

FIN, FUR, AND FEATHER

wander admiring her beauties in manifold forms. He feels as Milton did, when he expressed himself so beautifully in these words:

"In these vernal seasons of the year, when the air is calm and pleasant, it were an injury and sullenness against nature, not to go out and see her riches, and partake in her rejoicing with heaven and earth."

Description. "The snipe is eleven inches long, and seventeen in extent. The bill is more than two and one-half inches long, fluted lengthwise, of a brown color and black toward the tip, where it is very smooth while the bird is alive, but soon after it is killed becomes dimpled, like the end of a thimble. Crown black, divided by an irregular line of pale brown, and another broader one of the same tint passes over each eye. From the bill to the eye there is a narrow, dusky line; neck and upper part of the breast pale brown, variegated with touches of white and dusky; chin, pale; back and scapulars deep velvety black, the latter elegantly marbled with waving lines of ferruginous, and broadly edged exteriorly with white; wings, plain, dusky, all the feathers, as well as those of the coverts tipped with white; shoulder of the wing deep, dusky brown; exterior quill edged with white; tail coverts long, reaching within three-quarters of an inch of the tip, and of a pale rust color, spotted with black; tail rounded, deep black, ending

in a bar of bright ferruginous, crossed narrow, waving lines of black and tipped with whitish; belly, pure white; sides barred with dusky; legs and feet a very pale, ashy green; sometimes the whole thighs and sides of the vent are tarred with dusky and white. The female is more obscure in her colors, the white on the belly being less pure, and the black on the back not so deep."

Not Bad.

Capt. Benj. Atwood, the game warden, has returned to his Winterport home from a trip north of Moosehead Lake. He was instructed by Commissioner Wentworth to keep a record of the game he saw while there and his report is a remarkable one. He was gone 40 days and spent most of the time in a boat and he saw while paddling about 252 deer, 13 moose, 4 caribou and 4 bears. Of course he saw but a few in comparison to what there were in the woods, but the number he saw was remarkably large for one man. Big game was never more abundant than now and great sport is to be expected in the Maine woods this fall.—Maine Sportsman.

John M. Currie, the furniture man, is making an addition to his ware rooms. He has lately put in two car loads of fine furniture.