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HOW TO SKIN BIRDS.

The ability to skin birds dexterously and well is gained only after considerable careful and patient practice, but can be acquired by almost any one. For the benefit of the young readers of the SCIENTIST who may wish to prepare specimens of this kind, we give a few instructions which will be followed by others.

The first step of course is to procure the bird. If this is shot the mouth as well as any wounds should be stuffed into tow or cotton to prevent the blood from staining the plumage. Before commencing the operation of skinning, have at hand a supply of plaster, and, for preserving the skin, a quantity of arsenic in powder, which is, perhaps, as good as any of the special preparations for the purpose. The following directions for which we are indebted to Maynard's Naturalists' Guide, will apply to all birds, with but few exceptions.

Place the bird upon its back; with the fore-finger and thumb part the feathers on the abdomen, and a bare longitudinal space will be discovered, extending from the breast to the vent. With the scalpel divide the skin in the centre of the breast bone, or sternum and ending at the vent. Now peel the skin off to the right and left and sprinkle plaster upon the exposed abdomen. Force the leg on the right side up inside the skin, at the same time drawing the skin down till the joint appears; cut through this joint and draw the leg out as far as the tarsus or first joint; with the point of the knife sever the tendons on the lower part of the leg, then by a single scraping motion upwards they may all be removed, com-