

direction of the stockyards—but I have never happened to see any returning in the evening.

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**A Bob-White Tragedy.**—The lower animals as well as man are subject to many ills and accidents. This is well illustrated by the number of incidents which are noted in natural history magazines. Instinct, it is true, has taught them much, yet nevertheless, they are constantly in danger of their lives.

One day last spring (April 20, 1902), while tramping the woods and fields north of Detroit, we saw an object hanging to a wire fence. Upon nearing it, it proved to be a female Bob-white (*Colinus virginianus*). The right foot had become tangled in a loop in the wire, and in trying to escape, the bird had disarticulated the leg bone from the hip. Here it must have hung for hours until death at last relieved it of its tortures. Who can imagine the pain which this creature must have suffered?

On a log a short way from the scene sat a male of this species, possibly its mate. Across the fields rang a gentle "Bob-white, a Bob-white," and as I paused I thought, "Ignorance is bliss."

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#### PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

**The Story of a Martin Colony.**—By J. Warren Jacobs. This, the second of a series of illustrated pamphlets based on the author's researches and observations, the first being issued in 1898 under the title of **Oological Abnormalities**; is a record of the establishment and maintenance of a colony of four or five pairs of Purple Martins at the writer's home in Waynesburg, Green County, Penn., and of its subsequent increase until it numbered almost three hundred individuals at the end of the fourth season—more than could obtain lodging in the ninety-nine rooms of the three houses, over one hundred being compelled to roost in the branches of a nearby apple tree. The next three years witnessed an annual overflow, accommodated by new houses furnished and erected by his experienced hand in various parts of the town. If the colony had remained intact it would in all probability have numbered in the neighborhood of twelve hundred birds at the end of the seventh year.

After the introduction, the subtitles are as follows: Topographical Sketch and Existing Conditions of the Premises and Vicinity, Establishment and Subsequent Scenes of the Colony, Return from