

To return to our Newfoundland bird, the characters discussed above were all duly noted. It remains to add that the weather was extraordinarily hot, over 90°, and that a strong southwest gale had been blowing for two days.—LUDLOW GRISCOM AND E. R. P. JANVRIN, M. D., *New York City*.

The Old Squaw (*Harelda hyemalis*) at San Diego, Calif.—In 1896 the late Lyman Belding shot an Old Squaw in San Diego Bay, the capture being recorded in 'The Auk,' by the undersigned as being the most southerly record for the species on the Pacific coast. For 24 years this remained the only recorded capture of the species so far from its normal winter habitat. We now, however, have several records that would seem to indicate that this duck might be of more frequent occurrence than was supposed. On January 4, 1920, a female was taken on Mission Bay and on December 3, of the same year a male was shot at the same place. Again on the 2nd and 19th of November, 1921, two females were taken, four records in all for the same body of water and all by Mr. Ad. Pearson, a local sportsman-naturalist. Mission Bay, which appears on most maps as False Bay, is about a mile north of San Diego Bay and is an extensive body of shallow water offering unusual attractions for water and shore birds. Mr. Pearson has shot over these waters for the past 35 years and states that he has not seen any of these ducks prior to January 1920.—A. W. ANTHONY, *Natural History Museum, San Diego, Calif.*

King Eider (*Somateria spectabilis*) in Southern Michigan.—The note in the July 'Auk' of the occurrence of King Eiders near Detroit reminds me that a specimen came into my hands in November, 1911. It was a young male and was shot out of a small flock on Gun Lake, Barry County, Mich. The skin is now in the museum of the University of Michigan.—W. E. PRAEGER, *Kalamazoo, Mich.*

Sheldduck (*Tadorna casarca*) in Massachusetts.—Last October Deputy Fish and Game Commissioner, Carl E. Grant, of Gloucester, brought in to me a Sheldduck (*Tadorna casarca*) in the flesh, a young female killed October 5, 1921, near the mouth of Essex River, Ipswich Bay, Essex County, Mass., by a sea captain of Gloucester, Howard H. Tobey. He states that when first seen, it was alone over his decoys about half a mile from shore and was very shy. The bird was somewhat pin feathered and had not quite finished molting, although its wings consisted entirely of new feathers. There were one or two rectrices missing, perhaps three, and three more only partly grown.

The question at once arises whether this bird had escaped from captivity. I looked the plumage over very carefully and its perfect condition indicated that the bird had not been in captivity, at least since the molt.

The specimen will be presented to the Peabody Museum. A description