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beak, legs and indigestible feathers.

Yet however sanguinary the instincts of birds and beasts of prey may be, they show an intensity of affection to their own progeny, the old birds having been known to face the deadliest dangers and risks when incited by the hungry clamours of their callow nestlings, but their love seems to be very narrow in its scope and range, and abjures all tincture of cosmopolitanism, to the pitiful appealing squeals of a captured young turkey or woodchuck, they are stolidly deaf and unresponsive. The housecat seizes the trained and accomplished bluejay, or bullfinch, from its cage with ruthless avidity, and makes a present to the frolicsome young kittens in their nest, of the victimized bird or rodent, as a meat offering, with many a "mew" of parental solicitude.

Several young reprobate gunners, living about two miles from this spot, about 2½ years ago, kept up an almost constant fusillade upon a number of species of ornamental birds, such as the larger Woodpeckers, Killdeer Plover and Meadow Lark, and upon being remonstrated with, on the scoundrelism of their slaughtering the latter, only made the excuse that the Larks "when cooked were as savory a morsel as the Quail." The result has been that the plaintive carol of the Meadow Lark is no more to be heard in these parts.

Some acquaintances about here go forth frequently into the adjoining bush—"arabbiting." They possess a well trained ferret and a fast running dog, and there is just sufficient snow to make the rabbit tracks plain and easy to follow. "The bunnys" that they capture are yet in good condition, as grass and green food can be seen in many places, above the snow. About ten days ago, a full grown bunnies' tracks were noticed that had de-

parted from the hollow at the foot of a large maple tree, up which it had ascended, like a squirrel going up the inside of a chimney. By the help of long slender poles or saplings, cut from the neighboring thicket, attempts were made to bring down the rabbit, but did not succeed; but when the first assailants had failed and gone away, the landowner came up, and interpreting the marks on the snow around the tree base, was encouraged to make an attempt to seize the captive, in the tree's inside, and soon succeeded in the effort. The furry fugitive proved to be a fine plump specimen, and it was carried by its captor to his household, where for half an hour it was examined, and admired and carressed, by a number of the man's children. Soon afterward bunny was carried back to the bush, and freely restored, uninjured, to liberty, which act of humanity seems worthy of commendation. The gray rabbit has quite a robust, resolute expression of physiognomy, and has to depend on mental and bodily alertness whereby to hold its ground. We note that the ears are much shorter than in the tame rabbit, or in the Canadian hare, quite a number of which have lately been shot around here.

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Mr. Wm. Shae has purchased a Rudge (Barnaby) bicycle, and is practising daily in the Amusement Hall. It takes twenty-seven laps to the mile, and Mr. Shea claims that our Chief of Police has timed him with his stop watch, and given the time as 1.59 2-5. Mr. Carr, of Galashiels, has invested in a "Garden City," and several other purchasers will be mentioned when the ice is out of the harbor.