

## AN UNUSUAL VISITOR TO THE EXPERIMENTAL FARM.

On Friday morning, the 22nd of November, about 11 o'clock, a fine female Virginian deer suddenly made its appearance on the Experimental Farm. When first I saw it, it was bounding across the Farm, south of the Director's house. It ran forward across the main driveway towards the river road. Then turning it ran northward a few yards, then across the Farm north of the Director's house towards the poultry buildings. Here I lost track of it and saw it no more. I subsequently learned that it ran from there towards the northern boundary of the Farm, where there is a Forest Belt 65 feet wide in which it found temporary shelter. It made several attempts to get over the wire fence along the boundary of the Farm, and finally got its head entangled in the wires so that it was held fast. In making further attempts to extricate itself, it tried to leap over the fence and in doing so was much injured and was almost dead when discovered by two German women living nearby, who finally despatched the animal and took possession of it.

The occurrence of such large wild animals near cities and large towns is always interesting, and generally attracts a good deal of attention. During the previous day, in the afternoon, several shots were heard near the Farm, and it is not at all improbable that the deer was being hunted and had taken refuge over night in a part of the Forest Belt above referred to. When I saw it, it was very quick in its movements.

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## CHUBBS' NESTS.

In the May number of the "American Naturalist" of this year, Dr. A. W. G. Wilson presents an interesting note on the characters and location of nests made by the fishes described as Chubb (*Semotilus corporalis*, Mitchill). Dr. Wilson gives excellent illustrations of the nests themselves which attain a height of nearly four feet, and are made up of stones of various sizes. The name which the Indians give the fish in question, *Awadosi*, seems to be particularly appropriate, inasmuch as the word signifies "the stone carriers." The heaps of rocks observed and described by Dr. Wilson are rather conspicuous phenomena, and could be readily mistaken for cairns or other accumulations which have a semblance to artificial construction.

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