

## English Sparrows

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SOME ERRORS CORRECTED

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In the article on "Early Iowa Newspapers" published in the ANNALS of January, 1928, a large number of papers and a larger number of editors were mentioned. Although care for accuracy was used, we are not surprised that some errors crept in. We regret them, and at present want to allude to two of them.

In our sketch of the *Gate City* of Keokuk we referred to Edward F. Carter, wrongfully calling him Edward S. Carter. We also learn that Mr. Carter was not the editorial writer on the paper, but was the telegraph news editor. Walter Burton became the editorial writer under Mr. Skirvin, and continued as such under the Carrell ownership and management.

In our account of the *Maquoketa Weekly Excelsior* we stated that in 1858 A. W. Dripps leased the office. Later in the article we said that in 1861 Drips retired. The second spelling of the name is the correct one. We are informed by W. E. Drips of the editorial department of *Wallaces' Farmer* that his great uncle, Andrew W. Drips, gave up the editorship of the *Excelsior* in 1861 to enter the Union Army. He went out as captain of Company A, Ninth Iowa Infantry, being appointed captain September 7, 1861, and was killed in battle at Pea Ridge March 7, 1862.

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Will you inform us where we can get the English sparrow? There are several of my friends wanting them, and we would like to know where, and at what cost they can be obtained. C. J. Merrill, Upper Alton, Ill. (We are unable to say where they can be procured.)—*The Cultivator & Country Gentleman*, Albany, New York, April 15, 1869. (In the Newspaper Division of the Historical, Memorial and Art Department of Iowa.)

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