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## REMINESENT.

FROM THE GERMAN OF IRLAND.

Many a year is in its grave  
Since I crossed this restless wave,  
And the evening, fair as ever,  
Shines on ruin, rock and river.

Thou, in this same boat beside,  
Sat two comrades, old and tried;  
One with all a father's truth;  
One with all the fire of youth.

One his life in silence wrought,  
And his grave in silence sought;  
But the younger, brighter form,  
Passed in battle and in storm.

Thus when'er I turn mine eye  
Back upon the days gone by,  
Saddening thoughts of friends come o'er me,  
Friends who closed their course before me.

Yet, what binds us friend to friend,  
Save that soul with soul may blend?  
Soul-like were those days of yore;  
Let us walk in soul once more.

Take, O boatman, thrice thy fee!  
Take, I give it willingly;  
For, invisible to thee,  
Spirits twain have crossed with me.

## GAME SHOOTING.

About the time this article appears in print the game law will "go out" on woodcock. (*Scolopax Rusticola*), a bird that requires a quick eye, and a steady hand, to bring "to bag." Indeed it takes a rare shot to kill all the birds that are "flushed." They are to be found early in July, in timber land, bordering low and marshy ground, on the islands of oak and willow in the sloughs, and I have seen them in two instances on the bluffs at the lake shore.

They are also found at the mill below Half Day, and at many points both up and down the Aux Plaines. Not much success can be hoped for unless the sportsman who seeks this game possesses a good "retriever," as otherwise owing to the thickness of the cover he will lose more dead birds than he recovers. A curious thing about the woodcock, is, that every bird may be shot off the feeding ground and the next day as many more can be found in the same place. If there is sufficient water in the sloughs, also at this season can be found the beautiful summer wood or bridal duck, (*anas Spouza*), with their young as yet but half grown, giving promise of sport in October. They, of all the duck tribe, are the only species of value that rear their young as a rule in this latitude, although occasionally a pair or two of mallards remain here over the summer. I remember four years ago a pair of the latter with their young, that could often be seen in the slough near the "Plank road" bridge. Late in the season can be found, of ducks, as they take their flight southward, first the Teal (*Querquedula Crecca*) both blue and green winged, the mallard (*Anas Boschas*) Shoveller (*Anas Clypeata*) Pintail (*Anas Acuta*), Red Head, (*Fuligula Marila*), and many other varieties. But before the arrival of the ducks comes the shooting "par excellence" of the season. August 15th the law "goes out" on the Pinnated Grouse (*Tetrao Cupido*), or prairie chicken. They are found on the prairie, and, except in the winter, rarely elsewhere. I have seen a few in the first slough west of Highland Park, but nearly always out of season. They are found in limited quantities on the prairie west of Deerfield, and at Half Day; as far west as Diamond Lake and Dean's Corners, they are found in greater numbers.

With a good brace of pointers or setters, well broken and staunch, there is no more exciting sport than hunting the Pinnated Grouse. A little later can be found at the sloughs, or in the sheep pastures at Deerfield, the Killdeer Plover, (*Charidrius Voelferus*) Golden Plover, (*Charidrius Marmoratus*), Yellow leg (*Tringus Semipalmatus*) and various species of Sand Piper. About October 1st., woodcock, much improved in size and weight, return to the same places frequented by them in July. Where they have been during their absence, no one has as yet, I believe, been able to ascertain.

If there is just enough water in the sloughs, early in October can be found in great numbers the American or Jack Snipe, (*Scolopacinus Americanus*). They are easier killed than the Woodcock, which they much resemble, being found in open ground. Their flight is very erratic, however, and a practical hand will miss some birds. They are also found in the prairie sloughs at Deerfield, and around the mill pond on the Aux. Plaines River. Still later occasional shots may be had at the Gray Goose (*Anser Canadas*) as they, in company with the ducks, seek a warmer climate in which to winter. Right here I will state that owing to the extreme mildness of the past winter, a flock of about sixty of these birds remained in this vicinity from last November until this spring, flying from the sloughs to Lake Michigan over and back daily. I have taken up so much space that I shall defer to a subsequent paper an account of what may be found in our woods in the way of game, still later in the season. Yours,

SKOKIE.

Highland Park June 29th 1874.

ONE day we got a free ride into the country, which was agreeable, and, although the ride was cheap, the company was dignified, which was a guaranty that high toned subjects would be discussed and nothing but Sunday school stories told. But old Mr. C. and R. (two well known Highland Parkers) who accompanied us seemed to be in an elevated state of mind, and they continually caused our sober features to break into irregularity, and gentle smiles to resound through the umbrageous woods. When we arrived among the classic shades of Highwood, old Mr. R. exclaimed, as we neared the site of the former and original Post office; "Say Elder did you hear about uncle Henry's sign?" We bowed and remarked that he had made no sign to us. Old Mr. C. put his gentle hand on old Mr. R. and told him to be calm and repress his levity. Well said old Mr. R., this is how it was. You observe that the site is rather back from the boulevard, and its location was difficult to strangers, so at the request of prominent citizens uncle Henry borrowed a pot of shoe—we mean lamp black—of brother Rowden and proceeded to mark on a white fence board "Post office," in Highwood text, and as it happened a crusader of the granger persuasion from Half Day, came to town upon a load of hay. He was dry as all grangers are, and he kept his eye out for an eye opener, so when he saw the sign on the tree he called a halt and proceeded to interpret the same. He spent full half an hour at the first sitting and gave it up. Then he jumped down and tried another angle, and at last the perspiration standing among the hay seed on his manly brow, he shouted "Hot coffee by thunder," and drove on, a disappointed man.

THE editors of the HIGHLAND PARK NEWS, in order to correct an impression which seems to have gained some ground in the community, feel constrained to say that this paper is in no way under the proprietorship or control of any company or association, but is purely and solely an individual enterprise, and stands and proposes to stand upon its own merits alone.

We state this in justice to ourselves, in order to extend our thanks to those friends whose liberal support has brought us along so successfully, and to renew our pledge of allegiance to Highland Park and all that concerns its interests and advancement.

With enough modesty to shield us from the charge of arrogance, but we trust, with independence enough to entitle us to a personality, we shall proceed as we have started, improving, wherever we can, feeling sure that our efforts will be appreciated and their results expand in full proportion with their merit.

HIGHLAND PARK has been favored with several picnic parties this season. The grounds on the bluff overlooking the lake near the pier present a very picturesque and attractive appearance on these occasions, and our visitors for a day never fail to go home pleased and refreshed with their sojourn here. The largest of the Goodrich steamers land at this pier without difficulty, and the distance consumes just enough time to make the sail desirable. Several more parties have arranged to come up this season and an extra train or a boat load of excursionists is now a matter of almost daily occurrence.

THE "Ice Cream Festivals" given under the auspices of the ladies of the Baptist Church, as announced in our last issue have been given on each Tuesday evening of the past month. A good degree of success has crowned the undertaking, and this evening, the 7th inst., the fifth of the series takes place at the grounds of the new hotel. As a source of enjoyment we can imagine no form of entertainment more complete, and we trust the encouragement extended will be sufficient to warrant their continuance during the season.

A billiard tournament is now being held at the rooms in the Highland Park House, and will continue for two or three evenings longer. The excitement is on the increase as the end and the decision as to the championship approaches. Thus far the final result is uncertain; all the players, at different periods of their respective games, exhibiting some brilliant "spurt" when least expected, thus increasing the uncertainty and excitement about equally. The contestants are Messrs. Warren, of South Evanston, Brewster, of Chicago, Warren, of Lake Forest, and Hall, Wrenn and Orr, of Highland Park.

REV. DR. HURD, having been absent for two Sabbaths past, the Rev. Dr. Patterson has been supplying the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church.

THE Waukegan Fair, (under the auspices of the Lake County Agricultural and Horse Growers' Association), will hold their annual exhibition on their grounds at Waukegan, commencing on Monday, September 28th, and continuing through the entire week. From the elaborate preparations being made, we are sure all our readers, male and female, young and old, will find it both pleasant and profitable to attend.

THE Highland Park Hotel is so full already that the landlord has to sleep in the church. Business is equally good with several other Highland Park gentlemen.