

The Game Laws.

In publishing an extract from Judge Jellett's excellent synopsis of the game laws last week, we hit upon an old copy, and not upon the latest as revised. We, therefore, herewith present the whole and the latest:

The only season during which the following game may be hunted, taken or killed is as follows:

Deer—15th October to 20th November. Moose, elk, reindeer or caribou may not be killed before October 15, 1895. The number of deer which may be killed or taken live in any one season, prior to 1895, is limited as follows: One person, 5; two persons hunting together or from one camp or rendezvous, 8; three persons, as before, 12.

Partridges—1st September to 1st January. Woodcock—15th August to 1st January. Snipe, rail and golden plover—1st September to 1st January.

Ducks of all kinds and all water-fowl—1st September to 1st January. Geese—1st September to 1st May.

Hare—1st September to 15th March. The above dates are inclusive. These may be exposed for sale for fifteen days after expiration of time for killing. No eggs to be taken or destroyed at any time. No traps, nets or snares, baited lines or similar contrivances to be used. These may be destroyed by any person without liability. No contrivances described or known as batteries, swivel guns, snunk punts or night lights to be used for killing wild fowl.

Fur-bearing animals may be only taken, hunted or killed as follows: Beaver, mink, muskrat, sable, martin, otter or fisher—1st November to 1st May. Nor shall any trap or snare or other contrivance be set for them outside this season. Nor shall any muskrat house be cut, spared, broken or destroyed at any time. Any person may destroy such traps, snares, etc., to set, without any liability.

N. B.—No poison to be used in killing the animals named and no poisoned bait to be exposed in any locality where dogs or cattle may have access to the same. No deer-dog to run at large from the 15th November until the 15th October.

Foreigners must not hunt, take or kill deer in Ontario, except as follows: Shareholders in an incorporated company, on the grounds of such company or who obtain from the Commissioner of Crown Land's a permit at the cost of \$10, and under the restrictions above quoted.

Deer may not be exported. The penalties imposed by the Act are as follows: In case of deer, elk, moose, reindeer or caribou, not exceeding \$50 or less than \$10 with cost, for each offence; birds or eggs \$25 to \$5; fur-bearing animals, \$25 to \$5; other breaches of the Act, \$25 to \$5, foreigners, \$20 to \$10; exceeding number of deer, \$20 to \$5.

In default of immediate payment of fine and costs the defendant may be imprisoned in the county jail for not more than three months.

The accused shall be competent and compellable to give evidence. Convictions shall not be quashed for want of form.

The whole of the fine shall be paid to the prosecutor, unless the convicting justice has reason to believe that accused and accused are in collusion for the purpose of benefiting the latter, in which case the justice may order the disposal of the fine as in ordinary cases.

Under an act of the Legislature, prairie chickens have not been shot in Illinois for two years, and it will be another year before the limit expires. These birds were rapidly being exterminated, but since their respite they have increased with marvelous rapidity.

The game laws of Michigan in regard to deer are as follows: The open season in the upper peninsula is from Oct 1 to Nov. 15, and in the lower peninsula during the month of November only. The hunting of deer is unlawful at all times, and subjects the owner of the dog to punishment, and under the statute, the dog may be killed by any person without liability for damages. No deer shall be killed when it is red coat, and no fawn when in spotted coat. No deer shall be killed while in any waters of the State, nor by means of any pit or trap, nor the use of any artificial light. Transportation of deer, or any part of the carcass of the same beyond the limits of the state, is prohibited at all times. A violation of any one of these laws subjects the offender to a fine of \$50, and every offender will be prosecuted.

Movement of Shot When Fired. If a man could only stand thirty or forty yards away from the muzzle of the gun and watch the charges of shot fly past him, he would be astonished at what he saw. The shot not only spreads out into a widening target as they fly, but they string out one behind the other to a much greater distance than they spread. Thus, with a cylinder gun, when the first shot of a charge reach a target that is forty yards away the last shot are lagging along ten yards behind. Even with a choke bored gun the shot lag behind eight yards in forty. This accounts for the long swath that is mowed in a flock of ducks on whom the charge of shot fall just right. About 5 per cent. only of the charge of shot arrive simultaneously at the target, but the balance of the first half of the charge is so close behind, that a bird's muscles are not quick enough to get it out of the way, although those who have watched sitting birds when shot at have often seen them start as if to fly when the leading shot whistled by them, only to drop dead as they were overtaken by the leaden hail that followed.

Something New in Fishing. Fishing by artificial light is not a new thing, but the way some fishermen along the coast of Maine are using the electric light is new. The old way was to plunge an incandescent lamp into the water, the connection being made with some source of electricity on board the fishing vessel, and the mains to the lamp often got foul of the fishing tackle or the cable of the vessel, destroying its usefulness. Now a Frenchman has discovered a better way by adopting a lamp worked by a primary battery, the whole of which can be thrown overboard and regained when the trip is ended. The battery consists of six Bunsen cells, in which, however, chromic acid is placed instead of nitric acid, formerly used. The cells are connected in tension with a twelve-volt Edison lamp. The success of the experiments lately made presages the general adoption by our coast fishermen of this new discovery. —[Lewiston Journal.]

Frightened by a Sea-Devil.

Several years ago a fisherman whom we will call Barnes, living near West River, Md., on the western shore of the Chesapeake Bay, met with a strange and, as of afterward proved, somewhat ludicrous adventure. He had lines baited for rockfish, and set on the Three Sisters Knoll, a submarine elevation of sandy formation, of which there are many in that part of the bay. Mr. Barnes arose early one morning, got into his boat, and rowed out to the Three Sisters to examine his lines.

While engaged in this business, he heard in the distance a strange cry, unlike anything he had ever heard before in the bay. At first, thinking it might be some one in distress, he listened intently, and shouted, to attract the attention of whoever might be coast away upon the waters.

The only reply was the same cry, this time nearer; but he also heard the sound of splashing in the water, that seemed to indicate some large body swimming in the direction of the boat.

The fisherman was by this time perplexed and a feeling of superstitious fear began to creep over him. Under ordinary circumstances, he was not afraid while in his boat to meet with any creature he had ever seen in the bay; but the unearthliness of the cry that came to him from over the water in the darkness, and the sound of some great monster swimming toward him, was more than he could endure, and he began to plan a flight to the shore.

Again the cry sounded, this time uncomfortably near, a long-drawn wailing tone something like he-haa-a-a-a, and, to the fisherman's fright, a dark object appeared coming straight for his boat.

Mr. Barnes waited no longer, but excitedly seized his oars, and began to "pull for the shore." The strange monster followed, uttering his weird cry occasionally, and swimming at what Mr. Barnes's excited imagination took to be a rapid rate. Occasionally the creature touched bottom upon one of the knolls, and then he seemed able to wade; but in a moment down he would go into deep water again with a great splash and another he-haa-a-a-a which caused the fisherman to try to pull faster.

For about a quarter of an hour, which probably seemed four times as long to the fisherman, this exciting race continued. At last Mr. Barnes's boat touched the beach, and he leaped out and ran through the neighborhood, arousing the people by his excited cries that a "sea-devil was coming!"

The astonished fisherfolk heard the story, and hastily armed themselves with old muskets, fowling-pieces, shot-guns, boat-hooks, pitchforks and axes, and went forth to meet and slay the monster.

The army of defence gathered near the shore, and soon that strange cry was audible to all. As they waited with wondering expectation for the approach of the "sea-devil," a dark form emerged from the gray mists of the morning, and—a wet and weary mule stepped ashore, and he had gratefully over his salvation from the cruel waves.

"The 'sea-devil' proved to be harmless, and the assembled crowd dispersed, with many a joke and laugh at Mr. Barnes's expense.

In a few days the mystery was all cleared up, when it became known in the community that on the evening preceding the strange adventure the steamer Kent, bound down the bay, collided with a Boston steamer near Seven-Foot Knoll, and went down. A gentleman had shipped two mules at Baltimore, and before the steamer sank some one had cut them loose, and they swam away.

One of them reached the shore opposite the scene of the collision, but the other one drifted down the bay until it appeared as a sea-devil to Mr. Barnes. The owner eventually recovered both mules, for the story of the strange adventure soon spread to Baltimore, and enabled him to trace his property.

Tooth Pulling by Electricity. Boston people nowadays have their superfluous teeth drawn by means of electricity. Inasmuch as all new ideas in the arts and sciences are spread from this enlightened metropolis originally, and from hence extended over the country, there is little doubt that sooner or later this new method will supersede laughing gas and ether in other big cities of the Union. The process in question is very simple, scarce any apparatus being required beyond an ordinary two cell battery, with vibrator attachment. This attachment is a thin strip of metal, fastened at the ends, which is made to vibrate a thousand or more times per second by the electric current. At each vibration the circuit is cut off and renewed again. The effect being to give a perfectly steady flow of the mysterious fluid. In order to make sure that the flow is quite satisfactory the operator tunes the machine—assisted by a little reed tuning pipe—until the strip of metal sings "A." So far, so good.

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