wing upon the near approach of an alarming creature, makes sufficient safeguard for the eggs and offspring of the species.

On the sandy islands of our south coast country, the skimmer and many species of terns make nests by simply burrowing a slight depression among the sand and shells when turning their bodies around. Some of the sea birds of the far north, as for example the guillemots and auks, often lay their eggs on the shells of cliffs exposed to the sweep of the ocean gales. These eggs are shaped in a manner as if designed by nature to prevent them from rolling off the rocks. They are very large at one end and at the other taper sharply down to a point. When the wind blows they simply swing round in circles.

Although we sometimes speak of the bird’s nest as its home, such is really not the case for the nest of the wild bird is simply the cradle for the young. When the little ones have flown it is rare that either they or the parents ever return to its shelter.

THE VALUE OF SINCERITY

"THERE is nothing in the world which needs so little decoration or which can so well afford to spurn it altogether as the absolutely genuine. Imitations are likely to be exposed unless carefully ornamented. Too much embellishment generally covers a blemish in the construction. It therefore happens that the first rate invariably rejects adornment and the second rate invariably puts it on. The difference in the two can be discovered at short range, and safety from exposure lies only in imperfect examination. If the vision is clear and the inspection careful, there is no chance for the sham ever to be taken for the genuine; and that is why it happens that among all the forms of activity in this very active age, no struggle is more sharp than that of the first rate to be found out and of the second not to be. It is easier to conceal what a thing is than to prove it to be what it is not. One requires only concealment, the other demonstration. Sooner or later the truth will appear. Some time the decorations will fall off, and then the blemish will appear greater because of the surprise at finding it."

From Governor Frank S. Black’s Speech on Lincoln, Delivered at a Dinner of the Republican Club.