

The European Lapwing on Long Island, N. Y.—A European Lapwing (*Vanellus vanellus*) was shot late last fall on the grounds of Dr. Eagleton, Meccox Bay, Watermills, Long Island. The bird was in good plumage and health.—C. WILLIAM BEEBE, *New York Zoological Park, New York City.*

Occurrence of the Lapwing (*Vanellus vanellus*) and the Turkey Buzzard (*Cathartes aura*) in Newfoundland.—Dr. R. R. McLeod of Brookfield, Nova Scotia, has been kind enough to place at my disposal some brief notes relating to the recent capture in Newfoundland of a Lapwing (*Vanellus vanellus*) and a Turkey Buzzard (*Cathartes aura*). The data just mentioned consist (1) of extracts copied by Dr. McLeod from a manuscript letter addressed to him by "the Editor of the St. Johns [Newfoundland] 'Evening Herald,' Mr. Forneaux"; (2) of a newspaper clipping bearing neither title nor date, but with the letters "J. E. F." inscribed in pencil on the margin; (3) of a printed letter signed and dated "James P. Howley, November 27, 1905." As the "J. E. F." clipping contains several sentences closely similar in expression, as well as thought to some of those in the letter written to Dr. McLeod, I assume that the initials just quoted represent the name J. E. Forneaux and that the account to which they are appended was written by him for the St. Johns 'Herald.' The letter by Mr. Howley is printed on paper of a different quality and color. It was apparently taken from some daily newspaper and, no doubt, from one also published in Newfoundland.

Mr. Forneaux writes to Dr. McLeod that "'the wanton lapwing' was shot on the 23d of November, 1905, and the Buzzard a few weeks before. I handled the lapwing and it was in excellent condition, being quite plump and its beautiful plumage scarcely ruffled. It was killed about a mile inland from the sea-shore, making its way south, just outside the city limits. Does it not seem the 'irony of Fate' that the brave little traveller that had come so far through storm and tempest should fly right over a man behind a gun and fall a victim to his unerring aim. He was probably the only hunter in a vicinity that covers many miles of country. Both birds will be mounted and placed in the museum in charge of Mr. J. P. Howley." In his newspaper account "J. E. F." says that the locality where the Lapwing was killed is "in the vicinity of the White Hills."

Mr. Howley states that the Turkey Buzzard "was shot by Mr. Jocelyn near Renew's, not far from the whale factory at Aquaforte." "Can it be possible," he asks, "that it has been attracted by the whale offal floating southward on the bosom of the Arctic current, and has it followed up the scent to locate the origin thereof?" The Lapwing, he says, was "submitted to me by Mr. Wm. Clapp, M. H. A., who shot it near Quidi Vidi." Mr. Howley thinks it "almost impossible that this bird could have come direct across the Atlantic from its European home" and he is "inclined to believe it may have been up somewhere in Greenland or Iceland," and "been driven westward by the prevalence of strong gales of easterly and northeast winds." — WILLIAM BREWSTER, *Cambridge, Mass.*



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