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any visible motion of the wings, may it not be on something of the principle of a kite? The string, of course, holds the kite; but the bird has intelligence and by a certain curve of its wings and tail throws a weight upon the body and causes a purchase upon the air, as the string to the kite. Hawks were very abundant in Dakota in September. They appeared to be migrating by the hundreds. Marsh, rough-legs and Swainson's were most numerous.—Forest and Stream, March 8, 1883.

The cold winter north sent to Florida great numbers of woodcock, to the joy of the shooters. Quail have been quite numerous and the gardeners now complain that they take more strawberries than the robins north. The Everglade Kite has been making us a visit near Jacksonville this winter. Three are now in the taxidernist's hands, taken near here. — Forest and Stream, April 10, 1884.

When in Minneapolis, Minn., a short time since, 1 saw in Mr. Tappan's taxidermist shop the skin of a black lynx (Lynx rufus). It was killed in South Florida the winter of 1885. I have seen very dark and nearly black wolf skins in Florida, but never before saw or heard of a black lynx. It is to be sent to the National Museum, Washington.—Forest and Stream, Sept. 23, 1886.

A boy has sent me an English starling shot here with some redwings. I saw some imported ones were let out at Central Park last spring. This may be one of them come north.— Forest and Stream, Aug. 22, 1889.

After some years we are this summer having some of our old acquaintances in the way of wild piggons. Several flocks have been about, and I hope they may again become abundant.— Forest and Stream, Sept. 5, 1889.

As Mr. Seth Gerry of Robbinston (about twelve miles below Calais) was milking his cows in the yard on Wednesday evening, a large bull moose made its appearance among the cows. They did not appear the least alarmed. Mr. Gerry shot the creature from his house window. Not often does such large game come to a man's yard to be shot in such an old-settled neighborhood as Robbinston. The head will be sent to your neighbor, John Wallace, to be mounted.—Forest and Stream, Oct. 31, 1889.

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