

Unknown birds
sprinkled up in a
field lately. The
birds were probably
he squawked but when
I tried to reach, but if
I mistook will
depend.

Yours affectionately
J. M. D.

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Victoria B.C.
Feb. 2. 1876.

With regard to the specimens
of Woods sent some time back, I
may have forgotten to mention that
the three small pieces of Junco
numbered, represent specimens
sent to Dr. Englemann. When I
get the names from him I
will send them on.

I have received the no 8 French
objective, & tried it with good
result. I do not hope however to

Get any more work done in
unfavourable circumstances here
this winter.

Powell's Colorado Report, which you
mention I hardly think I need here at
present at least. Is it published
in connection with the Clarence King,
or which survey?

Quote what you say about Hund & the
L y woods rocks, also Danner & the
Hastings Series. Where has Hund been
writing about the former?

Some spot cycles are ^{or should be} at present. I believe
first about a minimum activity,
but the times seem to be out of
joint somehow.

~~There~~ got nearly ready a short note

on the Garshopper invasion of 1874,
with abstracts of information in circulars,
& will forward the whole soon for publication
in the Naturalist, where I suppose it
will be accepted. I have also got under
way a small circular for this season,
which I shall distribute only with the
forty winter parallels. The circulars
will go back addressed to Montreal
& will serve to give me a little
employment next autumn, if enough
of them return.

I quite believe in the weekly budget plan
but the mails here render it difficult
to keep up to the system. There are
two mails a week via Tacoma in
Washington Territory & overland to
Sacramento, but these are slow

as compared with the direct steamer
to San Francisco, which comes about
once a fortnight at very irregular
dates. However I will try to
do as well as I can.

I see my descriptive letter in the "Witness",
for which it was not intended, being
rather too plain, however politics are
running so high here now that probably
no one will notice it. Prof. Maccom
wrote in somewhat similar strain to
some paper in Upper Canada, West Spring,
& the "organs" here went for him for
about a month to the extent of their
vocabularies.

I feel wroth there is no news this time so
I could not manufacture a letter, but have
potted some specimens of lichens, which about
cover the rocks here; also a few joints of a
Cactus from near here, which I was surprised
to find the other day, & one or two shells