

usually upsetting the contents, when they would draw a lump into a corner, always with the same characteristic backward movements.

Grasshoppers invariably proved a great treat, and being abundant, were sometimes collected in large quantities with the aid of a sweeping net, but never in sufficient numbers to appease the appetite of our hungry pets. It was particularly interesting to watch them catch the living ones. Moving slowly forward they sniffed about until one was located, when they immediately pounced upon it with their fore paws, and speedily took it within. Moths too were relished and were often chased round the lantern and not infrequently knocked down with the feet as they fluttered past. Twice the senior writer discovered a prowling Lion Beetle (*Calosoma calidum*) which, in spite of the strong odor peculiar to this species, was greedily devoured. Rabbits, when divided, were partaken of with relish, so were gophers and mice, and many a fight was witnessed over them, as our friends invariably desired the same portion, and in their endeavors to secure it would pull, snap, squeak and whistle, as well as shove with all their might, but eventually each was provided with a portion and would retire to a separate locality to devour it. Their hunger being thus appeased, they would curl themselves up together on their bed of hay until the shades of night produced renewed animation and activity.

Repeated experiments demonstrated that insects formed the most palatable food, next came meat in its various forms, and after this vegetable matter such as cherries (*Prunus pennsylvanica* and *P. virginica*), also carrots, raspberries, strawberries, acorns, broad beans (green), wheat heads, wild buckwheat (*Polygonum*), lamb's-quarters, peas, grass and various other vegetable substances too numerous to mention.

Our pets continued to flourish and grow until the end of September, when they were almost fully leveloped. At this time one became unwell with what appeared to be a sort of distemper, and in spite of every care, got rapidly worse and died without a struggle. A few weeks later another took sick and shortly after all had died. Two of these were magnificent creatures at the time of their death and but a few days previous had been at the height of activity and health as well as extremely fat. The senior writer had at that time held two of them up in his arms while they, with a total disregard for what was going on, were both ardently engaged in a battle to see which should get its head in the bread and milk can first. The very next day they were ill, and a few days afterwards were dead, from a cold that seemed to lead to sleep and from sleep to death. We were all very sorry to lose our pets, particularly our sister, who had