

the results of a careful examination of the herbaria of some twenty botanists of Maine, to whose collections the author had access. This new catalogue is intended to be an introduction to a much more annotated list of plants, which, it is hoped, may be published within a few years. The plants of Maine, and those of the Maritime Provinces and adjoining portions of the Province of Quebec, are very similar, and a careful comparison between the records obtained in these sections of North Eastern America, will soon reveal the vast amount of work—good work—that has been and is being done; also of the geographical distribution of certain forms in various conditions, such as these Atlantic provinces afford.

The Portland Society of Natural History deserves commendation for the neat and careful way in which the Catalogue has been published.

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A fine specimen of the White-headed Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) was shot by Mr. Edward White about the middle of November in a marsh near Rockland, about twenty miles east of the city. It was a young male, and measured 6 feet 9 inches across the extended wings. This bird is becoming exceedingly rare in the settled parts of Canada.

A curious instance of aberration from the usual nesting habit in the Chimney Swift (*Chætura pelagica*) came under the writer's observation in October last at Aylmer, Elgin Co., Ont. Instead of the seclusion of a hollow tree or disused chimney, the birds had chosen in this case to establish their home in a small outbuilding near the railway station. Despite the fact that persons were frequently passing through the building, the little cup of twigs had been glued against the wall about five feet from the floor. The marks of attachment and a few broken twigs still adhered to the wall when found, but the greater part of the nest had been torn down and laid upon a shelf close by.—A. G. K.

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