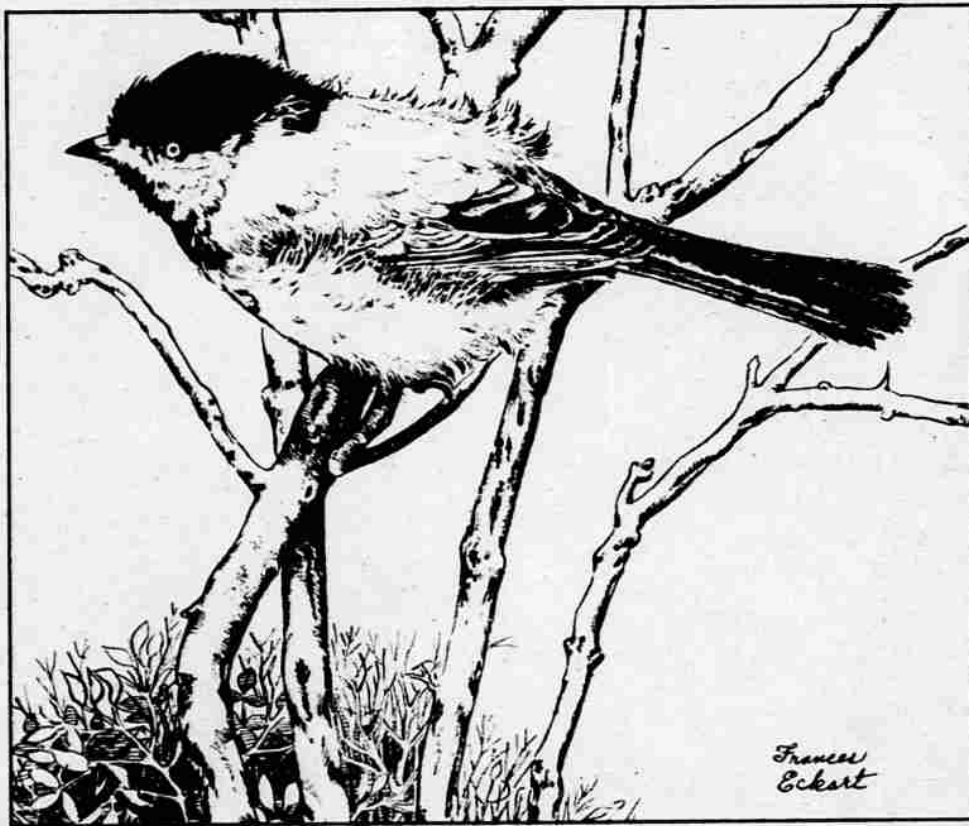


Junior Treasure Chest

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WHAT BIRD IS IT?

By Ruth Dixon

Farmers like this gay, brave, friendly little bird. He lunches on things that hurt the farmers' crops. How he loves the seeds of weeds, as well as caterpillars, grasshoppers, moths, ants, and spiders!

All year round, this little four- or five-inch bird will be found in orchards and gardens or near his moss-lined nest in a stump or tree-hole. Perhaps he is watching his wife's six brown-spotted white eggs. He knows how to scare off intruders by just taking a deep breath, puffing up, and letting out a big POP. Sometimes you see him swinging on a twig like a fairy acrobat and singing his cheerful song. Sometimes his feathers blow around and look untidy, but he doesn't care. Perhaps you can tempt him with an unsalted peanut. Then he'll sit on your hand!

Do you know his name?

THIS BIRD IS A _____
 MY NAME _____ AGE _____
 STREET _____ CITY _____
 ZONE _____ STATE _____
 MY NEWSPAPER IS _____

Rules for Contest

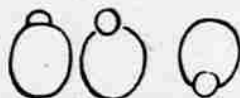
Guess the bird's name and color the picture neatly in its true colors. Send within one week to Ruth Dixon, Junior Treasure Chest, Family Weekly, P.O. Box 7740, Chicago 77, Ill. Be sure to send your name, age, and address with your page. Prizes will be awarded to two boys and two girls for the best entries. Try your luck! You may be a winner.

LET'S DRAW SPARROWS

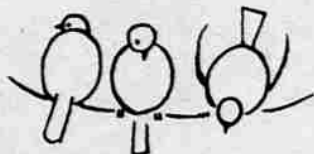
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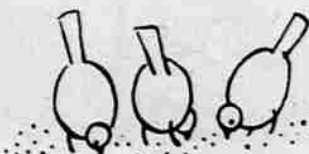
Sparrows common as a penny,



Just as plain and just as many,



Are so greedy and so stout



They crowd the other birdies out.

DOES SCIENCE PROVE THE BIBLE WRONG?



Some people are convinced that it does.

They read in the Bible, for example, that the stars are fixed in the "roof" of the world like luminous ornaments, which is the way they appeared to the unscientific eyes of the authors of Genesis. Later scientific knowledge proves that the stars are incandescent bodies moving in space.

Although willing to acknowledge that God created the universe, these scientific-minded folks refuse to believe the Biblical account in which apparently it all took place in six days. Also, they contend that the scientific evidences of evolution appear to contradict the Bible in this instance.

As far as Catholics are concerned, there can be no real conflict between scientific truth and religious truth. From the time of Moses down to the present day, science has opened the doors to many of the earth's physical secrets — including in our own time, the fantastic secret of atomic energy. There will undoubtedly occur, in the unforeseeable future, even more revolutionary discoveries. But the fact remains that science has yet to produce any evidence that discredits the basic truths of Holy Scripture.

The Bible, to begin with, is a book of religion — not a scientific textbook. The Book of Genesis should be regarded, therefore, not as a scientific explanation of the heavens and the earth, but as an exposition of certain divine truths. These include such matters as the creation of all things... the creation of man as the object of God's special providence... the unity of the human race... the loss of man's original state of blessedness through original sin... God's

promise and plan of redemption.

In writing of these things, the authors of the Old Testament were divinely protected against error. God did not, however, stand over them and dictate what they wrote. Their writings, therefore, while recording basic truths, are clothed in language forms common to their primitive time, and are influenced by cultural and scientific concepts far less enlightened than our own.

A correct appraisal of the Book of Genesis, and the history of Creation, requires an understanding of the meanings which the Old Testament authors intended to convey, and an appreciation of the language forms, philosophy and mores of their times. An interesting pamphlet explaining these things, will be sent free, in a plain wrapper, on your request. Nobody will call on you. Write for Pamphlet No. FM-48.

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