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REMARKABLE FLIGHT OF CERTAIN BIRDS FROM THE ATLANTIC COAST ,UP THE ST. LAWRENCE TO THE GREAT LAKES.

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Two most remarkable flights of Brünnich's Murres up the St. Lawrence River to the Great Lakes occurred in November, 1893, and in November, 1894, which are unprecedented with this species as far as we have any record of such occurrences. It is not uncommon for solitary individuals of various species of sea birds to wander up the St. Lawrence to the Great Lakes, but when large numbers are found so far inland, as in the case of the Murres, there must be some cause for such an unusual visitation, But it is a difficult matter to assign the true cause, although, as a rule, scarcity of food is thought to be by ornithologists the cause of unusual visitations of birds from their natural habitats. Tf scarcity of food was the cause of the Murres spreading so far inland, the unfortunate birds which survived the fusillade of guns must have died of starvation before the following spring, as the stomachs of several which were shot and examined did not contain any food, so that we

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