

Finally there is the address of Dr. E. W. Nelson¹ before the Outdoor Recreation Conference on the present status of our wild fowl which is likewise not in accord with the statements given in the first publication.

There are and always will be extremists on both sides of all such questions as conservation and game protection whose extravagant statements may be discounted; but when "doctors disagree," and those who at one time worked together are opposed to one another, vast harm is done to the whole policy of conservation, the public becomes disgusted and do not know what to believe and legislative bodies do not know how to vote.

The same difference of opinion among the conservationists seems to have held up the national game refuge bill and doubtless will prevent action by Congress on bag limits or any similar subject. Meanwhile why cannot the extremists realize what harm they are doing and join with other forces in at least getting at the facts in the case. From entirely independent evidence we doubt very much the efficacy of bag limits on the rank and file of unprincipled and irresponsible gunners. Such men can easily get the bag limit again and again without detection.

It seems to be admitted on all sides that there are something like a million unlicensed gunners in the United States and that the unwarranted draining of marsh lands is depriving the Ducks of necessary retreats. Why not then concentrate upon remedying these conditions rather than publishing broadcast opposing views on bag limits. The U. S. Department of Agriculture has accomplished a great deal for conservation and the public we feel has not yet lost confidence in its officers.—W. S.

Recent Papers by Domaniewski.—M. Janusz Domaniewski has recently published a review of the Woodpeckers of the genus *Picumnus*² in which he recognizes no less than 52 species and subspecies. *P. irenae* (p. 292) from central Peru, *P. jelskii vitocensis* (p. 233) central Peru, *P. buffoni meridionalis* (p. 296) for *P. b. amazonicus* Snethl. preoccupied, and *P. punctifrons taczanowskii* (p. 297) n. e. Peru are proposed as new. A full bibliography of 151 titles and a plate complete the paper.

In another paper³ he lists the Polish Anatidae and presents a key to the thirty-seven species with notes on three others of probable occurrence.—W. S.

Clark on Animal Voices.—This paper⁴ is an interesting popular presentation of a subject to which Dr. Clark has given much attention

¹ Our Migratory Wild Fowl and Present Conditions Affecting their Abundance. By E. W. Nelson. Washington, D. C., March, 1926. (Mimeographed) p. 1-17.

² Uebersicht der Formen der Gattung *Picumnus* Temm. By J. Domaniewski. Annal. Zoöl. Mus. Polon. Hist. Nat. IV, 4, December 1, 1925, pp. 287-308 with one plate.

³ Uebersicht einheimischer Formen der Familie Anatidae. By J. Domaniewski. Osobne odbicie z T. LX. Spraw. Kom. fizjogr. Polskiej Akademji Umiej. 1925, pp. 113-127

⁴ Animal Voices. By Austin H. Clark Scientific Monthly January, 1926, pp. 40-48