young of the Ruby-crowned Wren. I made the acquaintance of a good many hunters, while in the mountains, and have received some good stock from them, such as Mule Deer (*C. macrotus*) Mountain Sheep, Antelope, Sage Hen, &c. I shall have a quantity of White-tailed Ptarmigan, Dusky Grouse, Maximilian's Jays &c in the flesh and in skins this winter. There is not much collecting going on here at present. I have shot and trapped about 30 adult Sharp-shin Hawks, also some Red-tails, Broadwing

Coopers, and Marsh hawks. I have
also taken a good many Sells, I killed
a *Tachypetes aquila* in front of my
house a few weeks ago. During my hunt
in Colorado, I knocked over a few deer
and Antelopes, I have been making
up, a good many skins of the rarer
birds that appear in our markets.

Chas. Brewster Very Truly Yours
Cambridge
Mass. J. H. Patty
Bath King Co.
N. Y.

Patty P. Co.
Dec. 24. 73-