Ridgway Collection

Bridgton, Maine
August 5, 1920

Mr. Robert Ridgway,
Olney,
Ill.

My dear Mr. Ridgway:

I am enclosing a slip from the "Rural New Yorker" and would value your opinion regarding its probable truth as I felt I would like some authority on birds express judgment.

Trusting that this will find both you and Mrs. Ridgway enjoying good health, I am,

Cordially yours,

F. H. Curtis
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F. C. & E. J. CURTIS
BRIDGTON, ME.

"The Poplars"

July 20th 1918

Dear Mr Ridgway,

Will you kindly write me. Some time when convenient of the white throated sparrow over Excavating for the nest. I recently found in my garden. a nest formed just like an old fashioned stone china coffee cup. only smaller in diameter. It was lined with grass & horsehair. I judge the Excavation was 2 1/2 inches. 3 in.
There were four Eggs. grayish white with reddish blotches. I failed to identify the bird. but the white

mint fraches were con-
spicuous when she flew
The nest was built among
the beets & as they grew
the nest was apparently
crushed. & the eggs I found
today had been broken
so I have no chance now
of seeing the bird again.
From the brief glimpse I
imagined it was the Peabody,
but I cannot find any addi-
tion to nest excavation in
any of the bird books. I have.
I heard recently that
Miss Seibert had been com-
pelled to vacate #1524 owing
to the sale of the property.
Do you know what she did
or where she is located?
With kindest regards to you
& Mrs Redgrave. I am
Cordially Yours A. A. Saunders