

case in which a bird in the hand is literally worth two in the bush and for purposes of identification it is true in all cases. Traill's flycatcher is olive brown, while the other is olive gray. It is also a half inch longer than the Least flycatcher. Their calls afford one of the best means of identification. That of Traill's is ke—win'k ; of the least flycatcher it is che—bec.

One of the principal causes of loss to the cultivators of the soil is the destruction occasioned by insects. The increase in the number of these would be very great and their ravages would be in proportion if it were not for the check imposed by birds on their increase. The flycatchers and the wood warblers are the most active in the capture of insects, but there are few of the smaller birds which do not contribute to this end. Their protection should be a matter of primary importance in a community consisting largely of farmers. This is so well recognized in some countries that laws are enacted and societies organized with the special object of preserving the birds.

Roogan's Reverse.

AN early philosopher reduced to a sentence the axiom that the proper study of mankind is man. Later philosophers—for the most part men of tender years—change the sex and study woman. More interesting than either is the study of boy.

I know that I am not the first to say so.

Young Roogan is a particular friend of mine. I have known him many years. He is not a beautiful boy with blue eyes and a gentle smile. He is sometimes called "tough," is proud of the title, and is usually more or less dirty. On Sundays, when washed painfully clean, and "dressed up," he is decidedly uncomfortable. He feels a load of responsibility in his breast pocket where his proud mother deposits a handkerchief. The snowy whiteness of this "rag" as he calls it, fairly frightens him. He never uses it. On Monday mornings he recovers, and is carelessly and cheekily happy.

He owns a dog named Blots—short for Job Lots,—whose