C. H. Boynton
July 7, 1885

I have several designs to mention
They will find you a far more
and easier, but must
you let me.

The winner, and you?
I found you since you last
being (I think), and so
not here, nor the others, -
but whether here or not when
in our country
have not been in our midst
so in your city or in.
I made one or two of the murders
of, as we used in
case onevantone.

As I have ever been, on your
conscience
your truly

Please, in some notion of kind, and}

The handwriting is quite difficult to read, but it appears to be a letter or a set of notes. The text includes several sentences and paragraphs, but the exact content is not clear due to the quality of the handwriting. It seems to be discussing personal or possibly family matters, as indicated by the use of familiar terms and expressions.
Do you know anything of Maynard's small repeating gun or pistol, which the advertisers mention? I have a friend in Mass., who wishes very much to see your report on the birds here. If you have more copies to spare, I would like very much to get one for him. Will write you when I send that to him.

Yours very truly,
C.L. Boynton

Notice that you misunderstand my name: it is C.L. instead of C.J. Of no particular consequence only letters might get mixed with some one else's.

Highlands, C.J.

Mr. Preston

Dear Sir,

I have received also the plates containing your observations. Many thanks for the Baker, and from what little I have read of it I know that it will be very interesting.

I assure you, that there can be no doubt of willingness on my part, that what is sent you the Grouse and other birds you wanted; but on account of my in ability to procure them. I shall make a desperate effort however next week to get them for you, and if possible shall send a for the middle of last
of the week. I can easily get the Snowbirds, but the others are not so easily procured.

The Grouse have been hunted until there are not very plenty near here, but perhaps I can get a few specimens. I have not seen a single Crossbill this winter and have heard of only one being seen near here.

You spoke of wanting Crossbills in your letter before the last one. I know only one species here (the R说服 eahted) and they are only summer residents.

I did not expect any return for the eggs I sent you. I am glad if they have been of any use to you and you are entirely welcome to them.

Dec 20th. A man brought me a Barred Owl which he had killed with a stick. It was very poor and had absolutely nothing in its stomach. I don't understand how it could be in such a condition for there are plenty of small birds since it does which it could live on here through out the winter. The late cold weather has been very severe on the birds here.

I have heard of many hawks, gnat, etc. found frozen to death.

There have been a few specimens of the Carolina Wren here all winter until the cold weather came about three weeks ago, but have seen none since.

I have got nothing suitable for photographing dust shot—have been making inquiries of several gun dealers but have not settled on anything yet.

What would you recommend? I think you spoke of using some kind of a pistol. What is it and price?
C. L. Boynton
Feb. 8, 1886

Dear Mr. Brewster,

I have written date on each case containing birds—

Verily,

C. L. Boynton

Did not see a single Crocodile either day that I was collecting.

Sincerely,

C. L. Boynton

If we have regular stage line from here to the 20th I have been obliged to travel until now for a chance to send you a box of birds.

Disappointed, I have not been able to get all that you wanted but have done the best I could in the time. I have been out two days and should try another day but dared not keep some of the birds longer.

Some of the birds are badly shot up, (in consequence of having to shoot them with large guns out of short range) but I put them...
all in, thinking they might
do for comparison if for nothing
else. The only specimen of the
stuffed Grouse that I have been
able to obtain was shot several
days ago and fearing it would
not keep, I have stripped it, the best
I could.— I think if I can get
some one to go with me with a
dog we can get some Grouse—
If I can get any, I will send you
another box later on, and try
and get more snowbirds—
I have put in a few skins that
I had on hand.— The Rusty-gaz-
kle is a specimen that has been
seen with a flock of Sarks around
the village all winter—
It is the only one that I have ever
seen here. — Is the tinklelet bent
the Golden or ruby crowned?
It is the first one I ever saw to know it.

I supposed it to be the Golden Crowned
but thought best to ask you to ask
To make sure of it—
I would also like to know if
the Sparrow sent is the Tree Sparrow?
Quite a number of them spend
the winter with us— but I don’t
think I have ever seen them
in the summer—
The specimen of Red-bellied Wood-
seeker is the only one I ever
saw. I can find but little about
it in any book that I have—
Is it a Southern species?
Would it be likely to breed
here do you think—
Your suggestions in regard to
paying for the birds sent is per-
fectly satisfactory to me.
As just whatever you consider
their merits and shall be satisfied
Of course I don’t expect anything
Malmooffter,

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 5th just received.

Since writing you have bought a single barrel, break-
loading Remington shot gun.

F. A. C. & S. C. & L. A.

If you have the pistol ordered and think it would be an
advantage to have it, why send it anyway. It seems to me that
in some cases, where you have gone to a small bird very close
that it would be impossible to shoot it with a gun without
spoiling it, when if you had a pistol, such as you speak of, it might be collected in good shape.

Of course I should be satisfied with the pistol in return for the birds, but I have got so few that I am afraid it wouldn't be a fair bargain at all.

If you succeed in getting pistol would like to have you send some primos shells with it and whatever the cost may be of shells and pistol over what the birds are worth to you, I will gladly pay.

Have learned since sending for, that the man I sent for expected to be his days on the road instead of one as I supposed.

In consequence of this I am afraid the birds may be spoiled before reaching you, but hope that

They may be all right.

I don’t know as you will care anything about the hawks I sent, but as there was plenty of room in box I thought I would put it in any way.

Truly yours

E. S. Boynton
C. L. Boynton

Feb. 28, 1886

Mr. Brewster,

Dear sir,

I am just received your letter of the 17th inst.,

Many thanks for the money order enclosed, the amount of which is perfectly satisfactory. I am very sorry that the birds reached you in such bad shape and hope if send another box that they will arrive in good condition.

I cannot say just when, but as soon as possible, I will try and get you what you want. I can probably get a Wild Turkey some time this Spring, as quite a good many are usually
S.P. I think,

Do there any particular difference in the hosting of the Barred and the Gray-sided birds? I hear only hosting nearly every night but don't know which kind they are. I suppose they must be feeding here now, but although I have searched several localities where I have heard them host I have as yet failed to find a nest.

Will write again as soon as I get another try ready to send.

Drat your 

C.L. 1870
March 2, 1856

C. C. Boynton

To my Sis.

Dear Sir,

I have just finished packing a box to send to the depot this morning. I have not succeeded in getting the straw, that is, I have got 2 but one, and some of the others that you wanted, but I have done the best I could.

I have got you a variety this time and some very good specimens and I hope they may reach you in good shape.

These taken today, have nearly all came from about four miles out of this town, all others in town near it. I believe I have identified them all but the fork.

Please tell me what it is.

The celebrated Shamos are the first I ever saw. They are beautiful birds and the handsomest Spanis I know of.

I have got your brass churn which you said to promise to return in hurry, so think perhaps I shall yet get one. One man says he knows where there is an old gobbler that would weigh in the neighborhood of 30 lbs. but is very rare. He thinks he can get him as soon as they commence to gobble about the 15th of this month. I neglected to mail the Spanish others in my last letter and forgot about it. I was until my hat was packed, but have raised the lid and pushed it in on top of the packing. Please tell me what it is.
For you can get some more
I get the turkey
and can send the skin, at least
with that.

If it would not be too much
trouble for you, I would like to have
you give me 2 pairs of spring creeps
I believe they call them, or freezers
about five or six in. in length
their horn is right.

Most destruct cost 2 and
 mailing from price of birds.
Very truly yours
C.L. Boynton
C. B. Borgiuton

Oct. 31, 1886

Highlands, March 14.

Mr. Brewer,

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 21st Instant arrived. Thanks for the money order enclosed.

I received the forceps several days ago and am much pleased with them. Many thanks for your kindness in getting them for me.

I will try and get the turkey for you as soon as I can.

The earlier Spring Birds are now with us. One of the Vireos (the Solitary, I think) has been here for nearly a week. Robins, Bluebirds, and Flickers are now
common. Have seen a few Hoosier one Brown Thrush also one Bewick's wren and a few specimens of the Water Thrush.

Today saw a Snowbird picking up material for a nest but ain't afraid the snowsquall and cold wind which we are getting this evening will put them back in their household operations. You are indebted to some one else for the copy of the Highlander you speak of. As I haven't sent any to you.

Truly Yours,

G.L. Boynton
Highlands A.C. April 13 1846

No Breuster
Dear Sir—
Yours of the 5th received. I have not had an opportunity to prepare the birds for the experiment you spoke of until to day. I will send by this mail a box containing two specimens prepared as you wished. I also put in, a skin of the Solitary Vires which I happened to have.
I get the other birds you want as soon as I can after I hear from you. I can skin them or will send them either of the
other ways; just as you think best.

Truly Yours  
C. L. Boynton
Highlands, A.C.
May 2, 1886

Mr. Boynton,

Dear Sir,

Your of April 25th received. Thanks for the note enclosed. I will try and get the birds as soon as I can.

I may not be able to get them so as to send them all at once, but will do the best I can.

I am much afraid that I shall not be able to get the turkey. I have had quite a number of promises of one, but it has failed to put in an appearance as yet. I have heard of several being shot but not until it was too late to get them.
I have been out hunting them twice but altho' I heard Gobblers both times I was not skillful enough to call them up.

I have lately made the acquaintance of another bird - The Blackburnian Warbler - I think it has been here quite commonly. There are quite a good many already here this Spring. The Black-throated blue warbler has been quite common for nearly a week.

Will write again as soon as I get some birds ready to send.

Truly Yours

C.L. Boynton
Highlands N.C 11/1934

Mr. Brandon,

Dear Sir,—

Your of the 5th inst. received. I knew that I hadn't written you for sometime, but didn't realize how long it had been until your letter brought it to mind.

I am sorry indeed that I cannot repeat anything very favorable, so far as collecting is concerned. About the time I expected to get the birds for you, that you wrote about, I had a steady job of carpentering offered me, and as I am still at work at it, I have not had a chance to do anything collecting this sea.
son. I have three or four specimens that I had collected before that, which I will send by this mail. The small bird I cannot make out, will you please identify it for me? I know it will be a disappointment to you not to receive more, and I do wish that I could have got what you wanted.

I hope that you may be able to spend the season, or at least a few weeks here next Summer then you could collect just what you wanted. I can assure that you can not find a more pleasant place to spend a few months in, during the Summer, I found a nest young S. Vireo just from the nest a few days before receiving your letter, but not thinking of your wanting it I let it go. The plumage so far as I could see was very much like that of the adult, so much so, that it was easily recognized.

On May 6 I found a pair Red-bellied Nuthatches at work on a hole in a dead birch tree in a large Laurel thicket about a mile from town. The hole was some forty feet from the ground and they had got it deep enough to be out of sight, when at work. I shot the female, as it was the first time I had ever had an opportunity to positively identify the bird. I have not found the nest of the S. Vireo this season—infact I have done as little collecting of eggs as of birds.

Have taken only 1 set of Bewicks Owen + one of the Golden-crowned Thrush... I don't know when
I can collect anything more for you, but if I get a chance to get anything will save it for you. What few I send you are welcome to & I am sorry that I have not more to send.

Very Truly Yours

C. H. Boynton

Red. 21

I have neglected to pack my box untill to night. I find that the small kids unknown that I speak of has been mislaid somewhere & I cannot find it. I send the yellow bellied Woodcock because of its peculiar plumage. I never saw one as yellow before.
Highlands, N.C., Mar. 21

Mr. Brewster,

Dear Sir,

It has been a long time since I have heard from you & I hardly know where to address you now, but guess I will direct to Cambridge & run the risk of it's finding you. I heard incidentally awhile ago that you think of visiting Highlands this Spring. I trust this may be so & if I can be of any use to you while here I shall be glad of the chance to accompany you on some of your collecting trips, provided I can arrange my work so that it will be possible. You perhaps know better than
I think would be the best time for your visit here, but I should say if you want to get the benefit of the whole season you should be here by the last week of April or the first of May. Of course if your stay is to be short it would be better to come later. say the middle of May.

Our hardware dealer keeps a supply of dust shot now, so it would not be necessary for you to burden yourself with it unless you care to. But with us very mild and some of the earlier migrants began to arrive making me think we were going to have an early season, but it has been cooler for a week or so past & I hardly know what to look for now. I have done no collecting to speak of this winter. I intend to do more this season than I did last if possible, but I don't know
Whether circumstances will permit the carrying out of my instructions or not.

Do you know of anything in the way of a text-book on ornithology for beginners? If so where could I get it? What I mean is something that commences at the bottom, giving structure of the bird, classification, division into orders, etc. & reasons for it.

I have never seen anything of the kind & if there is such a work, would like very much to get it.

What ought eggs of the sparrow juncas to be worth? I have a set or two which I wish to exchange with a friend for other eggs & I hardly know what to value them at. What should you say?
There was a Golden Eagle captured here not long ago—about the first of Feb. It was caught in a steel trap which was set for a dog beside a dead sheep. It was a female and measured 23 in. in extent by 37 in. length.

It was purchased by the "Scientific Society" of this place (a new organization for the study of natural history) and I attempted to mount it for them.

Can't say that I made a very decided success of it though. The skin is all right, so perhaps they can have it relaxed and mounted in better shape some time if they care to.

I saw this morning about a dozen of what I should think were Purple Finches. It being Sunday, of course, I couldn't get a specimen which I very much regretted. There has been quite a good many Woodcocks here for a month past, an unusual occurrence for this place.