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Jan. 4, 1900.

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Miles City, Mont.,  
Jan. 4, 1899.  
Prof. Wm. Brewster, [1900]  
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I write to en-  
quire if I can do any-  
thing for you in the way  
of collecting birdskins  
or eggs?

If you should want any-  
one in this vicinity to do  
such work I am open for  
the opportunity and should  
be glad to spend all or part  
of my time at it.

I recently came here

from New Haven, Conn. and  
would refer you to Mr.

H. W. Flint as to my ability  
to put up birdskins in good  
shape and as a collector.

This is a good field for  
an Ornithologist and I am  
confident I can procure  
specimens of anything you  
may want that can be  
found here.

Trusting I shall hear  
from you soon and that I  
can be of service to you in  
some way, I am,

Respectfully,

Chas. F. Hedges

Miles City, Mont.

Feb. 9, 1900.

Prof. Wm. Brewster,  
Cambridge, Mass

Dear Sir:-

I have been out of town for a few weeks or I would have answered your favor of the 8th. ult. before.

I have been in Montana only since June last and started to collect in December, so I can hardly tell you definitely, what species I can obtain. I hope to collect specimens of everything that occurs here, sooner or later.

I shall do some collecting for the University of Montana and make a list of the birds of this section for them. They will take a dozen of each species, <sup>that I send them,</sup> but under our present arrangement, it is understood that I can collect for others also.

As to my prices: I have never sold any birds or eggs, but I should say that list prices would be about right.

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where limited numbers and specimens of the rarer species are wanted.

It will perhaps be best if you would give me an idea of what you want that is likely to be found here and I will endeavor to obtain it. If you wish, I will also send you lists from time to time, showing what species I have collected.

There is certainly a good field here, covering bad lands, prairies, dry plains, river valleys, pine forests and mountains and I expect to move around considerable next summer.

I send you by mail to day, specimens showing my best, average and poorest work.

Yours truly,  
Chas. F. Hedges

Box #73.

Miles City, Mont.,  
Feb. 25, 1900.

Prof. Wm. Brewster,  
Cambridge, Mass

Dear Sir:

I mailed you specimens of my work two weeks ago and having heard nothing from you in the meantime, thought you may not have received them. Kindly advise if they have not reached you.

On thinking over what I wrote you in my last letter, about the University of Montana, I find that I might have been more explicit

They want a series of specimens from Eastern Montana and want to take a dozen of each species from me. (I understand I am the only collector in this part of the state).

At present they are very short of funds

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and it would take but few specimens to exhaust the amount they can spare from this year's appropriation.

Prof. Elrod, with whom I have been corresponding wishes me to spend all my time collecting, partly because he wants a list of the birds of this section, but realizes that the few skins he can take would not pay me to do so.

Therefore he does not ask or want me to ~~collect~~ confine my self to collecting for the University alone, but wants me to collect for others also.

Yours truly,

Chas F. Hedges

(can make no arrangements  
this year)

Miles City, Mont.,  
Sept. 17, 1900

Prof. Wm. Brewster,  
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

You will remember I had some correspondence with you last spring in reference to my collecting birds for you. You were sick at the time and unable to do anything about it. I trust you have fully recovered.

I wish to make arrangements for next year or at least get some idea of what the prospects are.

Can you, at this time, let me know definitely if I can collect for you? I shall be pleased to do so and am sure we can come to some satisfactory understanding.

Very truly yours,

Chas. F. Hedges

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Dear Walter  
Please answer  
this & say that  
I do not care  
to buy unless  
mountain birds  
or hudson  
Thy's W. B.  
[Replied  
Feb. 21/90  
W.B.]

40 Edwards St.,  
New Haven, Conn.,  
Feb. 16, 1901.

Mr. Wm. Brewster,  
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

You will remember I wrote  
to you several times last year, from  
Miles City, Mont., enquiring if I could  
not collect birds for you.

I expect to return in the spring, but  
whether I shall collect or not depends  
somewhat upon the time I shall have to  
devote to it and also upon the number  
of Montana birds wanted by collectors.

From lack of time I did no collecting  
in the spring and summer last year.  
I put up four hundred skins in the  
winter and fall, most of which went  
to the University of Mont., and about  
fifty to Dr. L. B. Bishop of this city.  
Among the latter were specimens  
of Acanthis L. exilipes, A. linaria holboellii

and A. l. rostrata. The Holboells  
redpolls were identified by Prof  
Ridgway.

If you are interested in having  
any birds from Mont. for your  
collection, please advise me. If you  
wish I will send you list of the  
birds noted.

Respectfully,  
C. F. Hedges

P.S.

I have a small collection of Indian  
trinkets from the Cheyennes of Montana, such  
as pipes, tobacco bags, war clubs, moccasins  
leggings, blanket belts, hair head dress etc  
and which are for sale at a reasonable  
price.

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Miles City, Mont.,  
March 8, 1900

Mr. W. Deane,

Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

Your postal of the  
2nd. inst. is received.

I am in no haste to have  
the skins returned, - keep them  
as long as necessary.

I trust Prof. Brewster's  
illness is not serious and that  
he has recovered ere this.

Very truly yours,

Chas. F. Hedges

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Miles City, Mont.,  
March 23 1900

Mr. Walter Deane,  
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your favor  
of the 19th inst.

I am very sorry to hear that Prof.  
Brewster's health is so poor.

I shall do some collecting this year  
anyway, and at the end of the season will  
send a list of what I have to offer. Possibly  
there will be something he wants.

I have made no definite arrangements  
to collect for anyone, except the University  
of Mont. and they are so short of funds,  
I don't feel able to put in all my time  
collecting, even though I am doing nothing  
at present, in any other line of business.

Trusting I shall be able to do some  
collecting for you next year, I am,  
Yours very truly, Chas. F. Hedger

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Mar. 23, 1900.