

over, there being only a small hole at one side for getting in and out. There was no appearance of their having eaten or stored any food in the nest. In the late fall and early winter months when the ordinary supply of food had failed they had recourse to their elevated accumulations, and could be seen every day going from branch to branch or from tree to tree eating up the withered and decayed fruit. They may have eaten only the seeds. In the cold and stormy time of winter they sometimes would not be seen for several days, but on sunny days they always came out and would sit for hours on our wood pile basking in the sun. We fed them frequently and they became so tame that they would come at our call and take food from our hands, of course it took some time to gain their confidence. After their supply of apples had failed they began eating the terminal buds on the balsam spruce trees, of which we have several in our garden. They next began eating flower buds of the red maple. The buds on those trees swell out very early in spring and are sometimes in full flower early in April. We have one tree of the American Larch in our garden, more commonly known hereabouts by the name of Tamarac; when the Squirrels found it they seemed to prefer it to any of the other trees, and made sad havoc among the small branches. When eating the buds of the balsam and maple they did so without cutting off any of the small branches, but when they began at the tamarac they first cut off the little branches, varying in length from a few inches up to one or two feet, and sitting upon their haunches and holding the little branches with their forepaws, moved them along, eating off the buds as they did so, much in the same way as we have seen some members of the *genus homo* do in eating green corn from the cob. In the spring, when the snow began to go away, the remains of numerous runways were to be seen made by the Squirrels under the snow in search of the deposits made by them the previous autumn. Later in the season dense clumps of young plum trees came up in places where the Squirrels had previously buried the plum stones and had failed to find them in winter. It is highly probable that our fruit and nut bearing trees are often taken into new localities in this way. The food of Squirrels, as already mentioned, consists principally of vegetable productions, but they can live and thrive on animal food. A gentleman living in this vicinity informed me lately that