

**Williamson's 'The Old Stag.'**—Under this title another volume<sup>1</sup> of stories by Henry Williamson has been recently published. Like his previous volume, 'The Lone Swallow', these deal for the most part with nature and are well written and interesting reading. He personifies his wild animal characters but has evidently made a careful study of them and the sketches reflect admirably the characteristics of the species of birds and animals involved.

"Old Nog," the Heron, is pictured seeking food to carry back to the heronry when he is attacked by the Peregrines, "Chakcheks." There is an account of the Buzzard Hawks and their eyrie and "Mewliboy" their downy offspring, while the visit of the Peregrine to London and his attack on the Pigeons which were being fed in the square will recall the winter visits of our Duck Hawk to the heart of many of our large American cities.

Many of the tales are full of the atmosphere of the English country-side and the little volume is a welcome contribution to out-door literature in story form.—W. S.

**Scoville's 'Runaway Days.'**—Mr. Samuel Scoville, Jr., has recently published in book form<sup>2</sup> a number of his magazine articles describing nature walks and short trips mainly in the vicinity of Philadelphia and in company of his fellow members of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club. The latter have already recorded in 'The Auk,' or elsewhere, the bare scientific facts gleaned on these trips which Mr. Scoville here sets forth with all the sidelights and with the atmosphere of wood and swamp which his facile pen is so well able to give us.

Ong's Hat and Foreways are delightful sketches of the New Jersey Pine Barrens, while other chapters describe the famous visit of the Wood Ibises to Cape May, the nesting of the Raven and Pileated Woodpecker in the Pennsylvania Alleghanies and the Eagles' Nests at Bombay Hook, Delaware.

These sketches show Mr. Scoville at his best, writing of personal experiences and of companionship with congenial friends.—W. S.

**Dinesen on Birds of Northern Iceland.**—Mr. G. B. Dinesen has for ten years been a student and collector of arctic birds in northern Iceland and has published a little pamphlet<sup>3</sup> giving his experience with eighty-three species. The work is printed entirely in Danish and is illustrated by several views and photographs of mounted birds.—W. S.

---

<sup>1</sup> The Old Stag. Stories. By Henry Williamson. New York. E. P. Dutton & Company, 681 Fifth Avenue, 1927. pp. 1-347. Price \$2.50.

<sup>2</sup> Runaway Days. By Samuel Scoville, Jr., New York. Harcourt, Brace and Company. 1927. pp. 1-25.

<sup>3</sup> 10 Aars Ophold iblandt Nordislandske Fugle. Af G. B. Dinesen. G. Dinesen, Dannebrogsgade 8, Kbhun. V., Copenhagen, Denmark. 1926. pp. 1-52. Price 5Kr.