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the exploiting just narrated occurred, were more successful, and brought home at gloaming two full grown foxes, whose pelts we afterwards had the opportunity of examining, one of which was of unusually large dimensions, in fact seemingly big enough for the corporeal investiture of a big collie dog, the original owner of which had evidently not been tinted in the matter of provender supplies, and whose life efforts may perhaps not have been an unmixed evil to the community, as the fox pestilence is evidently keeping the wild rabbit one in check, and though the vulpine evil is palpable the leporine is proportionally minimized.

An acquaintance whom my son recently met with, on the former's homeward route from a day's hunt about the woods and streams, and who had in his possession at the time the bodies of two raccoons that he had just captured, as he averred in an enlarged "woodchuck burrow." This circumstance may serve to show to what strait many of the forest quadrupeds are put, by the disappearance of their original resorts in hollow trees; in fact the extinction of these plantigrade animals is seriously threatened by bush fires and the inroads of the woodman's axe, and cannot be far off in point of time, as far as this region is concerned.

Considerable flocks of snow buntings have been seen about here both before and since the snowfall of the 2nd December, and one flock was reported of yesterday, and even the shore larks have been seen in small parties, on the highroads, since the sleighing arrived, and a few were heard in some of our fields as recently as last Sunday, the 8th inst. So that it would seem probable that this species, unless in abnormal severe winters, remains with us the whole year.

W. Y.

Miss V. (fond of music and the drama), "You are fond of Rossini, Mr. F.?" Mr. F., "Passionately." Miss V., "Know his barber?" Mr. F., "No, I do not. I never patronize any but my own."

The Violinist Salomon, who gave lessons to King, George the Third, said one day to his august pupil, Violin-players may be divided into three distinct classes:—To the first class belong those that can not play at all; to the second, those who play badly; to the third those that play well. Your Majesty has already advanced to the second stage.

WITH A SMOKER'S SET.

This to keep your pipe alight,—
Here's the stuff handy:
Bacca jar and tray so bright,
Is'na it the dandy.
Gudeman, with your pipe and beuk,
By the fire-shine—
You in your ain ingle-neuk,
An' I in mine.

Gudeman and gudewife,
In rough or sunny weather,
All the lang road of life
We've daundered o'er thegither;
Now in the twilight,
Drowsily and dozey,
Aye keep your pipe alight,
Couthie and cozy.