

and more comfortable. One day when SNAPPER had returned from one of his foraging expeditions he found in his home, besides his wife four baby muskrats. They were of course very like himself and he was quite pleased, but almost immediately returned to the water to dig up lily roots which Mrs. Snapper must now have in addition to her fare of clams. These roots he found and brought in a goodly store and also, for a few days, brought up Mrs. Snapper's share of clams. The youngsters however grew very fast and soon were able to follow Mr. and Mrs. Snapper on their trips, receiving their very necessary education continuously. It was when returning from one of these expeditions, on entering his home before the rest of the family, SNAPPER smelt a smell of mink at his doorstep and was immediately seized by the side of his head by the mink, who had been waiting inside. SNAPPER at once turned to leap into the water, but as he turned Mrs. Snapper sank her long sharp teeth deep in the mink's back. This caused him to lose his hold on SNAPPER's who gripped him by the neck just behind the ear. Mrs. Snapper keeping her hold in the mink's back and SNAPPER his. The mink, except for threshing round with his body, was helpless and soon began to weaken from loss of blood. He tried to escape into the water but Mr. and Mrs. Snapper would have none of it and held tight till their enemy ceased to struggle. Only then did SNAPPER unlock his jaws and, as there was no further indication of life in the mink, motioned to Mrs. Snapper to do the same, but the long brown animal was quite dead and after disposing of the body SNAPPER set