

was round and the inside square. The fourth side is made of a flat piece of wood forming the back of the box; this piece is longer than the other sides and projects above and below the box, thus providing means of attaching the box to the tree (see Fig. 2). The top and bottom of the box may be made of slab wood. Several holes should be bored in the bottom, which is nailed on, to keep the nest dry. The top is hinged to the back board and when in use is fastened down by means of a screw, which permits the lid to be opened for the purpose of cleaning out the old nests. By so utilizing waste lumber, these boxes were made very cheaply at the sawmill. A boy could readily make similar boxes. Plate XXI shows such a box in use. In the first year (1908) 60 boxes were distributed and 31 per cent. were occupied. The number of boxes was increased yearly until in 1911 there were 347 boxes, of which 66 per cent. were occupied.* I am informed that in 1913, 75 per cent. of the boxes were occupied. In addition to the provision of nesting boxes, feeding houses of the Hessian type (Plate XXII) were erected for the purpose of feeding the birds in the winter.

In addition to the provision of nesting places for those birds nesting in cavities and hollow places, the protection of birds involves the carrying out of other measures also. For birds nesting on or near the ground piles of logs or brushwood may be left in sheltered places and thickets of closely growing shrubs and vines permitted to remain here and there. Piled logs will also provide shelter for many birds during inclement weather. While most of our birds leave us during the winter,



FIG. 1

Nesting Box Made of Slab-wood,
Ready for Hanging.

*For further particulars and illustrations see Bul. 10, Second Series of the Experimental Farms, Dept., Agric., Canada, entitled "The Large Larch Saw Fly."

The Berlepsch Nesting Boxes in various sizes may be obtained from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, 23 Queen Anne's Gate, London, S.W., England, who will gladly furnish a price list; or from the manufacturer: Hermann Scheid, Büren, Westphalia, Germany.