

sparrows are breeding in the meadows, while the forest belts and ornamental trees and shrubs afford very suitable nesting places for a considerable number of other species. Miss Harmer sends the following notes :—

“ A chipping sparrow has built its nest in an old Christmas tree that stands in a corner near the door of a house where a family of young children run in and out, even flying unto her nest, with three eggs, when they are near.

“ I found a song sparrow's nest at the end of a tunnel six or seven inches long, made by burrowing under some long dead grass which formed a roof that looked almost rain-proof over the nest with young.”

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CARP CULTURE.

In driving through the township of Louth, near St. Catharines, Ont., a short time ago I was much interested in observing a well stocked fish pond on the fruit farm of Mr. J. H. Broderick. The pond though artificial, is situated in a natural depression near the bed of a small brook. The construction was in a measure accidental and came about in this wise some years ago, Mr. Broderick allowed a company of gas prospectors to make borings at this place. As a result of the borings water flowed more freely than gas, although the latter was obtained in sufficient volume to supply fuel to Mr. Broderick's house. The flow of water being constant an area of about 1-10 of acre was excavated and dammed. The subterranean supply of water of a temperature some degrees above freezing prevents the formation of thick ice in winter and obviates danger to fish life from severe frost. Four years ago Mr. Broderick stocked his pond with 60 individuals of the carp tribe (*Cyprinus*). He