"Bowerwood House"
St Botolph's Road,
SEVENOAKS, Kent.

Nov. 7. 51.

Dear Mr Racey,

I have just completed the packing for you of a wooden box containing the following skins:-

I ♂ ad. Accipiter nisus nisus
*I ♂ ad. Limosa limosa limosa
*I ad. Tringa totanus totanus
*I ♂ ad. Charadrius apricaria apricaria
*I ♂ ad. Strepsilas interpres interpres
*I ♂ ad. Calidris alpina alpina
*I ♂ ad. Calidris alpina schinzii
I ♂ ad. & ♀ ad. Melanitta fusca fusca

Items marked * are spring material and are quite difficult to obtain now a days, and the prospect is that they will become more so owing to a tightening up of protective legislature, without a corresponding provision for the scientific worker.

*I ♂ ad. Limosa lapponica, I missed this in my rough list for you. I hope you will like the skins, and that this lot will arrive without mishap; another of our shortages is the wooden packing case, so perhaps you would return any skins you can in the same box, and it can make other trans-Atlantic passages on our behalf

If you think you would like any further specimens of f. Melanitta fusca fusca please let me know, in which case I will see if I can secure some in the early part of the New Year for you. Do you also want adult female of Accipiter nisus nisus, can doubtless send you a specimen. By the way the females of this bird are pleomorphic to a degree; I have very long series here, and shall probably get more in time.

I am very glad to hear that you have an example of Barrow's Goldeneye for me; I should like this species in different plumages if at any time you have such to spare; have you a sufficiency of the nominate form; I have many more here than I can want, and consequently possess this bird in all the plumages it is met with in this country.

Please excuse more for the time being,

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

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