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APPALACHIAN FOREST RESERVE.
There has been no measure before congress in many years more vital as affecting the forestry interests of the country than the bill introduced in the house of representatives last December and in the senate somewhat later for the creation of an Appalachian forest reserve. Under the terms of the bill the secretary of agriculture is authorized and directed in his discretion to acquire for national forest purposes by purchase or gift lands more valuable for the regulation of stream flow than for cultural or other purposes situated on the watersheds of navigable streams in the southern Appalachian mountains within the states of Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Kentucky and Tennessee and in the White mountains in the states of New Hampshire and Maine. Among the more important provisions of the bill are specifications of the conditions under which title is transferred from the individual to the federal government, permission being given to except title to minerals or standing timber on tracts that may be transferred. The secretary is empowered to advertise for lands in the several states and must take those that are offered at the lowest price, but only after the legislature of the state in which the land is located shall have consented to the acquisition of such land by the United States for forest purposes. The bill sets aside \$5,000,000 which shall be available immediately upon the passage of the bill for the purchase of the lands mentioned. Provision is also made for the sale of agricultural lands which may be located in these mountainous areas in the ordinary homestead method, but in tracts not exceeding eighty acres to each settler. The bill provides that lands acquired under the act shall be reserved, held and administered as national forest lands. People residing in these forest reserves continue under the same legal jurisdiction as prior to their sale to the federal government except in the matter of offenses against the United States. Under the terms of the bill the secretary of agriculture not only has oversight over the government reserve proper, but may for the protection of the watersheds of said navigable streams agree to administer and protect for a definite term of years any private lands situated upon any of these watersheds, but on condition that timber thereon shall only be cut in accordance with the rules and regulations which the government shall prescribe. Friends of the forest preservation policy of the present administration view this measure as one of the most vital which have ever been before congress, and it is earnestly hoped that the measure may become a law. The individual citizen cannot do much, but he can write his representative in congress if in doubt about his attitude and urge him for love of country and consideration for the welfare of future generations to give the bill his cordial support.

THE ENGLISH SPARROW.
A lady reader of this department living at McGregor, Ia., a careful student of bird life, writes expressing appreciation for the items which frequently appear among the notes pleading for a more adequate protection of the birds that are such good friends of man and particularly of the farmer and gardener. Our friend points out that it is the unemployed "fool with the gun," young and old, from the towns and villages rather than residents of the country that does the most damage in destroying helpful bird life, and the point is one that in most instances will have to be admitted. While professing friendship for bird life in general, she in common with other students draws the line on the English sparrow as an all around nuisance, as it consumes comparatively few insects, destroys the eggs and nests of other useful birds and, above all, is a spreader of diseases. Its capacity as scavenger of the animal excrement in poultry and barn yards. The point would seem to be very well taken—one that should provide still further argument in favor of exterminating the English sparrow, in whose favor the only thing that can be said is that he is a plucky chap and stays with us through the winter months. Our correspondent cites the fact that nesting as they do in old straw piles and sheds here, the children may find their nests and easily destroy them, while she refers to an article in Bird Lore in which the writer recommends trapping them in the common cage rat traps, in the "out of sight" traps and by smudging the birds with sulphur fumes while they are at roost under straw sheds in the winter months. The birds will drop and can be disposed of in a pail of water before they come to. The best friends of bird life recognize the English sparrow as one of the worst foes they have to contend with and will favor almost any method by which it can be exterminated. We are pleased to present the above suggestions and would be pleased to hear from any other reader who may have discovered effective means of disposing of the sparrow nuisance.

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INSTRUCTIVE STATISTICS.
The government crop reporter for January contains some very interesting data in tables which show the average yields of grain per acre in the United States during the forty year period beginning in 1868 and ending with the close of 1907. During the first five years of this period the average yield of the leading cereals was as follows: Corn, 27.6 bushels; wheat, 12.3; oats, 20.2; barley, 23.8; rye, 13.8. In the last five years of the period from 1903 to 1907 the yield of the same cereals was: Corn, 27.5; wheat, 13.0; oats, 20.3; barley, 26.5; rye, 16 bushels respectively. There are some helpful deductions and lessons that may be drawn from the figures given. Among them is this—that a more exact and scientific type of agriculture has not during the period served to counteract the loss in fertility of soils that to begin with were marvellously prodigal and responsive. The figures given also emphasize the fact that those who are engaged in the good work must continue preaching the gospel of a better type of agriculture which will restore to the soil its lost estate of pristine productiveness. Another fact that is brought out is that there must be a seed of rebanding agricultural sinners who are prosecuting a wretchedly unprofitable type of agriculture to bring the yields of the cereals named down to so low a figure. Every farmer in the country should consider it his personal, religious and patriotic duty to raise such crops as will put him on the upside of these paltry averages—to be a lifter up instead of a puller down.

A TREE FOR THE NORTH.
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