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No. 1.

THE SONG SPARROW.

BY ORNI

This little songster is seldom seen caged, yet its notes are particularly sweet. It consists of a few grains that resemble in a measure the Canary's song; this lively and melodious chant is repeated at short intervals. Like most of its congeners, it is plain and unassuming in color. They are easily reared from the nest, are very docile, and live exclusively on seeds.

The nest, composed chiefly of grasses, leaves, weeds, etc., is built on the ground or in a low bush. The eggs, mostly five, vary greatly both in size and markings: they are greenish or buff bluish white, thickly spotted with reddish brown. Two and sometimes three broods are raised in a season.

PERIODICAL STAMPS

BY WM. B. HALE.

Stamps all have their peculiarities: Peculiar traits of engravers made prominent, more or less, on the stamps. Visible, they are in themselves a means of detecting counterfeit, and more noticeable in contrast, one with another, particularly when two stamps of a color. The Periodical stamps of the U. S. are some very prominent in their minute details of difference.

Beginning with the \$60. stamp. We have an ideal picture of Minnehaha, the Indian, in dress; representing her holding a bunch of grapevine with a bunch in her hands, and a wigwam in the near distance. This design worked in perfect symmetrical proportions, and is peculiar as a whole, as it is the only stamp embracing any such design in a secondary way is peculiar.

Having a landscape prominent on very few stamps have a landscape or any view other than one perhaps symbolical of the nation, or embraced in their coats of arms. Exam- Costa Rica, Ecuador, Salv- r, etc., a peculiar feature prominent on the other radical stamps is the variety of types in the reading and fig- ure, five distinct designs being used on the \$60. stamp, while other designs are found on the \$24. \$48. stamps, a noticeable fact is the exactness of each letter, a feature so prominent as to be useful in detecting counterfeits, one of the best counterfeit- ever got so many of the let- ters of the different kinds, all correct. Peculiar also in the general design. The \$3. repre- sents "Victory," a design appro- priate for this country, \$6. "Cl- \$9. "Minerva," \$12. "Vesta," "Peace," also appropriate,
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PERIODICAL STAMPS

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No. 2.

PERIODICAL STAMPS.

BY WM. B. HALE.

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yet display a fine engraving. Also their somewhat limited use, both as to date and territory.

It is of course known that the Periodical stamps are used on second class mail matter and are not used on any other class matter; and instead of being put on the mail itself, they are fixed to a government book and there cancelled. Also that the Periodical stamps can be used (ordinary stamps, can be used in their place). Periodical stamps can not be so easily obtained by the public and for that reason are very scarce. Were it not a little risk, that a few could run, of selling them on the street, it would be an impossibility to get them. Proofs are, however, printed imperforate, in original colors, on thin cardboard and are sold at less than face by stamp dealers as keep them. These are authentic Government works and are quite

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BY WM. B. HALE.

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