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## BIRDS AROUND PINEHURST

The Village Offers Varied Attractions for the Lover of Songsters.

Winter Residents and Transients Constitute the Bird Colony—Interesting Information Concerning It.



THE song-sparrow, with his mud splash on his breast, is still in good voice but seems to have composed an entirely new song here. Had I not watched him in the

act I should have been in doubt as to the singer for not once did he call "Maids, Maids, Maids, put the tea-kettle on," but gave instead a song interspersed with sweet little trills like those of a canary.

The dear little field-sparrow with his pink bill, innocent expression and red-brown topknot is very quiet at present but will make up for his silence by constant song a little later.

Whatever may be the objection of the robin to Pinehurst, it is certainly not shared by his cousin the ground-robin. This bird is very abundant. He is very handsome with his shining black back, head and throat, white breast and orange-brown sides. His mate is as beautiful as himself, the black being replaced by soft shades of red brown. He walks about in the "branches," scratching the leaves vigorously and noisily, but for all that keeping well out of sight. At the north he cries, "Chewink, Chewink!" constantly, but here he always says hoarsely "Towhee, Towhee!" thus showing the origin of his two names.

But the bird of all birds to impress a New Englander, is of course, the chewink's near relative, the cardinal bird. The first sight of those brilliant feathers flashing through the bushes gives a thrill of joy understood only by the bird-lover.

*Cardinalis cardinalis* is his scientific name, as if the namer despairingly of the possibility of finding both a noun and an adjective competent to describe him, fell back upon reiteration and called him "the cardinal Cardinal." His breast fairly glows with color but over his back during the winter is a thin veil of mist. His jet black throat sets off the red and his crest gives him a lordly air. Indeed I fancy he does rule the other birds as more than once when there have been a chattering and clamoring among them, I have heard the rush of wings to the scene and, as the cardinal alighted, everything

would be suddenly hushed.

Once a few summers ago, a lone cardinal appeared in Brookline, Mass. His solitary condition so moved the kind heart of a resident that she went into Boston, purchased a mate for the stranger and placed her in a cage on the piazza. My Lord Cardinal himself soon appeared and his joy was plainly manifested. Then the cage was opened and the two birds flew away together, frequently to be seen during the summer, however. The female is olive brown with touches of scarlet here and there, especially about

chewinks that it was some time before I roused myself exclaiming "Cedar birds!" Sure enough, there they sat, four of them, side by side, every one of the beautiful feathers in its usual exquisite order, every one of the four crests finely erect. Did any one ever see a cedar-bird's feathers ruffled, I wonder? Uttering their soft whispers they regarded me solemnly, doubtless wondering whether I remembered the undignified manner with which they stuffed themselves with ash berries last September. When they flew away I looked after them regretfully



FOND OF SANTA CLAUS—AND GOLF.

her head and crest, and is decidedly a beautiful bird, though cast into the shade by the splendid color of her mate. Wait until the spring comes and then you may hear a song so clear and ringing that you feel as though the flaming color had passed into music.

The reference to that rather rare feature of our common birds, the crest, reminds me that some days since I heard with only half an ear a series of soft familiar notes over my head, I was so absorbed in watching the ground for

for I knew they had only paused here on their way southward, and it would be many weeks before their return.

NOTE—This interesting story was begun in the issue of December 10th—EDITOR. (To be continued.)

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### Sunday Services.

Sunday services will be held regularly in The Village Hall Sunday morning; Episcopal services at ten and Union at eleven-fifteen.

## ANNUAL MIDWINTER TOURNEY

The Detailed Program for this Important Contest is Announced.

Leading Amateurs From all Parts of the Country Will Assemble to Participate.



PLANS for this seasons Inauguration or Mid-winter Tournament are now complete and there is every assurance that the event will be one of the most important

ever held here. Though only in its second year, this event has already taken its place as one of the great National contests of the year; fully as important as the annual United North and South Championship, which now attracts the attention of the whole golfing world.

The success of last year's event was most signal and every one of the great company of golfers who assembled here went away delighted with Pinehurst and its golf course, planning to return again, and this year's tournament will bring many of these and scores of others.

Northern golf has at this season of the year, but recently ended, and the opportunity to participate in one more contest is a tempting one to those who have given up their favorite game with reluctance. Then again, a change from business after the holiday season, is most refreshing.

The list of participants will include golfers from many parts of the country and nearly all of the leading clubs will be represented, with large delegations from New York and vicinity, Philadelphia, Washington, Baltimore and Pittsburg.

Play will begin Wednesday morning January, 11th, and continue through Saturday, and the event will be preceded by an international tournament open to advertising men, thus giving a full week of tournament golf.

A gold medal will be offered for the best gross score in the preliminary round of eighteen holes and the players will qualify for the following divisions:

FIRST SIXTEEN—PRESIDENT'S CUP; SECOND SIXTEEN—SECRETARY'S CUP; THIRD SIXTEEN—TREASURER'S CUP; FOURTH SIXTEEN—CAPTAIN'S CUP.

Silver cups will be given to the runners-up in each of the first four divisions, and the eight losers in the first round of match play, will play for consolation

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