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May 7

June 4.

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25 North Lane

Headingley

9/5/87.

Leeds.

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See previous Note Book
May. 7. - Sir Jos. P.
Raccliffe after showing
me his photo apparatus
re-pointed us to
his family picture
the most notable
being that of his
great-great grand-
father - who was
very energetic in
quelling the Suddite
insurrection & on
being informed that
Mr. Linnam Banks
had just completed

her novel bearing
on the subject in
the Mercury Supplement
he said that he could
have given her full
information - as
he had all the
original papers in
his possession.

He then showed us
a wonderful tree
a horse Chestnut
of an enormous
size, the chief
peculiarity being

that after the
branches had
grown a certain
height they bent
down again & touched
the ground - & in
many cases took
root - and in one
instance a branch
travelled about 40
feet from the trunk
(the branch was
about 15 inches in
circumference)
touched the ground

had rooted itself
and after its
connection with
the ground became
a tree at least
#6 feet in circumference
Sir Percival also showed
us a Cedar of Lebanon
of an enormous
size which he said
he had walked over
when he was a boy.
He kept Fantail
Pigeons which were
so tame that they

walked about our
feet. - A Pied Flycatcher
was flying about
inside one of the
greenhouses, while
in the Park we saw
2 Squirrels' nests
and I found the
Skeleton of a frog
in an old Black
bird's nest. After
bidding good Bye
to Sir Percy. who
had to attend
worship at 6 O'clock

Saw ♂ Bullfinch
we left the Park
and Fortune took
6 eggs out of a
Moorhen's nest,
we saw several
Sandpipers, Water
Voles, &c. And I
saw a Water
Shrew. We then
went back to
Harrogate by the
Crimple Viaduct
And Fortune took
me to his house
where we had tea

Although Fitzgerald
was with another
detachment of the
Club I did not see
him the whole time
Fortune gave me
a ♀ Ring Ousel
which Storey had
sent to him. I
left Harrogate by
the 10 O'clock train
May 8th Did not go
to Church in the
morning but a
walk with Scott

to Adel Dam. he
waded to a coot's
nest & got 6 eggs.
I to a Water Hen's
& found it empty
but I afterwards
found 2 young
larks in their
nest. Saw 2 Landrails
9th Skinned Ring
Ousel & Pipistrelles
and at Night I
went with Archie
Rausden to
Meauwood to

try to find a Water
hen's nest. We
found only one
nearly complete
a Chiappincher's nest
also nearly complete
and several incomplete
Wrens' nests and

one containing one
egg which we left
10th May-87. I got up
before 5. & went out
to try what I could
find I went along
Spur Lane & came

back through the
Park by Hutchinson's
I found an Accentor's
nest with one egg
which I left and
I saw a pair of
tree pipits flying
about a particular
place but although
I examined carefully
I could find no
indication of a
nest, probably too
early yet. Coming
into the Park I had

a look at some
old ~~stumps~~^{trees} and
2 pairs of Starlings
flew out, I climbed
but could not
find anything
except a rotten
branch with a
crevice down one
side. I poked all
about the hole
but could not
see anything
of a nest not
however being

satisfied I got
down & waited
behind another
tree, In a short
while a pair —
came back and
after looking
about for some
time as Starling
always do when
suspicious of any-
thing being wrong
the hen flew in
at the end of
the branch and

in the side
not into the hole
(the branch had
been broken off
being quite rotten)
I then climbed
again during
which process
the bird flew
out. looking
down the end
of the branch I
could see the
nest about 2
feet from the
opening, I went

back to the crevice
& found that it
was continued
upwards & was
in fact merely
a continuation
of the hole in
the end being
stopped only
by the Starling
nest in the middle
Not being able
to reach the nest
from above I got
at it from below

even then taking
my arm up to
the Shoulder, I
got all the eggs
6 in number
safely through
the bottom of
the nest, one egg
was very peculiar
having 2 constrictor
towards the large
end. - being nearly
half past seven
I had not time
to look for the

nest in the tree
should there be
one - all blown
easily (the eggs).
at Noon I called
at Mr Wigram's house
to ask what day
and time he wd
be at liberty to
found that he wd
be in to night, at
8 O'clock. (Tuesday)
Accordingly I saw
him at that time
but he gave me

no hope saying that
it would be nearly
impossible to get
a nomination for
for me on the
strength of W. Faber's
recommendation he
would write to his
brother.

11th Called at Dodgsons
& ordered on the
recommendation of
W. E. Clarke "British
Birds in their Haunts"
by Rev C A Johns.
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published by S.P.C.K
I enquired at
their branch in
Park Row & found
the price was 7/6
At night I went with
J.A.R. to the Park
& climbed to a Magg
nest which had
2 eggs in on
but found it empty.
He, Willie & myself
then adjourned to
his house it being
his 19th birthday

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PCX
in
under
7/6
with
care
day
up
to
my

+ had supper - Le.
12th May Got up at
4.20 am. Rattled
up. J.A.R. + we went
together to the Park
looking on our way
at the Accentors nest
noted on the 10th
+ found the nest
pulled to pieces but
still able to hold
the egg which had
not been removed.
I straightened the
nest up a little +

carefully replaced
the egg. Walking
toward the grange
I found a tree
out of which flew
a pair of Starling
but too near the
House to attempt
to climb. Coming
across the Park we
entered Bink's Wood.
(Bathuffes Wood) and
I went to a May
nest, which I
had inspected some

time ago - the bird
flew off and I
ascended but
found the nest
empty. Going
further into the
wood. I saw 2
Redstarts one with
some grass in its
beak. We then got
secreted behind a
hedge & in a short
while the bird
entered a hole
in a wall I

watched it fly
in + out several
times + ~~took~~ I
carefully noted the
situation of the hole
We then went on
to Woods Farm +
Saw a Starling
fly out of one
of the outbuildings
I got up to the
hole but the
nest was too far
in to get at with-
out removing. Some

of the stones. We
then went in to
breakfast at 7.15
13th Called at noon at
Hebden. Bought
bookcase for 5/- he
would send it to
Headdingley. At night
I went to the Grange
& found Hutchinson
& 2 ors took shooting
with my little gun
they shot 4. & It
gave me a jackdaw
which his father had

shot on the 11th. We
caught a young
rook which I
brought home &
put in the aviary
14th. Called in the
morning at Wilks
& took gun barrel
to have extractor
fitted. Ordered 25
Cartridges to be
ready at. 1.0.Pm.
at which time I
called - he wanted
to charge me 4/-

for extractor but
took 6⁰ off. paid $\$ \frac{5}{3}$
for. Gun repairing
& cartridges, after
dinner I went to
the frange tried
for some Starlings
eggs. I could only
get at 1 nest
which contained
2 eggs & 3 young
birds. We then
went thro' the
woods & shot 2
Willow Warblers &

1 whitethroat. We
then went to the
rookery. * Shot 4
young looks. 1
falling to me.
which I took home.
I had a few shots
at some shallows
* brought one down
hit in the head
* badly damaged
after leaving I
went to the place
where I had seen
the reedstarts on

Found Magpies nest
4 eggs took 2
the 12th. Removing
a few stones &
saw the nest
containing 1 egg
which I left and
carefully replaced
the stones. The
accident's egg. Noted
on ~~page~~^{the} 10th had
disappeared thanks
to the boy. Several
other nests which
I knew contained
eggs had been
-robbed. At night

about 10.0 when
I was skimming
the Jackdaw.
Hutchinson and
Fulton ^{for} called &
brought me a
live hedgehog
which I put into
the aviary on the
15th on which
date I first heard
one of the caught
Blackbirds singing.
One of the Rooks
which we shot

had a white claw
on each foot and
the one I shot
had a white one
on one foot.

15th JAR Fasquith
W.H.W. & myself
had a walk thro
Lawnswood. Found
the remains of
birds recently
killed. Near the
tree containing
the Hawk's nest.
At night I was.

at Allison's she
showed me a
Thrush's nest
in the garden
containing 5
eggs: I believe
they are deserted
as they were
quite cold and
the old bird was
not on the nest
I left the eggs
in the nest.

16th Skinned the
Swallow. with

morning - Adamson
sent part II of
proceedings of the
Geological Club
to the Office, this
(Monday) morning
I found the work
dead in the aviary
Ed Mellish said
he had seen the
hedgehog fighting
it last night
Last Sat. the Nat
Club had an
excursion to

Boston Spa I
did not go. I
consequently a
meeting of the
Club to night
for Exhibits, I
did not attend
but sent Cook's
feet with white
Claws. At night
I went to Scott's
& let him read
draft letter to
Fortune respecting
Raines' letter to

Fortune,

17th sent the letter.
and at noon I
went with W H W
& Kendall to the
baths. for the 1st
time this season
I dived from high
board -

18th Wallace sent
a live young rook.
and at night I
went with J. A R to
Redstart's nest & found
the bird on the nest

Which contained
5 eggs I took one.
Fortune sent me
a grey Wagtail
which I skinned
on the 18th. Besides
taking the egg out
of the Reastart's
nest. One egg
rolled ~~to~~ out of
the nest, but as
it was quite
dark. I did not
attempt to find
it, as I thought

that I might break
it if I touched it
Father brought home
2 young rabbits
which he put into
a separate cage in
the aviary

19th I went with
Archie Ramsden
& Meawood &
found the Chaffinch's
nest noted on the
9th containing
a broken egg.
The Wren's nest
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which then had
one egg in two
contained six. I
took 5 leaving
one. The water hen
nest then noted
was still empty
but in coming
back I found
another one
about 5 yards
from the bank
so taking off
boots & stocking
I doubling up

my trousers I
commenced, my
first step before
I reached the
water was quite
1 foot into the
mud. I proceeded
further going
deeper every step
& when about $\frac{1}{2}$
yards from the
side the water
was above my
knees & my feet
I don't know how

deep in the mud
added to this that
it was nearly
dark I was in
no enviable
position - my
trousers now
slipped down
so I resolved
to go to the nest
& by the time I
got there I
was up to the
hips in slime
the nest contained

4 eggs: I naturally
took the lot.

I was even
worse in returning
& by the time I
got out I was
one mass of
wet & dirt. I
found that having
placed my boots
too near the
water they had
nearly sunk
out of sight
& were quite
[40] full

of water. I und
I wrung out my
socks & pour the
stuff out of
my boots & put
them on, during
the whole of the
performance ~~it~~
the rain was
pouring down
& without doubt
this was the
worst pickle
I had ever been
in in my life

on arriving home
I had a bath
put my trousers
into a tub and
went to bed,
20th getting up
at 5.30 I went
to the park to
see how the
Redstarts were
getting on, the
hen flying out
I removed the
stones & found
4 eggs in the
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nest ~~the~~ so
that only 1. had
been laid since
the 18th I got
the 1. egg which
had rolled out
of the nest &
left the 4 egg
in replacing
the stones went
to the farm &
noticed the Starling
coming out of
the hole (noted
on the 12th).

I could hear
the young ones
chirping, I
saw one of the
Farm men & he
said that the
lads would kill
the young starlings
^{when old} as ^{they} sucked
the pigeons' eggs.
I told him that
the rats did
that & not the
starlings but
he said the lads

would not believe.
That so I went
up to the roof
& after a great
deal of trouble
managed to get
at the young
ones they were
just getting
feathered so I
asked the man
to tell the "Lad"
that I would
take the young
birds for them

in a weeks time
I find that one
of the Moorhens
eggs which I took
last night is
bruised. Noticing
that the young
rook in the aviary
was lame I took
it out & found
that one of its
feet was broken
I splintered it
up & put it
back again

Wallace told
Father that
he could let
him have a
nest of 4 May
A gamekeeper
had shot the
old birds &
then taken the
young ones.
which latter
he sent to the
bank - he wished
as to bring
them up and

Gave him one
for ~~his~~ trouble
~~in~~ getting them
At night I went
with Booth to Adel.
He found a nest
of Lapwings with
4 eggs in it which
he took + another
with 1. which he
gave to me. I

however left it
(+ noted the position)
so that I might
obtain the 4

when they were
laid, in looking
for another nest.

Booth Chanced
to come across
a young snipe
nicely feathered
which he took.

2nd up at 5.30.

blow the eggs.

vis 2 Moorhens

(I had blown

the other two

previously.) 5

Wrens. 5 Thrushes

3 Robins and 1
Redstart (16).

Found the young
rook dead. At

1.30. I set out
for Adal Moor
in the rain &
called on Scott
but he being
out I had to go
alone. I first went
to the reformatory
but Swigg was
out. I then went
over Adal Moor

but found nothing
passing thro'
the farm yard
I saw some
common hunting
(*E. miliaria*). and
a large number
of greenfinches
feeding on the
grain in the
barn. I noticed
that some starlings
occupied the
dove cotes with
the pigeons &c.

on asking one
of the farm men
he said that they
lived very peacefully
together. I then
proceeded to the
Dam & saw in
addition to the
usual Coots &
moorhens a ♀
Wild duck with
5 young ones
swimming after
her, I saw a
pair of linnets

and the Cowbirds
kept up their
"Song" almost
incessantly. I
watched several
Lapwings but
came off with
my usual luck
passing on to
the place where
I knew the
Lapwing egg
was I found
that no more
had been laid

I then saw a
pair of *T. cristatus*
rise & going to
the place I
noticed when
about 30 yards
off something
moving rapidly
in the grass.
I thought these
must be young
birds especially
as the old ones
were very vocifer-
ous above

When I got
to the place
I could see
nothing. so
planting my
stick in the
ground as near
as I could tell
where the old
birds had been
I began to
search. The
old birds drop
on the ground
about 20 yards

from me but &
they did not
feign lameness
for when I
advanced towards
them they ran
away from me
* if I saw they
took to flight
I tried this
experiment 2
or three times
* then went
back to my
stick about

2 minutes I
saw 1 of the
young ones
about 2 inches
long. Squatted
close to the
ground. after
about 5 minutes
search I found
another and
almost im-
-mediately a
third. I then
looked about
for about $\frac{1}{4}$

May.

hour & was just
about to give-up
when I came
across the 4th
(a complete nest)

22 Sunday. I went
to the Grange. but
not finding it

in I had a walk
round alone. I

found a Greenfinch's
nest in a holly
bush. on a branch

not in a fork
containing 4 eggs

quite fresh. I
took both the eggs
& nest. going further
I found a Hedge
Accentors' nest with
4 eggs in it rather
incubated. I took
them but owing
to it being built
in a thick Thorn
hedge I could
not get the nest.
I also found a
blackbird and a
thrush's nest each

Thrush

containing 4
eggs. & ~~Thrush~~

sitting. turning
back with the
intention of

going home. I
met Fullerton

who was going to
the "Big House" so

I went with

him Hutcherson

whom we found

there gave me a

♂ Thrush which
he had shot for

me, we found
a nest of 3 young
blackbirds built
in the ground
when we got-

Near the young
birds which could
nearly fly. —

fluttered out of
the nest. 1 ♂ and
2 ♀ I took them
home. I looked
very innocent
walking down
the lane on a

1887.

Sunday afternoon
Nevertheless I
had in my hat
a greenpuccio's nest
in my breast
pocket a box
containing 8 eggs
in my tail pocket
a dead Thrush
& under my coat
tails in a paper
bag 3 young
blackbirds -

23rd May. The

young magpies

which Wallace
had died this
morning. Skinned
Thrush & 1 Lapwing
at night I went
to the farm with
W.H.W. to try
for the young
Starlings. and
if possible to
catch the old bird
on the nest. After
trying about for
some time I gave
it up, when the

Account at Sodepoms.

May

Dr.

Cr.

	Jardines Bds	6	3	11	6
	Adams "	2	9		
11	Johns "	6	3		
	* Max Krömer	1	2		
24	* Ruben's Dream	1	2		
	By Cash.		2		
	* W.H.W. £	-	11 6	-	11 6

old bird flew out
of another hole
it was quite dark
& I found that I
had been to the
wrong one, so
leaving for the
present. We went
to the Redstarts
but the old bird
was not on the
nest. so We then
proceeded to the
Starling nest
noted in a hole

in a tree near the
grange - mentioned
on the 14th as containing
3 birds + 2 eggs.

The entrance to
the nest was in
a hole of the tree
• a passage about
 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards down
led to the nest
I found the old
bird on the nest
• I took her - and
then got out the
5 young ones

With great difficulty
as the hole was
only just large
enough to admit
my arm, putting
the old bird in
a cage & the young
ones in my pocket.
We went back to
the Redstarts but
the old bird was
not on the nest
which only
contained 4 eggs
which were quite
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Cold. so concluding
that the nest was
deserted I took
both the nest and
eggs - which latter
appeared both to
wille & myself in
the darkness of
a pinky hue and
not at all blue.
we then went
back to the Sterlings
in the farm but
the old birds had
not returned so

taking one of
the young ones
I came down
from the roof in
a rapid manner
for my foot
slipped - I was
surprised that all
the young ones
in my pocket were
not killed. When
we got home I
put the old & young
Starlings into
the large Canary

breeding cage.
I should have
written that before
I went after the
birds I took 2
negatives of W E
Asquith 2 of W^W
H. W. Waite + 1 of
C. K. " all

Cabinet size I
went on the M^{rs}
Asquiths + she
gave me a large
bird cage -

Booth told me

(The 22nd)

That on Sunday
the Lapwing nest
noted on the 20th
contained 2 eggs
24th Developed Nests
of W. E. A. W & W & W &
E R W (5). Found
them to be splendid.

The Starling did
not take much
notice of the young
ones. but fluttered
about the aviary
25th When I got
up this morning

Fullerton brought me
alive pigeon (carrier)

about 6.0 I found
the Starling busy
feeding the young
ones. - The other
hen blackbird - just
was dead, but the
old Cock blackbirds
(one in especial)
were feeding the
one remaining ♂
which seemed to
be very lively -
got a letter from
H. Conning inviting
W. H. W. + E. R. W. to

go to York on
Saturday - & stay
over (Whit) Sunday
& Monday - I wrote
thanking him &
accepting his offer
Also wrote to Reg^d
Wilgram re the
matter upon which
~~which~~ I called on
him on the 10th
At night I painted
monogram on bag
& set off for Adel
I met W Ramsden

who turned back &
went with me, it
had been raining
all day - and was
still coming down
very heavily. We
went to the place
where the Lapwings
eggs were noted on
the and found
3 eggs in which I
took. If I had
waited longer I
perhaps should
have got a fourth

but on the other
hand some one
might have
walked off with
the lot so that
taking this into
consideration &
the distance I
had come I took
the three - Coming
back I left Wm
Ramsden at
the top of Shaw
Lane and I went
to Allison's, Albert

despite the rain
went with me
to the farm we
going thro' Miss
Hewitson's garden
for a short cut.
I went up to
the Starlings' nest
in the farm -
building, but the
old bird was not
on - and as the
young ones were
well feathered
I took them 4

in number and
1 which I had
taken previously
made 5 in all.
26th May. I put the
4 young Starlings
into a basket in
the aviary and
very soon the
old Starling began
to feed them so
that she now had
10 little mouths
to fill having
got up at 5.30.

I gave my monogram
another coat & at
6.30 W.H.W. & I set
off for a run to
Readingley station
where we got weighed.
I in my slippers
and without my
breakfast weighed
9 St. $10\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. W.H.W.
here left me & I
went thro' the
park from the
Kirkstall end
I called at the

tree where I took
the starling's egg
on the and
found that there
were some more
eggs in precisely
the same place
& that the nest
had been rebuilt,
2 young starlings
died this morning
at night Archie -
Rausden called
on me & we went
together to the

park & I climbed
the Magpie's tree
in Balltiffes' wood
noted on the 15th
& found 5 eggs in
the nest quite
warm the old
bird flew off on
our approach we
then went to the
tree where the
Starling had built
which I climbed
& extracted the egg
6 in number in

The same manner
as before viz thro'
the bottom of the
nest. The first
egg I came to
was a very light
one & was quite
cold, there was
a lot of hay &c
about this -
before I came
to the others
which were quite
warm & much
darker. It would

almost seem as
though the bird
had laid an egg
too light ~~for her~~
in her opinion
& so had built
more material
above it & so
covered it & then
laid the other 5
darker ones, for
these were rather
incubated while
the other one
was perfectly
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fresh. I then
climbed the other
tree noted on the
 (as containing
4 eggs 2 of which
I took) ~~empty~~ and
found it empty
a Magpie's -
leaving Archie
Ramsden I went
to Hutchinson with
whom I found
Fullerton. who had
got another hedge-
hog but as I

did not want it
we let it go
27.th Blew the Plover's
Redstarts' & Starling's
eggs. at noon to
~~the~~ dinner had
pudding made
with the 3 surplus
eggs. - Got pipet -
glass tubing and
india rubber pipe
all for egg blowing
at Reynolds B (7th)
Got leave. of absence
from Office from
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11 o'clock on Saturday
When W H W Lelf
intend to go to
Strensall Common
The starlings are
immensely fond
of boiled carrot.

28th Left Leeds at
11.0 per return
ticket for York
where we arrived
at 12.0 & proceeded
to Goodramgate
intending to
take train after,
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Booth & Scott with us
to York Station)

to Strensall, but
Mr. Conning said
that owing to
the military oper-
ations being carried
on ready for the
Camp we should
not probably find
so many birds
there as we expected
and as he offered
to give us an
introduction to
some relatives of
his at Shipston

who were farmers
we abandoned
the Strousall idea
& accepting his
proposition he
proceeded to walk
to Hall Moor Farm
a distance of
5 miles. on —
reading Mr
Conning's letter
Mrs Clarke gave
us full permission
to go where we
liked. & do what

we liked, & sent
one of her little
boys as a guide
procuring a ladder.
I climbed to a
sparrow's nest
in a Ho Martin's
edifice & found
that it contained
only one egg.

rather incubated.
I next climbed
to several House
Martin's nest
& found 1 with

3 eggs in it
which I took,
we chased a
young robin
up + down a
shed & eventually
caught it, the
young lad then
showed us a
nest. which he
did not know
the name of
I found it to
be a Linchats
with 6 eggs in
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it. he said it
was deserted
so I took both
eggs & nest. I
found a Ring-billed
Gull nest in a Redgum
a seven feet
from the ground
containing
egg which I
took. He (the
boy) also showed
us a partridge
nest containing
2 eggs. - we

managed to
bag 1. He then
went back to
the farm &
had some milk
etc. & found that
we had only
30 minutes to
catch the train
in & the people
said that they
did not think
we should do
it. & on starting
Mr Conning said

that we ought
to allow ourselves
 $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour -
Not knowing how
far the station
was off. we set
off at a good
trot & arrived
at the station
(Shipton) with
10 minutes to
starting time
so I looked at
my eggs & found
1 Wincato &

28/5/87. Weighed at
Shipton in Book, 10 St. 1 lb.

/ Martin's egg
broken, which
I left. The train
was $\frac{1}{2}$ hr: late
in arriving at
Shipton. So we
had 40 minutes
to wait at the
station.

Whitsunday May
29th 1887. In
the morning we
all went to the
Friends' Meeting
House. and in

The afternoon H, E
W. & Self had a walk
& inspected the barracks
at night H. E. K. his
W. & Self. went to Service
at the Minister &
afterwards had music
until bedtime

Whitmonday May 30th
Mr. Conning Eldon the
2 youngest Children
& myself drove to
Hall Moor Farm
while Mr. Conning
by Kit walked

I climbed 2 or 3
fir trees after
some Ring dove
nests but did
not get anything
until I saw an
old bird fly off
the nest I was
rewarded by
finding that it
contained 2 eggs.
Which I appropriated
we found a
Willow Warbler
nest empty &

also a Sparrow
in a tree. All
then going home
except Eldon &
myself who were
joined by Mr
Clarke's sons -
We found a
Lark's nest with
3 eggs in it -
after having tea
Eldon & Self set
off to walk to
York & reached
there just in

time for another
tea for which
we did justice
being - very
hungry - & "jolly"
well tired - we
all then went
to the Trades
Exhibition at
which Jubert's
British Army
Quadrilles was
performed by
4 bands of
music - viz

Lancers, - Worcestershire
Bedford Regiment
& the York Militia
there was firing
blank Cartridge
from the Rifles
in the Hall &
the Artillery blazing
away in the
grounds -

31st May. Owing
to the hard work
I had the previous
day I did not
wake this

morning I was
not called up
until 6.45 & as
the train started
for Leeds at 7.
50. & 25 minutes
walk to the station
we had not over
much time to
spare especially
as we had to
pack our things
including the
eggs - however
we managed

to do it having
taken return
tickets to ~~Leeds~~
from Leeds. -

Having holiday
from 1.0'clock
Willie & I went
for a Stroll thro'
the park, & in
the evening went
to Allison's & he
played tennis
& visited Mrs A
Albert to our
house on Friday

On our way
home asked Miss
Brook also -

I forgot to write
that on Monday
we spent a
large part of
the time in
rabbits hunting
with dogs we
got 9 altogether
and had an
exciting Chase
after 2 young
Meadow larks

of about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile
they were pretty
strong on the
wing but we
managed to
run them down
On Tuesday. (3rd)
afternoon I climbed
to the Magpies' nest
in Balleffs' wood
but it had not
hatched the 5
eggs the old bird
make a noise
as I was climbing

The tree: Ringdove
egg taken on the
28th broken in
Bag + another
Ho Martins Cracked
* I also had a
look at the Thrush
Blackbird nest
seen on the 22nd
The Thrush with
4 eggs but the
blackbird had
laid another 5
in all.

1st June /87. Kendall paid
me £1.1.0 for his
Music lessons. 2
yet due.

2nd June While passing
Mr^s Reids House at
noon She called me
to the window & told
me that Jack was
not able to go out
as he had a bad
leg I promised to
see him at night
and accordingly
I called on him

I found that he was
suffering from a
swollen vein in
his leg which —
threatened to be
a varicose vein
While there he
gave me a book
"British Insects"
by Rev. J. G. Wood
and Mrs Reid gave
me "Vegnettes from
nature by Grant
Allen. All the
remaining young

Starlings died while
I was away - at
York. ~~June~~

4th ~~May~~ ~~June~~. I went with
Archie Ramsden to
meadow. Found
the the water hen
whose eggs I had
taken on the pond
had laid again. R.

I found another
~~nest~~ containing
5 eggs. the weeds
egg which I left
in the nest had

Song of Yellammer. from
Musical Times May 1887

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been taken. We
went thro the
Park (Meanwood Park)
but found nothing
after tea. I went
alone to the grange
found that the
thrushes nest
contained 4
young birds &
the Blackbirds
3 young birds &
2 eggs. I also

found another green-
finches' nest with
5 eggs in it not
2 yards from the
one noted on the
prev^s but as
some of them
appeared clipped
I only took one.
I then went into
the shed where
the Swallows usually
breed but could
not see any
signs of their nests

I went to some
sparrows' nest-
/ contained 1
egg which I
put into my
mouth and
broke & another
contained young
birds while the
remainder were
empty. - On
my way home
I found another
greenfinches' nest
containing 3

1 cwt. 24 ³/₄ lbs 26 ¹/₂ lbs
in clippers. Ready
Station

10 ct. 1 lb. in Books
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