

## GENERAL NOTES.

**Murres in Western New York.**— Writing from Geneva, N. Y., Mr. L. Clark states that a specimen of *Uria lomvia* was killed on Seneca Lake, December 23, 1895, a second in May, 1896, and a third on December 26, 1896. He also reports that J. S. Baker, a taxidermist at Geneva, has had several specimens of the same species brought him by hunters for mounting and that numbers had been seen on the lake during the winter of 1896. Previous to December 1895, the bird was not known to occur.—FRANK M. CHAPMAN, *American Museum of Natural History, New York City.*

**Unusual Occurrence of Brünnich's Murres at Beverly, New Jersey.**— During the occurrence of the heavy gale which prevailed along the coast about the middle of December, 1896, great numbers of Brünnich's Murres were seen and shot at different points along the Delaware River. On the 15th a boy shot one from the shore at Edgewater Park, the skin of which was preserved. The next morning I witnessed several flocks of fifteen or twenty birds each flying up the river, and secured two specimens. During the afternoon they returned in scattered flocks numbering about three hundred. A flock flew over my boat while crossing the river, low enough to have been struck with an oar. Those which remained about the river during the day to feed, were quite tame, and could be easily approached without alarm. One was also shot further down the river at Palmyra, and I was informed, several above Burlington.—J. HARRIS REED, *Beverly, N. J.*

**Brünnich's Murre (*Uria lomvia*) at Newberne, N. C.**— While in eastern North Carolina during the holidays I secured a specimen of Brünnich's Murre at Newberne. It was killed in the river near there the 22d or 23d of December. To make more sure of its identification I sent a description of it to Mr. Robert Ridgway who replied that my specimen is *Uria lomvia*. I can find no record of it having been taken in the State before.—T. GILBERT PEARSON, *Guilford College, N. C.*

**Brünnich's Murre and King Eider at Cape Charles, Virginia.**— Two specimens of Brünnich's Murre (*Uria lomvia*) were taken at Cape Charles, Virginia, and six others seen, Dec. 17, 1896. At the same locality, on Jan. 2, 1897, a King Eider (*Somateria spectabilis*) was taken. I exhibited the King Eider and one of the Murres at a meeting of the Delaware Ornithological Club, at the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences. As far as I can ascertain, this is the most southern recorded capture of the King Eider.—WILLIAM L. WHITTAKER, *Cedar Grove, Philadelphia, Pa.*