

LETTER.

CHAFFINCHES CAUGHT IN NEST-LINING.

To the Editors of BRITISH BIRDS.

SIRS,—With reference to the notes on this subject (Vol. XXIV., pp. 103, 125 and 156) Surgeon-Lt.-Cdr. T. Hunt and Surgeon-Lt. F. A. Pearse brought me a hen Chaffinch (*Fringilla c. caelebs*) on May 5th, 1931, that they had found near Harwich hanging dead from its nest, which contained a single egg. The bird had died from strangulation by a black horse-hair which had become entwined round its neck, forming an accurately made "clove-hitch".

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