

course might be caught at certain times in the way described on page 22.

#### THE WOLF.

There are many varieties of the Wolf, and they are found throughout North America, Europe, and Asia. They are substantially the same in form everywhere, but vary in color from black through shades of brown, fulvous, yellow, and gray, to white. The most common color is gray. They vary in size from the great White and Gray Wolves of the northern regions of America to the Coyote of the western plains. They inhabit chiefly unsettled and mountainous regions. They belong to the same family with the dog and fox. They are carnivorous, and combine both ferocity and cowardice in their character. Though lean and gaunt in appearance, they are fleet and powerful animals. They hunt mostly in packs, and destroy great numbers of deer in the stiff snows of winter, sometimes slaughtering whole herds in a single night. The sheepfold of the frontier farmer also suffers from their depredations. They feed on almost all the smaller animals they can overpower. Troops of them have been known to pursue and attack men. When hunting in packs and pressed with hunger they are bold and exceedingly ferocious. At other times, when roaming singly, they are sneaking and cowardly. The Gray Wolf of this country, which may be taken as the standard of size, is about four feet long from the point of the nose to the root of the tail; the length of tail being about seventeen inches. In the far north they are very large, sometimes measuring six and one half feet in total length, and weighing fifty pounds.

In North America the leading varieties are the Gray Wolf, the White Wolf, the Black Wolf, the Red Texan Wolf, and the Prairie Wolf or Coyote. In South America a Red Wolf is found in the marshy districts of the Rio de la Plata. In Europe there are Gray, Black, Brown, Red, and White Wolves. The latter are confined mostly to the Northern and Alpine regions. In Asia there are several varieties peculiar to that Continent.

It has been supposed by some that there is a variety on this