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1887 June 4 to July 14 Edgar R. Waite 25 North Lane Headingley Leeds 7.

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1887 4th June 87. (continued from previous note book) eggs &[and] took one - Going back to the other nest which contained 5 eggs I found 1 egg broken &[and] containing a young bird so I put back into the nest, the egg which I had taken out of that nest. As I was coming out of the Park gates, I met Fullerton who said that they had shot

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some birds for me so I went back with him to the hut & found the birds to be. A greenfinch a Blackcap Whitethroat and w[illow]warbler he also showed me some eggs which he said were Whitethroat I found them to be Willow Wrens. He had found 2 nests each containing 7. eggs. Being quite dark (nearly 11.0 pm) he could not find

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the nest. J A R. gave me. "Wildcat Tower" & "Peter Penniless" both by [blank, for George Christopher Davies] June 7th. With Booth to Adel we went to Stairfoot & turning to our left, we went across on to the other road but found nothing except a tree pipits nest containing 3 young birds. We then went to Adel & we found a Grebe's nest (Species undetermined)

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covered over to which I waded (with my boots on) but found it empty. going further I found a Coot's nest containing eggs I waded to it & found 8 eggs in it. We landed home at 10.45 8th. Getting up early in the morning I went to the Park & noticed Swallows flying in and out of a shed at the Farm, but there was

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no indication of a nest yet. I ascended the tree in Batliffes's wood containing the Magpie's nest found it to contain 2 birds just hatched and 3 eggs. Going across to the Starling tree (which did not - contain a nest or rather eggs for I found a newly made nest empty) I came across some young starlings

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which were feeding <on the> I ran one down & caught it and put it in an aviary. I saw a cuckoo & heard others, passing into the wood. I went to the Willow Wren's nest which Hutchinson showed me containing 5 eggs, I took one for fear the W[illow] W[ren] should not enter into my list for this year - I found

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the 2 Greenfinches eggs which I left in the nest on the 4th inst: deserted so I took them - Simpkin showed me a pied blackbird which was shot yesterday the feathers at the back of the neck were quite white. The young starling died at night <c> Club night Practical microscopy. Stubbins asked me to take my microscope to the

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conversazione of the Liberal Club and he gave me a ticket. 9th. At night I went to the conversazione. 10th. I went with Archie Ramsden to Meanwood & waded to a Moorhen's nest which contained 7 eggs, the nest <wh> from which I had taken the eggs on the [blank] contained eggs but I did not care to venture after them again.

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11th June. Excursion of the Naturalists' Club to Ripon. We left Leeds at 1.38. and on arriving at Ripon we split into two parties the one I joined consisting of Hainsworth Cox Clapham J.C B<riggs>irch Kirkby & E R W[aite]. We took a trap to Studley and then walked on to Fountains Abbey - 4 of them having Cameras I gave up the idea

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of Egg collecting &[and] went with the others. I found, a Pied Wagtails nest empty &[and] saw a Blue Tit go into a hole in the Abbey but the hole was too small for my hand I met one of the keepers, and asked him if I could by any means get at the Swifts nests the birds were screaming above us - he said

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that they had only just come &[and] would not yet have built. this was certainly a lie - <lak> &[and] he did not (evidently) want to bother about them not caring to trouble him further I left the Swifts above. Saw young Dipper flying up &[and] down the Skeld*[Skell]. A Swan was Sailing up &[and] down the water &[and] Cox tried to Photo him

[12]

Saw several Redstarts flying about the Abbey. Both Red & Fallow Deer in the Park. Found 2 Thrushes nests in branches of Fir trees containing eggs.- Returning by trap I went to Claro Bank with letter of introduction from Father to Mr. Wilsonholme. the Manager he was out so

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leaving the letter I joined our party at the Black Bull where we had a good tea. Mr Hainsworth then took Photos of Group in the garden of [blank] We left Ripon at 8'O'clock and Mrs Stubbins &[and] myself getting off at Head[ingle]y we walked home

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12th June. I went to the Park and found both the blackbirds &[and] thrushes noted with young on the 4th robbed. found another - thrushes' nest with 1 egg in and a Chaffinches with 2 eggs. I took one I also found 2 blackbirds containing young birds, built in a wall from which a redstart flew but

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I could not find the exact place. I took an Accentor's egg out of a deserted nest. The Willow. W. noted on the 8th. was deserted so I took both eggs &[and] nest. And found another with young birds in it. I then called on Hutchinson, &[and] gave him a Marsden's list of British Birds, and we went together found a Swallow's nest with

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1 egg in which we left &[and] a sparrow's also containing 1 egg which Hutchinson broke - I found an Accentor's nest in a pear tree containing 5 eggs., 13th. I went to the Park to try &[and] find the redstarts' nest but I did not even see the bird. the Chaffinch had laid another egg so that there were

[17]

2 eggs now in the nest, the Thrushes' nest only contained 1 egg yet. I visited the Magpies but did not ascend as on tapping the tree the old bird flew off so I concluded that they were alright. - Wallace gave me a last year's thrush. At night I went to Roundhay Park to see Beilby according

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to arrangement he said that he had some Linnets' eggs for me &[and] he knew of a Whitewings' (Chaffinches') nest containing 4 eggs but on going to it we found that it had been robbed & the 3 linnets eggs turned out to be Greenfinches (Green Linnets) I rambled about but did not find anything. I took

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an old wren's nest from under a bridge, &[and] also the Chaffinches' nest. On coming home I was watching a bat flying about when some one behind me said "That's the first bat I've seen this year sir." on looking round I saw a young fellow walking <co> up to me. We jogged on together

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& he pro<o>ved to be a rather interesting chap - his father had a large farm in the marshes of Essex &[and] he said that they kept a decoy for Wild-duck &[and] that he had known them take £[pound]500 worth in a season he had travelled a good deal, in America &[and] was very fond of his gun - he parted

[21]

from me at the bottom of Francis St[reet] in the same abrupt manner that he had <fre> hailed me saying that the Yankees often Struck up an acquaintance for a few hours &[and] then perhaps never saw each other again - I called in at Barker's at 10' oclock &[and] arrived home at 10.45.

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14th Toned Photos of W[illiam]HWW[aite] and W.E. Asquith. 16. I went to the Park to see Hutchinson according to arrangement and took the young blackbirds noted on the 12th as built in a wall. (4 in number) Thrushes contained 4 eggs &[and] so did the Chaffinches. I went to the Magpie tree &[and] on tapping it I found all quite*[quiet] so

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I ascended with misgivings and found all gone. not flown for the nest was pulled to pieces where, the young had been extracted. the Swallows nest which contained <5> 1 egg on the 12th now contained 4 and Hutchinson had taken 1 out which he gave me so I had the whole clutch there was a cage

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hanging up at the back of the grange Containing 4 fine young thrushes Hutchinson said they probably belonged to one of the under gardeners &[and] he would try &[and] get them for me 17th I went to the grange very early in the morning and took the other 4 Chaffinches eggs & nest. Went to the

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Baths at noon - In the evening one of Higginbottom's lad*[lads] brought in 2 young magpies which he said he had got out of a nest in the Park he gave them to me &[and] I said that I would give him a thrush &[and] a blackbird for them, &[and] arranged to meet him to- - morrow at 2 o'clock when he would show

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me the tree. 18th At the office at about 11 o'clock Chadwick called &[and] asked me if I would go with him to Tanfield with the trip 1/6 ret[urn] I ultimately agreed to do so &[and] we left Leeds at 1' Oclock On arriving at Tanfield I found that a lot of Corporate Officials had gone in Engaged Carriages – Chadwick

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&[and] I took the Water's Edge & saw a lot a Sandpipers, then taking to a fir wood where the trees were not more than 8 feet high but very close together. We found 3 Bullfinches nests 1 containing 5 eggs, another 5 birds nicely feathered and the third six birds not more than 2 or 3 days old, we took the eggs and

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carefully took the bearings of the nests they were built in the branches of the fir trees. near the main stem about 4 feet from the ground,. We then blew the eggs - We found a thrushes nest containing 3 splendid birds &[and] several nests both of thrushes and blackbirds containing eggs.- And the

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empty nest of a Long tailed Tit &[and] several empty nests of bullfinches some not laid in and others having - contained young. Coming out of the wood we made our wa<ter>y to the water and found a redpols*[redpoll's] nest in a thorn bush containg young birds. We came to a place on the river bank where

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there were large numbers of Sand Martins after a lot a trouble we managed to get to the holes, and commenced oper- ations with our sticks and, Chadwick drew out an old bird &[and] the eggs from 1 nest &[and] some eggs from another. I got at 2 nests each containing 6 eggs, but broke

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2 out of one nest in extracting them we found a robin's nest in a bank containing young and a yellowammers in the Same Condition The sun was blazing hot &[and] we had been walking without collars or cuffs, &[and] on coming to a nice place in the river I took off my Shoes &[and] Stockings &[and] after dabbling

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about I felt much refreshed. We next went into a field where we heard Snipe drumming they soon began to get up in the distance when about ½ way across we saw a man coming

toward us. &[and] we very assiduously*[assiduously] commenced "botanising" When we got up to him - he said: "What? You're botanising

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a bit.- After chatting for a while he showed us a place where he said there were some good plants. We went in that direction but as soon as he was out of sight we resumed our course as he had given us leave to go where we liked on his land. So long as we did no more harm than that

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(gathering flowers) A Snipe got up within a yard of us but we could not find the nest I saw a TM, blackbird sitting on the eggs & we caught a<nother> young one which he let go again, found Chaffinche's nest containing 2 eggs. As the time was getting on we made our way to to a farm house

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&[and] had nearly 2 pints of milk each &[and] some bread and butter. 6d[sixpence] for the 2. I borrowed a box ("to put some rare flowers in"). and we then hurried back. We had just got as far as Tanfield Lodge not 2 miles from the station, we called at the fir wood &[and] put the Bullfinches in the box. (with

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the<re>ir nests. We left <Lee> Tanfield at 9.20. 19th. 2 young blackbirds died from the cold there being a very sudden change during the night. Fanny .I. came in the afternoon. 20th One of the youngest nest of bullfinches died. 21st Another dead & the remaining 4 looking very seedy. The

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other nest seem to be healthy birds with the exception of 1 a very little chap. A party of us arranged last night to go to Boston Spa to day (Tuesday 21st. June) Jubilee day V[ictoria].R[egina] We. (. H B Simpson E I Voax W E &[and] F Asquith W[illiam] H W &[and] E[dgar] R[aywood] Waite) left Leeds at 9.15. and after arriving at Thorp arch we

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made our way to Boston, &[and] went on to the river. we rowed down to White Crag when some of us got out &[and] had a swim after returning we had dinner &[and] then went to Jackdaw Crag &[and] I took some Photos including one of "Old Billy Banks." Aged 95- We went back to Boston - where W[illiam] &[and]

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I had tea with Mrs. Tipling. Voax went with me, &[and] the rest to the river we two, walked very leisurely to the Station after taking some photos - &[and] arrived there with 1/2 h[ou]r to spare, this time we devoted to tring*[trying] to get at the Swifts' nests built in a shed but as the shed was a very high one &[and] we had

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not a ladder we did not succeed just before the train started (7.14) up came HB S[impson] &[and] Willie they had left the Brother Asquiths stuck in the river 23rd. Only one Bullfinch left the others have died at intervals Council meeting at 6.30. where we had a rather ex- -citing meeting about the Editors

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of the Fauna. 24th To Adel Reformatory 25. I went into the Park & climbed a tree for a Ring doves nest containing 2 eggs. &[and] we found a Yellowammer's next containing 5 eggs. I took 1 and Hutchinson the remainder as he had never taken Yellow ammers eggs before. the thrushes nest seen

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on the 12th still contained eggs. &[and] the Hedge Accentor's nest noted as con- -taining 5 eggs on the 12th now had young birds in it 2nd July - With Willie by trip to Aysgarth We left Leeds @ [at] 1125 &[and] did not reach our destination until nearly 6.0 passing on our way. Penneghent*[Penyghent] &[and] Ingleborough.

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we had tea (2/ each) at Palmer Flat hotel &[and] then went thro[ugh] the churchyard &[and] walked up the bed of the Ure for it was nearly dry.- &[and] we crossed several times I took one or two views but had not time to do much as the return train left Aysgarth at 8.35. Saw a Dipper

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on the river I took a photo of the train before leaving the Station. &[and] we came home in a 1st class Carriage &[and] got out at Kirkstall - Monday. July 4th. I received a letter from Miss Beale inviting me to spend from the 11th to the 16th with her. - I fixed my holidays to commence next Saturday the

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1887 9th. to the 23rd. The first rain fell to day - for 30 days. 5th. July.- Wrote to Dr. P[hilip] L[utley] Sclater M[aster of].A[rts] F[ellow].R[oyal].S[ociety]. Sec[retary] Zoological So[ciety] of London 3 - Hanover Square for permission to Photo the birds in the Gardens.- Arranged my holidays as follows.- To Sail from Hull to London on the 9th. &[and] stay with Miss Beale

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until the 16th then to take Boat to Antwerp. &[and] visit Brussels &[and] Waterloo &c[et cetera] &[and] return to Hull on the 23rd. 6th. Asked the Chief Clerk if I might have Saturday morning attached to my holiday - he said that he would have nothing to do with it & refe<r>red me to the Accountant who made reference

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to some "back work" & said that if I "got it up" I might have Saturday - Stayed at night &[and] worked at Office until 9. 7th. Wrote to General Steam Nav[igation] Co[mpany] Hull for berth &c[et cetera] &[and] leave to sleep aboard on Friday night. 8th. Received favorable reply. 9. Saw W.B Simpson who promised to meet me at the

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Station - before train time - he gave me some good information &[and] promised to send me the Continental Guide - I left Leeds at 9:5 &[and] arrived at Hull at 11.0. I went aboard the "Stork" - &[and] turned-in 10th - got up &[and]*[at] 4 &[and] went on deck an hour later I then had a walk around the docks. bought a Mercury Supp[lement] &[and] went on board for

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starting at 8'. it was splendid riding out of the Humber. We passed Grimsby on the right. &[and] passed close to Spurn on the left at 11:30 we had breakfast at 9.0 &[and] dinner at 1.30 Towards night a breeze sprung up &[and] some of the passengers disappeared 1 by 1 below.- 2 of the Continental Steamboats passed us &[and] they looked splendid - all their

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port holes gleaming with the Elec[tric] Light we entered the Thames somewhere about 12 &[and] I then turned in &[and] although I wanted to be up <at 4> in time to see part of the river<s> nearer London. I slept on until the donkeys woke me. they were bringing the boat to S[ain]t Katherine's Wharf - our destination - just 4.30. at 5 we had to leave the

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Stork as she was going mid-stream - she is a 3 master and carries a mixed cargo. - leaving my luggage at the waiting room I have a walk to London Bridge with which I was very much disappointed &[and] waited until I saw it without a single horse or vehicle of any kind - on my way I saw the Monument &[and] the Tower

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&[and] then walking East I went to the Mint returning to the wharf at 7.45 I there saw Miss B[eale] &[and] her Brother (Walter)- we then went passed*[past] the Tower - The London Monument. S[ain]t Pauls. &[and] took train from Ludgate Hill to Loughbro'[Loughborough] Junction. - After breakfast. I went with Walter to hear Spurgeon &[and] at night with

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Miss Beale to S[ain]t Pauls, &[and] heard Rev[erend] Wallas from Devon. then meeting Jack &[and] Walter, went passed*[past] the Post Office. - Smithfield, S[ain]t Bartholomew's*[olomew's's] hospital Newgate &[and] then to the Bank Royal Exchange &[and] Mansion House - &[and] back again Monday 11th. Nellie &[and] I took the train to the Elephant &[and] omnibus to Westminster Bridge

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Seeing S[ain]t Thomas' Hospital - Houses of Parliament. West[minster] Abbey. being closed to allow of removal of Jubilee Decorations we were unable to obtain admission Beconsfield's Statue up Parliament St[reet] passed Gov[ernment] <[?]> Horse Guards. Admlty{Admiralty} into Trafalgar Sq[uaire] to the Academy where we stayed about 3 hours

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Called on Herbert R in New Bond St[reet] &[and] thence to S[o]uth Kensington Nat[ural] Hist[ory] Museum. where we stayed another 3 hours. passed the Albert Hall &[and] studied the Memorial &[and] from thence finishing the day with a visit to the Amer[ican] Exhibition. &[and] Saw Buffalns*[Buffalo] Bill's Entertain[ment] &[and]

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we had a ride down the Switchback Railway &[and] landed home at 12.0 Tuesday. 12th Nellie &[and] I went to the Zoo. &[and] took 8 photos then changing my plates I took other 8. We spent 4 hours there. &[and] from thence to Notting Hill where we had tea with Mrs Carr. her daughters &[and] Willie –

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we got home at 9. Wednesday. 13th Went to the bank &[and] saw them making &[and] destroying Bank notes, &[and] into the Gold Bullion room full of ingots each being worth £[pound]850 from thence I went to the Sun Office &[and] saw Mr Rause to the Guild hall &[and] to Mrs[Messrs] Blades East &[and] Blades RH B[lades] was not in but

[58]

Mr. W Blades attended to us. We then went to Mrs Wigglesworth's & stayed until 10:19 She gave me 4/- &[and] we arrived at Streatham Hill too late, for the bus so we had to walk 3 for home Thursday 14th Went to the Zoo again &[and] exposed 16 more plates got back at 4 &[and] met Miss Hadley who gave us 5/- to go to the Crystal Palace [?]

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1 Ilford 2 Lancasters Photos at the Zoo [?] 1 <Flamingo> X 25 Condor 2 <Heron> X 3 <Pelican> X 26 Ring[neck] Vul[ture] 4 <[?] Eagle> X 27} 5 <Carpet SOND[?]> X 28} Penguin 6 <Cassowary - Aus[tralia]> X 7 <Rhinoseros> X 8 <Parrots [?]> 29 <Camel> 9} <Elephants> X 30 Sec[retary] Bird 10} 31 vic[?] pigeon 11 <Emu> 32 [?] [?] 12 Adjutant 33 <Mute Bl[ac]k 13 Swans [tick] swan> 14 Lion 34 Spot Hyena 15 Tiger 35 <Giraffe> [tick] 16 <Polar Bear> [tick] 36 [?] <17 &[and] 18> X <3> Deer 19} Beale Family 12 20} 12 21 Wapiti Deer 22 <Fallow deer> X 56) 144 (3 23 <Yak Tibet> X 156 24 <Bale[?] Eagle> 20 X 40 [middle] No Exp[osure]s on Wed[nesday] [?] 2.10.11 [60]

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Wed[nesday] night £4.3.9

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