

BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME.

So off they went on another WILD GOOSE chase.

They took live decoys, metal decoys, and GLASS decoys—

The last answered BEST, because when there were no geese, the CORKS could be pulled and the decoys SAMPLED.)

The honkers ARE knowing birds.

They make NOISE enough sometimes.

That is when they are a SAFE distance OFF.

But when they are coming down on to the FIELDS, they soar in like hawks, and PASS over you without WARNING.

Then they always SEEM to fly so deliberately.

But just time them over a KNOWN distance if you want to get an IDEA of how fast they move!

They LOOK easy enough to hit,—and so they are if near enough and YOU UNDERSTAND the business.

On this OCCASION we only had ONE shot—

And then, I suppose, the birds were TOO FAR away.

The shot was LARGE and so was the charge of POWDER,—but the birds seemed quite INDIFFERENT,

And just continued STRAIGHT ON until lost to sight.

We have OFTEN tried to shoot a goose near Montreal, but—somehow—have always FAILED.

DUCKS and such things we are good for,

But those HONKERS always SEEM to know.

A little MORE than

Yours truly,
"SNIPE."

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