WILD GEESE ON THE PLAINS.

Great Sport Which is Found in the North-Wild-goose hunting on the plains of the Northwest is a sport which always has great charm even for the experienced Nimrod. It is a sport replete with incident and a regreation which must once be indulged in to be thoroughly appreciated. The wild goose is known in all parts of North America, but in no section of the country does this bird appear in such numbers as in that territory lying between the Red river valley and the Missouri river. There the grese swarm in countless numbers, and become corpulent on the grains of "No. 1 hard," which have been shaken from the stalk

number of the flocks to be seen when the shooting season begins each year. An hour's lively sport with the "honkers" on the wheat fields of North Dakota line of flight. Then it is nothing uncommon for him to "tumble over" a wagon-load of geese in very short order. Wild geese are a staple commodity in North Dakota, and readily bring from \$2.50 to \$5 per dozen during the shooting season. In the little towns and stations along the Northern Pacific Railway, during the fall and spring flights, almost everybody turns out for a few hours in the morning and toward the close of the day to shoot at the geese, and a right warm reception are the birds treated to. Many will ride to the outskirts of the town and shoot from a buggy or wagon at the passing myriads raised his head and looked intently over overhead, and occasionally bring down a

bird at long range. The hunter who is out for business, and is shooting for market and the money there is in it, drives out 10 or 15 miles over the prairie several hours before daylight, and after selecting a spot where the geese have been seen in great numbers the day before, digs a pit in the ground large enough to conceal himself, and arranges the stubble or grass about the mouth of it so as to present a natural appearance. Close by he plants his decoys and settles back in the pit and anxiously awaits the coming of the morning. It is still dark, but from every quarter of the prairie come sounds of animal life which foretell the coming of a new day. The mournful cry of the carlew is heard overhead, and a flock of plover demonstrate their close proximity by the hurtling noise of their wings. For some time he sits in a cramped po-

sition, listening to the booming notes of The sharp yelp of a coyote not far away ing skulking animal has pumped up a "cotton tail" and is hustling for an early breakfast. At the first peeping of the gray dawn the hunter suddenly hears a welcome sound—the faint and far-away "honk-honk" of the goose. He examines his gun and notes the direction of the Gradually the topics changed, until at sound. Rearer and nearer the sound comes, and finally he ventures to take a peep out of the pit and discovers the distant outlines of a large flock spread out V-shaped in the morning sky, bearing off seen the decoys, and the hunter thinks it

is yet too dark. Suddenly the leader is seen to waver and with loud cries the flock turns and circles around the decoys as if unconscious of their genuineness, but drawing which Herod ordered killed. They were nearer at each turn. They have approached within easy shooting distance, and just as soon as the flock pitches down among the decoys the loud bang! bang! of a heavily; loaded shotgun is heard, and two pulls of smoke are seen coming apparently from the surface of the earth a short distance away. Several geese are lying on the ground, and one is skimming away over the prairie with a

tipped wing. Some other flecks appear, and the shooting becomes lively until the sun is fully two hours high, when the flocks diminish, both in size and number, and, with the exception of a few stragglers, the morning flight is over. Crystal Springs is the name of a small station on the Northern Pacific, 30 miles west of Jamestown, N. D. There are several small alkali lakes in close prox-

imity to the station, and a number of ist, however, and can't say what effects springs in the hills near by, from which long exposure has on the bones of the the place gained its name. The town sexes. proper consists of a depot, boarding house and water tank, and a population not exceeding 10 souls. One April morning a few years or so since the writer, in company with the telegraph operator at the place, sailied forth in quest of geese, large flocks of which were seen circling around and alighting on a small lake, fringed with bushes and tall grass, not over a mile from the station. After a full hour spent in crawling over the ground and keeping out of sight as much as possible, the hunters crept through the grass to the bushes and looked cau-

Upward of 1000 geese were sporting on the water, diving, squawking and carrying on at a great rate. When the edge of the flock had come within 30 yards the hunters raised their guns and gave them a barrel, following it up with the remaining barrel as they rose heavily ordered slain by Herod. from the water. Twenty-eight geese were gathered up as the result of the shot, 24 of them the white or brant geese. The remaining four were fine specimens of that wariest of all birds of its speciesthe black head, or Canadian goose. The morning's work was highly satisfactory. -Cleveland (O.) Leader.

Petroleum a Remedy for Diphtheria. An observant and thoughtful country dector in the French village of Neuville-Champ-d'Oisel, about nine miles from Rouen, made an important experiment last year, which may be the means of saving many lives if the knowledge of it comes to be widely diffused. A violent epidemic of diphtheria broke out, and the deaths were appallingly numerous, and his usual methods of treatment seemed a total failure. He remembered that the English had used petroleum (kerosenc) as an antispasmodic and antiseptic, he determined to try it on a little girl of seven, whom he had given up. He explained to the parents that, with their consent, he would make the experiment, and at once commenced swabbing the throat with the petroleum. He was careful not to have an excess of the material on his brush, as a drop too much might strangle in the disabled condition of the throat and larynx. To his astonishment there was improvement after the first application. He continued the treatment, and the child recovered; and he used it successfully with many patients afterward-in fact he lost none. Lest this should turn out to be too good news to be true, and it should prove that he had been treating falset diphtheria, which so closely resembles the



true that only examination by an experbacteriologist can determine its nature, he sent portions of the expectorated membrane to Prof. Francois Hue, bacteriologist of the Medical College of Rouen, and he reported the presence of numerous bacilli of diphtheria.

Rescued by a Dog. A good story is told in Dumb Animals of a red Irish setter-dog belonging to a Washington gentleman. The dog, however, lives on Penobscot Bay all the year round, in charge of a fisherman. Not long ago the dog, whose name is Pat. rescued no fewer than seven persons from a fishing-smack that had been thrown on a reef in a heavy gale. The smack was wedged on one of the recfa on Great Spoon Island, about two hunby the reaper and are lying in the stub- dired feet from the shore. The men hoistble everywhere. Large numbers of the ed signals of distress, and were in momentary danger of being swept away.

birds are killed by resident hunters and for Eastern markets, but no apparent Tremendous waves were running, and diminution is noticeable in the size and the crowd of excited fishermen on shore knew that it would be fatal for them to attempt a rescue, as no boat in their possession could live in that sea. Suddenly the one who had in his care the means but one thing to the inexperienced | dog Pat bethought him that the dog had hunter, and that is something for his been taught to not only retrieve, but to pains, especially if he happens to get in tow boats from one point to another, and a weil concealed stand directly in the often when a boat would get adrift he would be sent for it, and he would run his nose under the painter until he would come to the end of it, and he would take it in his teeth and fetch the boat to

Pat was at once called. A long codline was attached to a piece of lath and flung as far as possible into the water. Pat promptly sprang in, swam to it, and he repeated the performance. The fish-

the dog's attention to the men on the tain and his crew never handled be reef. Finally Pat seemed to comprehend that there was something more serious on hand than he at first thought. He the water. His eye caught sight of the boat with its signal of distress and the waves dashing over it. When the lath with the cod-line at-

tached was again thrown into the water Pat at once sprang after it, took the lath in his teeth, and instead of turning to the shore, struck out through the roaring surf to the reef. Many times he was buried under the waves, but after a few minutes of intense suspense he was seen from the shore clambering up the side of the reef, and a great shout went up as the imperilled sailors took hold of him and lifted him into the boat, in an almost exhausted condition. In brief time the men passed hand over hand from their place of danger, the brave dog following when he had got his second wind.

Easily Caught.

Abashed at nothing, a commercial traveler in the South once propounded a a question to a couple of clergymen, 'he sharp yelp of a coyote not far away may be tripped on a simple, little "catch" of a negro.

s unmistakable evidence that the thriving may be tripped on a simple, little "catch" of a negro.

He did not know of its value, and problem, says the New York Herald.

The drummer entered into a conversation with the ministers and entertained them amazingly with his brilliant conversation, touching men and affairs. last the talk was of Dr. Talmage and his visit to the Holy Land.

"Speaking of the Holy Land," said the graceless commercial man, "I was quite to one side. Apparently they have not interested to read in a New York paper recently that a party of explorers in Palestine had discovered a huge heap of bones, which, from their size and quantity, are supposed to be of the children found in a cave, which had been closed for centuries which accounts for their

"Indeed!" replied one of the clergymen, much interested. "I had not heard of it. It is certainly a surprising discovery."

"Yes," continued the drummer, "and, oddly enough, while nearly half of the bones are bleached white, the rest were as black as ebony."
"Remarkable," ejaculated the clergyman, who had already spoken, while the

other looked at the drummer suspicious-"What is your theory," he continued.
"Do you think it possible that the bleached bones could be of males, and the black

of females ?" "Possibly," replied the more communicative clergyman. "I am not an anatom

"And you," persisted the drummer to the other. "What is your opinion? Do you think it possible that the white bones belong to male infants and the black to female, or vice versa? That is the problem that now excites the discoverers. "Really," replied the other. "I don' know, but, possibly, as you first put it the white bones may be of the male chil-Shortly after this the clergymen reach-

dren, and the black of the female." ed their destination and left the train. Just as it was about moving off, the drummer who had been chuckling to himself the meanwhile, thrust into the hand of one a card, upon which was written the words:-"Ercuse me if I suggest that you read

our Bibles hereafter with greater care. Had you done so in the past, you would have known that boy babies only were

Coaxed Into Confession The principal of a Philadelphia Sunday school has a fondness for statistics, and the other day he directed the teachers to ascertain the occupation of the parents of all the scholars in their respective classes. The inquiry progressed smoothy until it reached the infant class, where one small red headed and freckled boy obstinately refused to give any information.

"Isn't your father living, Willie?" nquired the teacher. "Yes'm."

'Doesn't he work ?" "No'm.'

"But he supports you and mamma The small scholar assented emphatical-

"Then isn't he in business?"

"Kind of." Visions of a gambler in a checked suit and diamond studs, or a saloon keeper dealing out fiery fluids, crossed the teacher's mind.

"William," she urged apprehensively, what does your father do?" There was a moment's pause, while the sobs in the small boy began to rise to the feekled surface. "My pa," he sold weeningly "air't in any regular. said weepingly, "ain't in any regular business. He's the bearded lady in de museum, and ma said of I give it away

Couldn't Make Him Quail. A couple of wives were discussing the respective merits and demerits of their husbands, and one had quite a doleful tale to tell.

"Why don't you read the riot act to him?" asked the sympathizer. "I have, but it isn't much good."
"Well, you bet," said the other emphatically, "if he were my husband, I'd make him quail." "I think not."

"Why not?" and her eyes sparkled. The first one smiled a quiet little smile of aubmisaion. "Because he's an old rooster," and then they laughed at the mild joke and began to talk about something else.

À RICH PRODUCT OF THE SEA Yarns from Cape Cod About a Valuable

Substance. In the finding of ambergris there is probably no class of whalemen so suc cessful as those sailing from Provincetown, Cape Cod.

The old salts of that quaint port, says the New York World, tell some very interesting stories of small fortunes that have been found drifting around in West Indian waters and along the Spanish Main.

Ambergris is a peculiar secretion ound in a decayed sperm whale, and is worth its weight in gold. In years gone by the Provincetown whalers have been very fortunate in this business. An interesting story is

told of an incident which occurred not

many years ago. A schooner from that port was quietly drifting along near the whaling grounds on a clear, calm afternoon, when the man on the look-out in the crow's nest hailed the deck as is customary when anything is discovered on the water and reported to the officer of the deek a, small, peculiar-looking substance floating off the port quarter, and it looked something like beeswax, which is often

found floating in these waters. The captain was immediately called, and looking through his glass he ordered a boat lowered without delay. No time was lost. The experienced eye of the captain did not fail him at this

It was taken on deck and was put to a severe examination by the crew. Afbrought it to the shore. Several times ter a careful consultation and diagnosis, as it were, it was pronounced to be some ermen were in despair. The waves were kind of gum peculiar to the West Indies, splashing so high they could not direct and, in fact, the like of which the cap-

It was kicked around the deck for number of days, and finally thrown into the stern of the boat to get it out of the way. It was soon forgotten. Not many weeks afterward the schoon-er fell in with another whaler from

Provincetown and the crews exchanged visits and compared notes. While the captain were comfortably scated in the stern of the boat before ly celebrated for superior quality.

16 referred to, spinning yarns and talking RESERVE YOUR ORDERS until we referred to, spinning yarns and talking of home comforts, the visiting captain suddenly espied the lump of "gum," so called, and with much surprise asked, 'What are you letting that lie around so carelessly for ?"

The answer was, "Why, it is no good, only wax, you know, that I am taking iome for some of the boys." a strong rope was attached to the cod-line. The men on shore were signalled to haul away, the rope was made fast to the reef and the shore, and one by one thing you do is to take care of it." It is needless to say that it was taken When the vessel arrived home the lump of "gum," which was a few months before thrown carelessly aside, was appraised and added nearly \$7,000 to the

stock of the voyage. Another captain of a merchant vessel, while lying at one of the small islands sition, nstening to the bounds of the sounds a prairie chicken, which bird is pouring a prairie chicken, which bird is pouring a prairie chicken, which bird is pouring whom he encountered on a railroad in the West Indies, discovered a lump fourth a voiume of irum-like sounds. Train, which illustrates how easily a man as big as his two fists in the possession

> wanted to trade. The captain did. "I want to trade," said the native. "What do you want?" asked the cap The negro replied: "I will trade this."

> holding out the lump, for one fiannel shirt and an old pair of pants." "It's a go," quickly returned the cap-The negro departed in high glee while the captain felt sure he had by far

the better end of the bargain. On his return to the States the lump was quickly sold for \$500. This shows how ignorant some people are of the looks and value of the pro-

Another story is told of a Provincetown whaling crew who lost their prize when almost secured. The whale had been killed and towed o the vessel's side, when one of the sailors discovered some peculiar looking particles floating on the water along-

They were taken up by a small dip net and, after being severely scrutinized for some time, the crew decided the small particles looking like ambergris. It was accordingly deemed expedient to make a more through search. On sticking a spear into the part where ambergris is usually secreted a hard

substance was struck. All was excitment at once. The whale was cut into and adark gray mass about the size of a half-barrel was discovered.

Guy ropes were made fast and an tempt was made to haul it on deck, but it proved too much for the men at the

A boat was then lowered and hauled to the spot, and the guy-ropes thrown to the men in the boat. Before the men could catch the repes the leadlike mass shot downward into the bottomless sea, and at least \$59,000 slipped away from mortal sight, leaving behind a mad and infuriated captain and a disgusted crew.

The Locomotive Whistle.

When locomotives were first built and began to trundle their small loads up and down newly and rudely constructed railways of England the country roads were for the most part crossed at grade and the engine driver had no way of giving warning of his approach except by blowing a tin horn. This horn, as may be imagined, was far from being a sufficient warning. One day in the year 1833 a farmer of Thornton was crossing the railway tracks on one of the country roads with a great load of eggs and butter. Just as he came out upon the track a train approached. The engine man blew his tin horn lustily, but the farmer did not hear it. Eighty dozen eggs and fifty pounds of butter were smashed into an Indistinguishable, unpleasant mass and mingled with the kindling wood to which the wagon was reduced. The railway company had to pay the farmer the value of his fifty pounds of butter, his 960 eggs, his horse

and his wagon. It was regarded as a very serious mat ter, and straightway a disector of the company, Ashien Bagster by name, went to Atton Grange, where George Stephen-son lived, to see if he could not invent something that would give a warning more likely to be heard. Stephenson went to work and the next day a contrivance which when attached to the engine boiler, and the steam turned on, gave out a shrill discordant sound. The railway directors, greatly delighted, ordered similar contrivances attached to all the locomotives, and from that day to this the voice of the locomotive whistle has never been silent.

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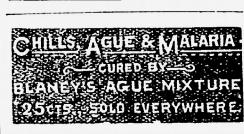
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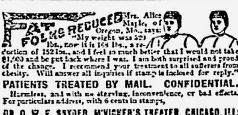
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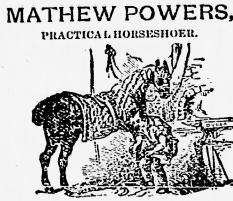
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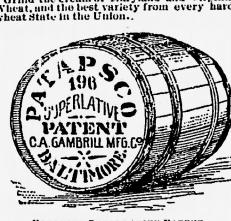
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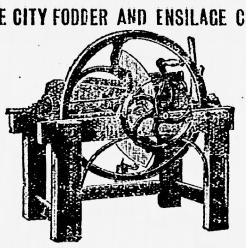
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