

(*Larus argentatus*, Brunnich) swimming on the water and flying about. Farther on, at Vermilion Bay, were two bears (*Ursus Americanus*, Pallas) chained near the railway station, a medium sized one and a very small one, the latter about the size of a Newfoundland dog pup; these occasioned much amusement, especially among the colonist passengers. On the prairies some of the barns are rudely thatched, and, as the cattle often stand out of doors, smudges are built for them. Regarding mosquitoes, judging from size and colour, it would seem there are several species, and one has only to step off the train to pluck a few flowers or look for insects, when he will soon have multitudes of those unbidden dipterous on his back and sleeves. One morning early I looked out of the pullman window and saw a Cow-bird (*Molothrus ater*, Boddaert) alight on a horse's back, and the horse was quite willing to allow it, for doubtless the bird is a great boon to horses and cattle in devouring the insects which torment them. At Moose Jaw the train stopped for some time. Here I caught a specimen of one of the Garter Snakes, probably the variety known as the Riband Snake (*Eutainia saurita*, L.) Not having access to boxes at the time I managed to get him into my razor case, awaiting an opportunity of attending to his interests as a Natural History specimen, and am happy to say every thing possible has since been done for him, and he is now in excellent spirits. When caught he was minus the tip of the tail. Here also we saw a Kill-deer Plover (*Ægialitis vocifera*, L.), and two Marsh Harriers (*Circus hudsonicus*, L.) The kill-deer acted as if it designed to draw us away from its nest; and the female hawk floated about like a boy's kite just over our heads, and did not appear inclined to get out of the way. After leaving Boharm, those interesting little Rodents, the Gophers (*Spermophilus* sp.), were to be seen sitting up straight or jumping about. At different places heaps of Buffalo (*Bison bison*, L.) bones are exposed to view. I collected