

this last spring. Also a black Golden-winged Woodpecker (*Colaptes auratus*), black as a grackle and breeding with a woodpecker of the usual color. An albino of the Little Black-headed Duck (*Fulix affinis*) has also been added to his collection and he found a pair of Red-headed Ducks (*Aythya Americana*) breeding near Calais. This is the first time he has found the Red-head in summer.—American Naturalist, volume 5, page 662.

Mr. Geo. A. Boardman of Calais, has had presented to him a deer's hoof without the cleft which is something of a curiosity, though how unusual we are not informed.—Forest and Stream, May 27, 1875.

In answer to Prof. Le Conte's question about hybrids in ducks, I would say I have found the dusky and mallard cross quite often; have now three or four mounted in my collection. I once found a cross between what looked like a red head and pin tail, and think perhaps such changes are now observed more than in former years. I have found no crosses within five or six years. I would like to ask if the male mallard does not change its plumage in summer. They are not common with us.—Forest and Stream, Dec. 9, 1875.

Woodcock have been more abundant than I have ever known them, some afternoons would get up a dozen; very unusual for East Florida. I wing-tipped a snipe, *Gallinago Wilsoni*; it fell into the water; the dog going to retrieve it, it would dive like a grebe. I have known the spotted sandpiper to do this, but never a snipe. They are fast leaving for the north. A quail started to fly out on the St. John river and lighted in the water; in going for the bird with a boat, it flew from the water and saved itself; no stick or chip could be seen. My friend, Mr. Livingston, shot a large rattlesnake. It had a good sized rabbit in its throat all covered with saliva; on pulling the rabbit out of its mouth it soon ran away apparently uninjured. I saw the first purple martin, *Progne purpurea*, February 2d; have seen them come to the boxes in Jacksonville the 11th February; this year they are a little late. The only swallow we see here in winter is the white-bellied, *Hirundo bicolor*.—Forest and Stream, March 15, 1877.