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Gossip About the Woods and their Denizens.

The Forest Domain of New York.

By LAURENCE SHANNEY, in the New York Post.

No State in the Union has a more magnificent forest domain than New York. Looking from the tops of her mighty mountains one sees forests bounded only by the misty hills along the horizon. Lakes seem to nestle in every hollow, and streams where waters gather to the Hudson or St. Lawrence spring from every hill side. The streams abound in fish, the forests with wild animals. It is difficult for one who has not seen for himself to credit the assertion that these forests are like well-trodden sheep pastures, seamed far and near with paths worn deep with small, sharp-pointed hoofs. The thinly wooded hill tops or mountain sides are covered with a luxuriant growth of *Solidago virgaurea*, the golden rod of the hills. The deep moss is interlaced with the most delicately aromatic of plants, *Chiogenus hispidula*, and the fairy-like *Axalea violana* is literally everywhere.

Springy spots in the deep sponge-like moss abound in familiar plants and grasses, of which *Phelum alpinum* is of the same family as our cultivated herds-grass. In these spots moose are more likely to feed than deer. In such a spot I saw their tracks last year. One can scarcely repress a thrill of delight at sight of that broad cleft-hoof track. It is the track of a creature so rare with us as to be nearly extinct. But few eyes have seen it in the Empire State, and standing beside it on a lofty mountain side, in a tangle of reed-mace, rank veratrums and leonurus astray from cultivated lands, token of the winter gleanings of the chickadee, who twittered at me from a low spruce near by. I looked out with a keener interest at the great forest valley beyond. There was no visible sign that a human being had ever penetrated its depths. Neither the axe or fire had broken the surface of that sea of foliage stretching away into the blue of the distant hills. Two magnificent lakes shone like silver in the sunlight, and the course of streams could be traced by the deciduous trees along their banks.

So dense is the mass of tree tops overhead that the sun seldom shines upon the earth, and one has to have actual experience of it to know the steaming, breathless warmth of those shaded woodlands in July and August. Colorless plants like the monotropas and broomrapes mound, with endless varieties of wonderful and beautiful fungi. The canoe birch lifts its rosy-tinted shaft to the arched and canopied roof, by the side of pines whose lofty tops vibrate with perpetual music. Swift streams abound, and a magnificent range covering nearly all of two and a part of one or more counties, is open to its choice. But in this hollow west of Dix Peak away to Mount Marcy is the paradise of the moose.

The red deer, more easily adapted to circumstances, loves the edges of woodlands and cultivated fields. It has a liking for grain, and being the dantiest of feeders prefers an oat or clover field to the rough browse of the hills. Tender tufts of acid young beech, or aromatic birch leaves, it culls along the edges of clearing. Succulent sprouts of Indian corn, or even the ripe grain, is not despised. In fact, if dogs could be kept from the woods a greater part of the year, deer would haunt our cultivated fields in such numbers as to astonish and perhaps annoy their owners. I have myself seen them feeding among cattle in an open field, and know more than one case in which a doe with fawn has lived about a farm through the whole of the season, coming into the orchards and meadows at night. As the deer, when undisturbed, feed in little groups, and continue to haunt the same places for years in succession, nothing seems easier than that they should increase in number.

To that end some enforcement of law is required. The half-grown lout whose only possession is a murderous gun should lose the privilege of using it for a less crime than shooting a partridge on her nest or a doe with young. What punishment should be accorded to those cockney sports who net and drive trout brooks, slaughter deer in season and out of season, and otherwise display their half-butcher and half-poacher propensities, it is hard to say. It should be neither light or pleasant.

The timidity and habitual caution of the deer teaches it to keep in the tracks of its fellows as much as possible. Hence the well worn paths in the woods it frequents. It also feeds but little in a place, nibbling a little here and there, so that an unaccustomed eye would fail to see their traces even on their habitual feeding ground. A deer may be driven by dogs back and forth very near to other deer, without starting them. The cunning creatures lie low in hollows, generally dropping where they stand, till the hunt goes by. If the deer pursued can join a herd of cattle or a number of people together, it will do so, in order to throw off the scent. I have had one come within six feet of me, and turn at right angles and away like the wind. It is a very common thing for them to run up to a group of men at work in a field, loiter around them for a moment, and finally strike off in another direction. The bay of hounds sooner or later explains their apparent fearlessness.

The beautiful ruffed grouse has so many other enemies than man that no particular increase can be hoped for. Yet when the bird chooses to confide in man so much as to build her nest by a wall or roadside, it should be a sore offence against law to disturb her. The grouse is not so timid a bird as might be supposed from its retiring habits. I have dropped from a rock to a leafy hollow within a foot of a bird sitting on her nest without seeing her, so near is her plumage the color of the leaves about her. After I discovered her the rest of my party came up, and jumped down after me. I could not see that the cunning bird moved an eyelid, or even seemed to breathe, though her courage must have been sorely tried. It is not true that she will abandon her nest if discovered. I have taken eggs away and returned them hours afterwards, and more than once scared the bird away before incubation commenced, but she continued to lay and set, and hatched as usual.

In a dense thicket, and along the edge of a bit of swamp, within a hundred yards of a busy village street, I have startled the mother grouse with her half-grown brood. She seemed to know there was safety in the almost impenetrable masses of white pine and arbor vitæ, with the quagmire beyond, and clung to its shelter with persistent cunning.

The grouse delights in the edges of cleared fields, and sunny autumn days it is delightful to watch them making little excursions into the stubble, or sitting on some mossy log, picking and dressing their beautiful plumage. During the hot weather a thread-like worm infests the bodies of grouse. I have seen the plump breast literally laced through and through with them. They are flat and many jointed, with a head somewhat larger than the separate joints of the body. After September I have never discovered them.

A grouse was brought me in January by a woodchopper who had been in the habit of scattering the crumbs of his dinner to the birds that he heard in the brush near. They soon learned to look for them, and, by the tracks in the snow, he judged that quite a large family came daily to share in his bounty. While busy at a little distance one day, he heard a cry and a sudden whirr of wings, as the alarmed birds flew away. Going to see what caused the alarm, he found a small horned owl, with its talons fast in the back of a grouse, which it was unable to lift from the ground. The owl escaped, but the poor grouse was so badly mutilated that he judged it merciful to kill it. This owl is a curious and inquisitive bird. I have had one follow me for miles through the woods. Alighting on a tree ahead of me it looked at me till I passed, and then flew on before to perch itself for another long stare. The grouse's habit of taking to a tree on the first alarm makes it an easy prey to the sportsman, as a dog of the least training will secure shots at ten birds out of a dozen. Every bird of a brood can be picked off alone if carefully followed. The brood generally remain with the mother till fully grown, and often during the winter, unless pressed for want of food.

Within a few years the small brown rabbit, common in Virginia, has appeared in the interior of the State, and is gradually working its way into the northern tier of counties. It is better eating than the common rabbit, but takes to the earth too rapidly to afford much sport.

Of the birds, which have nearly disappeared before cultivation, the crop-bill and snow-hunting are common instances. The first settlers found the crop-bill wherever the magnificent white pine grew. I remember it as very common, while the snow-bunting was easily killed in great numbers. It had a habit of gathering in clusters in sunny hollows; and a man once told that, when a boy, he had killed dozens by lying beside a log and striking among them with a large bush. It breeds at the far north and winters in our dense forests, whence its sudden and somewhat mysterious appearance is about all that we see of it nowadays.

Plover are beginning to frequent low meadows and river banks in the northern part of the State where they have not been observed before.

Of rapacious birds "Buteo borealis," or the red-tailed hawk, is one of the finest. The young have beautiful long, loose plumage, making them seem larger than the old birds, and they have not the sly habits of the older hawks. I have seen one keep his perch on a stump in spite of men and dogs, and even sticks and stones. If one came too near he doged lazily, and looked inquisitively at the missile where it fell; or moved to another stump not a dozen feet away. Several large hawks perch in open fields and watch for mice and small birds. Sometimes they sweep slowly over a field of ripe grain, back and forth, until a mouse or mole is espied, but often the small sparrow is the prey. Riding once near Saratoga, a sparrow was discovered running swiftly along the wheel-track, in front of one of the horses. It kept just ahead of the horse where we could see it plainly for several rods. When we came to a rough tangle of hazel bushes and sweet fern it darted among them, and was out of sight in a moment. Curious to know the cause of such unusual conduct we looked right and left over the long level of roads and fields, and discovered a hawk not far away, sitting quietly on a stake in the fence.

The cry of the young hawk when flying about the nest is excessively harsh and disagreeable, but the long shrill scream of the parent is eerie and wild. Sitting still on the dead limb of some tall tree it utters its long, low, piercing cry. The small birds fly softly to coverts, and every chirp is hushed. Only the clamorous notes of the jay or the cawing of crows, mellowed by distance, reach the ear.

It is a mistake to suppose that robins do not breed in forests. Wherever deciduous trees abound their nests are built and their young reared.

Rocking idly in the transparent waters of a mountain lake, miles away from any settlement, on one sunny day in July, I listened in astonishment to the songs of the robins among the hills. Not many songs, but one great jubilant thrill of music filled the air. The effect was indescribable. The hills had been thoroughly burned over and were now covered with a dense growth of poplar, birch, and maple and the insect tribes haunting them furnished food for this army of song birds. A hawk swung in large circles overhead, and a bear had disturbed my sleep the night before with his gruff "halloo" as he passed near my camp, but no orchard or meadow ever rang with bird-music as did that lonely mountain lake. On the top of one of the Adirondacks I looked down one of its precipitous sides to where, far below us lay a great hollow full of a heavy growth of maple, beech and birch, out of which rose a chorus of blended bird songs that filled the air with a low, continuous musical murmur.

The whipporwill is not by any means a shy bird. One of his favorite nesting places I found to be a limestone quarry, where some acres of chipped lime rock is crossed here and there with roads in daily use. I found the hen setting within six feet of the road on three mottled eggs, laid among the loose bits of limestone. There is never any attempt at nest-making, but the bare earth is preferred to moss or grass. The sudden descent of the whipporwill is accompanied by a sound so very peculiar that it needs to be heard to be appreciated. Botanizing once near the twilight of a summer day in a lonely mountain pasture, one came down so near me that I confess to a terrible panic and precipitate retreat. The fern owl, an English relative of the whipporwill, has no song, but makes the same booming sound in its flight.

To one listening at night there comes often a faint murmur of song from the dark leaf-canopied trees. The birds sing in their sleep, or waking chirp in the darkness, some of the ecstacy of which their little lives are full. To these dear tenants of fields and forests, summer is one long festival. No wonder that they come early, and greet our snow-spotted fields with burst of song. The changeful spring with its glimpses of sunshine, is the delicious prelude to a jubilee that is to last for glorious months, and for which Nature makes haste to array with summer beauty the fields and forests of the continent.

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2. Drink nothing but water, and that only in small quantities at a time. Of course this precludes the use of tea, coffee, and all alcoholic drinks.

3. The clothing should be light, light colored, loose fitting, and changed often.

4. The entire body should be bathed every day, either in the morning, or at night. Farmers and others who perspire freely and are exposed to dust, should bathe at night. They will rest and sleep better for doing so. The whole body can be effectually cooled in a short time, by holding pieces of ice in the hands, or letting a stream of cold water run upon the wrists or ankles.

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