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ARTICLE XXIV.—*Recollections of the Swans and Geese of Hudson's Bay.* By GEORGE BARNSTON, Esq., of the Hon. Hudson's Bay Company.

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The birds comprising the two Genera *Cygnus* and *Anser*, are, with slight exception, the largest of the palmipedes or web-footed fowls found in North America, and being generally difficult of approach, and at same time highly prized as an article of food, any account of their migrations and habits becomes interesting. Of the many who may have enjoyed the relish of a well-seasoned wild goose at the sumptuous banquet, few are aware of the distance the bird may have travelled, or of the many perils, by flood and field, through which it may have passed.

On the coast of Hudson's Bay their manners may be studied to great advantage. There they repose after a long and fatiguing flight, there they enjoy a perfect surfeit on the juicy roots of the swamps, and the tender sprouting herbage of the boundless downs, and there assembled in mass along the sea-girt shore, they follow the never-varying course of the points and headlands, that stand out revealed as the line of march of all their ancestors who have gone before them.