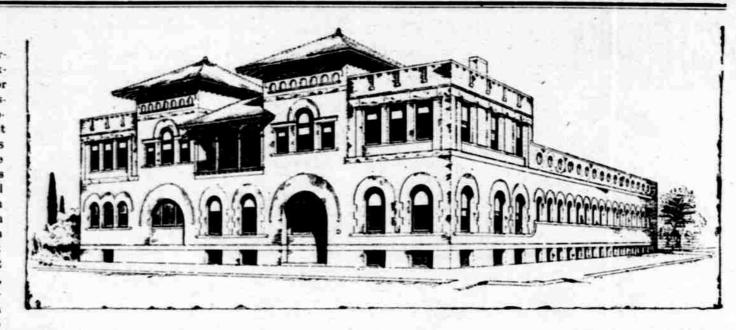
A. Feathered Crimina'.

I am quite frequently asked by persons having an ambiti n to become taxidermists what bird they shall take for their first subject, my reply to this question is "let taxidermy alone, do not destroy the birde; but if you will mount birds begin with the Blue Jay." This I andsome dashing fellow is one of the few birds we have who does almost as much barm as he does go d. He will eat almost any hir g, not hesitatin; even to dest oy young birds and feed on them, and he has a fondness for eggs that is insatiable, many a pretty nest has been destroyed by him. Like most bullies the jays are cowards when alone, but let a band of these audacious mischief loving fe lows get toge her on a foraging experition and there is no limit to their courage. I have seen them attack the swift wirged hawkmerely for the sport of it, worrying the poor bird till he was glad to get out of their reach. Their especial delight, however, is to catch some litt'e owl this side then on that, finally compell- blue and white gowns. ing the little fellow to fly for refuge to some hole in a tree. A few days ago I found two of these heartless rescale in an elm having a lively quarrel with each other, they had evidently been up to some mischief which I decided to investigate by throwing a stone up into the tree, when they became frightened and dropped their spoil, which proved to le a young sparrow they had stolen from a nest near by. The jays are easily tamed when caught young and readily learn many interesting tricks Even talented Miss Polly with all her many accomplishments responds no more readily to education. I once found a nest containing four young birds which I took home and put in a cage, I had but litt'e trouble in rearing them feeding them with worms, gresshoppers berries and occasionally bread and milk They grew rapidly and in the course of six weeks were large enough to hop about and fly up on my shoulder where they would chirp and scold or make love to me as the humor suited them. One night three of these follows got out of the cage and were carried off by the rate, so I had but one little chap left. come when called. Jack became very CENTENNIAL AND EXPOSITION much attached to me and afforded me much amusement and pleasure, he loved to crack parlor matches on his with one foot and with a quick stroke of his strong bill would make it pop and blaze up as there matches do, this pleased him immensely. Jack soon developed remarkable thieving propensities carrying off and usually hiding any thing he could find, he was particularly tion at city ticket office 1201 O street. fond of bright things, nails, coins, thimbles, and trinkets of all kinds, and if caught with any thing be could swa'low he would apparently swallow it. But when I had turned away and taken a few steps, if he thought I was not watching him, up it would come, then he would begin Lammering away at it as if Le had no other business but are finding this out every year by actual to find out what the thing was made of. experience. Before arranging for your He became so tame that I let him fly about the grounds and often he would steamship berths, tickets and full inforgo a block away but he would always mation will be furnished. return.

The nest of the Blue Jay is usually built in the crotch of an elm, maple or box eider, if een or twenty feet above BURLINGTON ROUTE PLAYING the ground whe e it is well hidden by the ground whe ett is well hidden by the dense felage. It is made of small twigs and sticke, liked with file roots B. & M. Dopot or city ticket office, corand sometimes with fathers and smal



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asleep and pounce down, striking at looking little home for so pretty a bird. him viciously. The little fellow thus The four or five eggs are of a dull olive rudely awakened has a hard time of it color spotted with brown. The color of making a brave defence, his little head the plumage of these birds is so well moving so if on a pivot in his efforts to known I will not describe it. Both ward off the quick cruel blows of his sexes are marked alike and Mrs. Jay tormentors, as they strike at him first on dresses her young in the same pretty

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