

curator; they both agreed that the bird should be regarded as an Essex County record. According to Mr. Townsend's 'Birds of Essex County,' and Howe and Allen's 'Birds of Massachusetts,' this is the first authentic record of the occurrence of the Clapper Rail in Essex County, though both cite: "Mr. J. F. Le Baron informed me that he shot a specimen some years ago at Ipswich." C. J. Maynard, the Naturalist's Guide, p. 145, 1870.

The mounted bird will be presented to the Peabody Museum, Salem.—
WILLIAM P. WHARTON, *Groton, Mass.*

Late Flight of Woodcock on Long Island, N. Y.—On December 5, 1908, while hunting near Flanders, Suffolk Co., I flushed a Woodcock (*Philohela minor*). On December 8, after a storm and heavy rain, eleven were shot in a small swamp at Lawrence, Nassau Co., close to the New York City line. The same day one was seen in a little strip of woods about one mile from this swamp.

In 30 years on Long Island, I have never seen other than stragglers after about November 20th and do not recall ever before seeing one in December.—HAROLD HERRICK, *New York City.*

Capture of the Ruff at Seabrook, N. H.—Mr. John Hardy of Boston has kindly presented me with an adult female Ruff (*Pavoncella pugnax*) shot at Seabrook, N. H., Sept. 23, 1907, by Charles Fowler, who said it was with a flock of Black-bellied Plover.—JOHN E. THAYER, *Lancaster, Mass.*

Eskimo Curlew taken at Newburyport, Mass.—I purchased of Mr. John Hardy of the Boston Market, a male Eskimo Curlew (*Numenius borealis*) taken at Newburyport, Mass., by A. B. Thomas, August 27, 1908. He shot two, but the other bird had its head so badly shot that it could not be made into a skin.—JOHN E. THAYER, *Lancaster, Mass.*

The American Golden Plover (*Charadrius dominicus*) in Ohio in Autumn.—On October 23, 1908, I met a flock of 6 American Golden Plovers at the Grand Reservoir, Ohio, and on October 27 a pair of them was shot, together with a Baird's Sandpiper and a pair of Wilson's Snipe at the Loramie Reservoir in Shelby Co., O. Fall records in Ohio for the American Golden Plover are very rare, in fact any record of the occurrence of this species in this State is interesting and noteworthy. The female of this pair of Golden Plovers has the tip of the upper mandible curved over the lower one to the extent of about 4 mm., with the tip curving decidedly downward almost at right angles, thus forming a veritable crossbill. The cause of this formation cannot be seen, only the upper mandible seems to be rather thin and weak, when compared with that of the other specimen, nor was the bird as fat as the male.—W. F. HENNINGER, *New Bremen, Ohio.*