

were pure white with yellow legs and bills and bluish eyes. I shot them near the Saskatchewan River at a point near Edmonton, in June, 1904. These birds were in a flock of their own species and no white parent duck was noticed during the breeding season. When the birds were some weeks old they were seen by Mr. Grant, a ranchman, who owns the pond near which they were hatched. He saw the young white ducks swimming in the pond, and curious to find out what they were he and another man swam into the pond and caught the ducks, which they distinctly saw diving under the water. When they discovered what they were, Mr. Grant released them and the specimens which I got are the result. There were five birds in all, and I succeeded in getting three of them, two having disappeared the day before I got there." The 'American Field' of Chicago has an albino specimen of this duck in its collection. — RUTHVEN DEANE, *Chicago, Ill.*

**Rare Ducks near Bridgewater, Mass.**—Ornithologists may be interested to know that Mr. Daniel B. Davis on Oct. 22, 1904, at Lake Nippinickett, Bridgewater, Plymouth Co., Mass., shot a Shoveller (*Spatula clypeata*). This bird, together with a number of others of different species, was about to be disposed of in ordinary ways when fortunately Mr. Joseph E. Bassett identified and purchased it.

Other interesting captures at this lake are as follows: Two specimens of the Ring-necked Duck (*Aythya collaris*), by Joseph E. Bassett, Nov. 20, 1895. A King Eider (*Somateria spectabilis*), Oct. 21, 1899, also by Joseph E. Bassett. Two Gadwalls (*Chaulelasmus streperus*), Oct. 18, 1901, by Mr. Harry P. Sturtevant.

With the exception of one of the Ringnecks the skins of the above are in the writer's possession. — ARTHUR C. DYKE, *Bridgewater, Mass.*

**Rallus elegans and Iornornis martinica in Massachusetts.**—While examining recently the collection of bird skins of Mr. Alfred Hill of Belmont I was interested to find among them a male King Rail (*Rallus elegans*) which was taken Dec. 30, 1896, at Cambridge, and which furnishes the first record of the species for the vicinity. The bird was caught on the ice of a small pond in the Fresh Pond marshes. It was in good plumage but was much emaciated and died in the night following the day of its capture.

I am indebted to Dr. L. C. Jones of Malden for the information that there came into his possession in April, 1902, a fine male Purple Gallinule (*Iornornis martinica*) which was shot at Sandwich by John McArdle, a local gunner. — J. A. FARLEY, *Boston, Mass.*

**The Ruff at Camden, Maine.**—I wish to record the capture of a female Ruff (*Pavoncella pugnax*) at Camden, Maine, Sept. 14, 1900, by Mr. Sidney Clark. This skin I purchased of Charles K. Worthen, Warsaw, Ill. — JOHN E. THAYER, *Lancaster, Mass.*