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Blue stand the hills against the sky,
Still falls the sunshine in the vale,
And silently the ships go by,
All motionless each idle sail.
No wind blows over land or sea,
Soft mists the distant islands veil,
As out of ghost-land mystery
Ghost-like the vessels seem to sail.

So still the sunshine and so warm,
Its wavering gold the stubble haunts,
And in its tangled maze a swarm
Of midges weave their mystic dance.
Oh summer days—how sweet to be
Idle as clouds are in the sky,—
To muse beneath some greenwood
tree,

And let the busy world go by.

K. S. McL.

The Oven Bird—Crescendo Warbler, as it is sometimes called, is not a common bird about Kingston, but is occasionally found in marshy spots or damp woods. McIlwraith says: "With a little help from the imagination its song resembles the word TEACHER, frequently repeated with increasing emphasis. This loud, clear call may often be heard in the moist woods during the month of May, but the bird is said to have also another song most soft and musical, which may be reserved for special occasions, for I have not met with any one who has heard it." Mr. Wm. Yates, of Hatchley, and Mr. John Burrows have pronounced views on the exquisite

quality of the song of the "Crescendo" Bird, and the writer came across some specimens at Loughboro Lake this season, piping their little lay with a sweetness quite refreshing.

Red-headed Woodpeckers are more numerous than usual this year.

Porcupines are generally supposed to be residents of the north, but it seems are by no means rare near Kingston, being common about the Loughboro Lake district.

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