

dred. Such a herd being discovered in a plain, an army of pot hunters, armed with sealing guns, issue forth and surround the deer. The herd being fired at, rush towards one side of the plain, where they are met by a murderous discharge of slugs or buck shot, fired indiscriminately into their midst. The same reception meets them on every side, they get confused and know not whither to fly; by this means they are almost exterminated, and of those that escape, many are wounded. We afterwards killed several deer with buck shot in them. I do not believe at the present time, there is one animal for fifty there were ten years ago.

I began to get rather disheartened at my want of success; we were also badly in want of meat, and had it not been for some beavers we had trapped and some shell drake flappers I had shot, we should have been on very short commons indeed. I had heard so much about the number of deer and wild fowl that I had brought a limited supply of pork. With the exception of some shell drakes, we had seen but one black duck and a diver. The latter I shot, after creeping several hundred yards, but it proved