Ridgway Collection

BOSTON SOCIETY OF NATURAL HISTORY,

BERKELEY STREET,

BOSTON, MASS., May 17 1898

Mr Robert Ridgway

Dear Sir

What you say in your note that Mr Richmond states, that the specimen returned was sent by mail and the box which had been sent by express was crushed in the mail is exactly true.

Specimens sent by mail are exposed to pressure and shocks, especially in stamping, that destroys fragile boxes. They can be sent with perfect safety in tin or thick wooden boxes, but not in pegged boxes etc

I have continual trouble with our janitor to make him remember this fact and find I have to see every box that is sent out, if anything valuable is packed in it.

Yours truly

William Hyatt.

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Dear Sir: According to Capt. Means's
desire I send you the bird today
by registered mail. Will you
please fill out the receipt form
which you will find in the box &
return it to me.

Yours truly
A. Hyatt

Nat. Hist. Soc.
Boston. May 14, 1898

by H. B.

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Mr. Robert Ridgway

Smithsonian Institution

Washington

D. C.

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Dear Sir: In regard to the bird sent as per earlier postal card, I hope you will return it packed in a tin box. Other boxes are very sure to get badly broken, as I know to my cost from the last two specimens returned from the Institution & National Museum.

Yours truly

A. Hyatt

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BOSTON, MASS., Dec. 9, 187.

Dear Mr. Ridgway,

I have failed in trying to get a copy of your book on the Nomenclature of colors, and should like to know if you have any that you can dispose of, or if you can procure one for me. I shall be glad, of course, to pay for it.

Yours cordially,

Alpheus Hyatt.

by H.B.

Dictated.