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Dr. Herman, whose current title is Chief, Section of Wildlife Disease and Parasite Studies, Fish and Wildlife Service, is a former EBBA president and was EBBA NEWS' first editor.

This most gracious gift will be of invaluable help to the editors -- and all members will benefit as a result. The complete file, from Vol. 1, No. 1, October, 1938 to date, is being appropriately bound and will be added to as new issues are published.



HAVE YOU SEEN AN ELLIGUG?

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If you have 'washed in the tide' (bathed in the sea), seen an 'elligug' (guillemot) and had 'seegar and clouty-bread' (crayfish and unleavened bread) baked on a 'plank' (griddle), you will undoubtedly have been in 'Little England' or South Pembrokeshire. The pronunciation of Standard English Words here often approaches Early English: 'stoones' for stones and 'cabache' for cabbage, just as it was spelt in a cookery book of 1400. A missel thrush is a 'greybird', a hedge sparrow a 'grey dullin', the whitethroat a 'mealymouth', and the common sheldrake 'St. George's Duck'. Some of the names for plants are particularly apt, for instance 'devil's garters' for convolvulus. . . . A 'bumperhorse' is a big, fat child, and it is also the name used for the bittern. . . . Farm calls are 'How!' for cattle, 'Toch!' for pigs, 'Tick!' for hens and 'Bill!' for ducks, all repeated thrice.

