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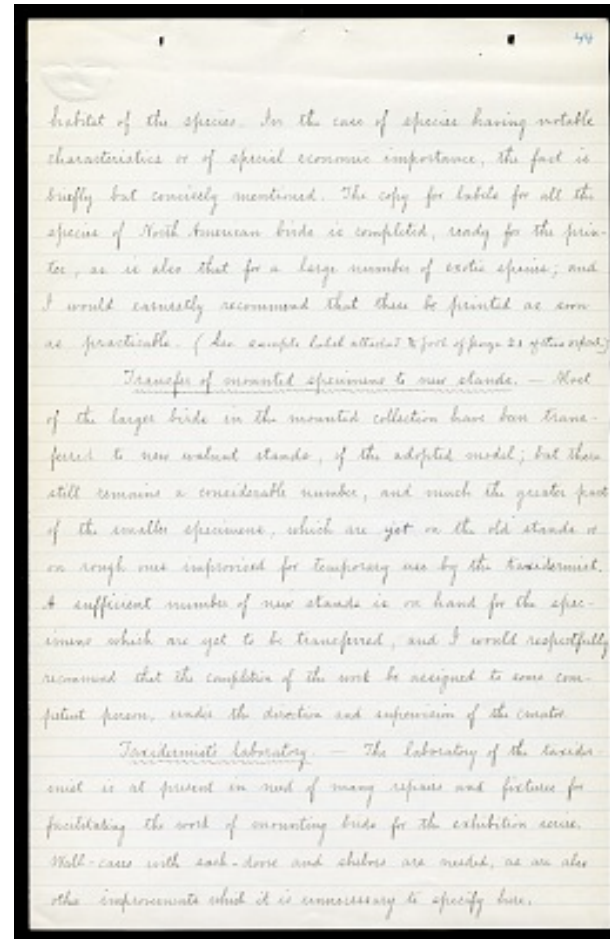
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habitat of the species. In the case of species having notable characteristics or of special economic importance, the fact is briefly but concisely mentioned. The copy for labels for all the species of North American birds is completed, ready for the printer, as is also that for a large number of exotic species; and I would earnestly recommend that these be printed as soon as practicable. (See sample label attached to foot of page 21 of this report.)

[[wavy-underlined]] Transfer of mounted specimens to new stands. [[/wavy-underlined]] - Most of the larger birds in the mounted collection have been transferred to new walnut stands, of the adopted model; but there still remains a considerable number, and much the greater part of the smaller specimens, which are yet on the old stands or on rough ones improvised for temporary use by the taxidermist. A sufficient number of new stands is on hand for the specimens which are yet to be transferred, and I would respectfully recommend that the completion of the work be assigned to some competent person, under the direction and supervision of the curator.

[[wavy-underlined]] Taxidermist's laboratory. [[/wavy-underlined]] - The laboratory of the taxidermist is at present in need of many repairs and fixtures for facilitating the work of mounting birds for the exhibition series. Wall-cases with sash-doors and shelves are needed, as are also other improvements which it is unnecessary to specify here.



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