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| For the South Atlantic States, local rains followed by fair weather, winds ganerally shifting to south and west, rising, followed in the east portions by falling barometer, slightly colder weather, and except in the extreme northeastern portion stationary temperature. <br> For the Middle Atlantic States, local rains, winds generally from south to west, slightly rising, followed by falling temperalure during Thu <br> English Sparrows. <br> English sparrows, that were introduced here a few years ago, but by whom we know not, seem to have increased largely; every quarter of the city. In other cities and towns, where they are more numerous, they are considered a great nuisaace, and the bird is generally under the ban. It drives away native birds, destroys fruit and grain, and is disagreeable in every way. They ought to be exterminated, and it is not too soon to begin work at once. The American ornithologista' union has collected evidence from all parts of the country where the Englieh sparrow occurs, and has published a report based upon their investigations. They have urged that laws be passed against it, looking to its entire extermination. Acting, upon this advice and upon experience with the past, several States have repealed their protective laws for its protection. The union in its report says: <br> "In regard to a means of destruction, leevery State offer a small bounty for birds and eggs, and the small boys will do the work. Birds are very quick at seeing whether or not they are wanted. If they are persecuted, they instinctively draw away from man; We may not be able to entirely rid ourselves of the pest, but we can at least suc- |
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