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story of this island seemed at the annexation by England, he at once wrote a letter to the United States, claiming that the island belonged to Hawaii, and adding that he had no doubt the British government would immediately give it up to us, so as it learned the facts. It is quite superfluous to say it has done nothing of the sort and it would be quite as much so to say that it has no intention. About the same time, H. B. Curries annexed three small islands north of Samoa for England. On May 26, Gardner Island, one of the Society Islands, lying in the Pacific, was annexed by the United States by the same ship. A landing was not made there because of the dangers of the coast, but the proclamation of annexation was made as close to the shore as a cutter dared to go and two men were present to listen to it, to one whom a copy of the document was delivered, along with a Hailan Jack on the 24 of June Danger Island, one of the Union group, was annexed by the same ship. On the 25th of July, the same ship, the Albatross, annexed the same group, namely the Naass Islands of the same group. In September 1898 Gilbert Island, an archipelago about 300 miles to the northwest of Austral was annexed by Captain Davis. H. M. S. Albatross. This was the most important annexation of the year, as this group of islands contains 250 inhabitants, who carry on a considerable trade with Americans and Europeans. The American islanders were here heretofore the subjects of Great Britain, the inhabitants of Kiribati, the main island, and where Davis began his negotiations for the annexation of the group he was to be taking him was expecting some one from San Francisco to come and to change it to be that of the United States. The captain would not consent, however, and he succeeded in inducing the king to accept a protectorate, which ripened into annexation.

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INSTEAD of being decked with garlands and dancing along to the gutturing of kirds, spring this year comes clattering along an snowshoe and with her scented perfume on.

Male Larks	2
Chickadee (all Larks)	2
Total	2



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