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GENERAL NOTES.

Alle alle in Virginia.—In a recent letter Captain Crumb of Cobb's Island, Virginia, informs me that a Dovekie (*Alle alle*) was taken there this winter, this being its second known occurrence at that place.—EDWARD J. BROWN, *Washington, D. C.*

The American Woodcock (*Philohela minor*) in Great Numbers at Mount Pleasant, South Carolina.—A cold wave accompanied by a gale struck the coast of South Carolina on the morning of December 27, 1892. There was plenty of snow, ice and sleet on the ground the whole day. In fact the weather moderated very little the whole week. The thermometer registered as low as 18° to 22° during the week.

On the morning of December 27 thousands of Woodcock were shot in the village of Mount Pleasant. They were everywhere—in the yards, stables, streets, and even piazzas. Everybody was out after the birds, and every one had a bag full to overflowing. On that day alone fully two thousand were killed. On December 28 they were so abundant that every clump of bushes contained from ten to fifteen birds. One man killed fifty-eight without moving from his 'stand' except to pick up the birds he killed.

The flight lasted six days, and during that time it would be safe to put the number of Woodcock killed and seen at ten thousand. The markets were overstocked, and they could be bought for twenty-five cents a pair, when normally they sell for seventy-five cents.—ARTHUR T. WAYNE, *Mount Pleasant, South Carolina.*

Gambel's Partridge at San Bernardino, California.—On January 15, 1893, Mr. J. S. Bright sent me a male Gambel's Partridge (*Callipepla gambeli*) which he killed near here. This is, I believe, the first capture of this species here, though it is found at Whitewater, sixty miles distant. The bird was in very poor flesh, but in good plumage.—EDWARD WALL, *San Bernardino, California.*



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