

him, I noticed at once a most beautiful, and, to me, extraordinary rainbow, if one may use that name for a bow high in the heavens on a day when no rain had fallen. The bow was 25 or 30 degrees in diameter and was almost exactly overhead, lying perhaps 5 degrees north-west from the zenith, and there it hung, like a crown, over the earth—a complete circle, with every part brilliant and perfect. None of our party had ever heard of such a bow before, but reports have been made since then of similar phenomema having been seen in former years. It would be of much interest to know the causes of such an unusual occurrence, and any particulars as to locality and meteorological conditions attending its appearance.

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The killing of small birds by boys and young men has for some years been attracting the attention of bird-lovers, but it has seemed impossible to prevent or even restrict the slaughter of the little songsters, especially during the migratory season when they are most numerous. Cheap rifles and shotguns are responsible for much of the destruction as they are now in the hands of ten boys where one possessed them a few years ago. The members of the Club and all who are interested in preserving the birds and their young will learn with pleasure that, acting on representations made to him by a committee of the Club, the Hon. Frank Latchford has offered to appoint a special officer next spring whose duty it will be to see that the law is enforced. He will lay all informations and make the necessary prosecutions, but will in some degree be at the service of the Club's members in that they will be free to direct him to the districts in which the law is being broken. It is hoped that the services of this officer, aided by the activity of some of the Club's members, will do much to stop the killing of small birds and the destruction of their eggs, a scarcely less reprehensible pursuit.