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**APRIL.**—The Toronto *Globe* asks, "Shall we kill the sparrows?" and then proceeds to say a good deal in favour of the twittering bird. The general opinion appears to be that the sparrow is a serious depredator on the crops, but on this point there exists considerable doubt. Laws have been passed in some of the United States against the sparrows, but on the other hand there are those who maintain that, although the little bird takes a little grain, it amply pays for it in destroying insects injurious to the farm. The farmers of one district in Pennsylvania protest against the destruction of the sparrow which has been wrought in that State, and affirm that since its numbers have been reduced by the outbreak of popular prejudice against it, the caterpillars have renewed their ravages in the orchard and in the grain field. It would seem, therefore, that the sparrow-life may be defended.

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