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ELLIOTT COUES, the eminent ornithologist,
died at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore,
Md., December, 25, 1899, at the comparatively early age of 57 years. Dr. Coues
was born in Portsmouth, N. H., September
9, 1842. In 1853 his father, Samuel El-
liott Coues, removed with his family to
Washington, D. C., where Dr. Coues was
educated. He was fitted for college at the
Jesuit Seminary, now known as Gonzaga
College, and in 1857 entered what is now
the Columbian University, taking his de-
gree of A. B. in 1861, and his medical de-
gree in 1863, and receiving later from the
same institution the honorary degrees of
M. A., and Ph.D. While yet a medical stu-
dent he was enlisted as a medical cadet, and
soon after graduation was appointed assistant
surgeon in the United States Army,
his first station being Fort Whipple, Ar-
izona. Later he was assigned to Fort Macon,
North Carolina, and afterwards to Fort
McHenry, Baltimore. In 1873 he was or-
dered to Fort Randall, Dakota, and thence
assigned as surgeon and naturalist to the
United States Northern Boundary Com-
misson, which surveyed the line of the forty-
ninth parallel from the Lake of the Woods
westward to the Rocky Mountains. The
following six years were spent in Wash-
ington, the first two in the preparation of
the scientific report of the Northern Boundary
Survey, on the conclusion of which he was