

saw about 40 of the birds. They were in two flocks and flew in such a compact body that it was impossible to pick out a single bird; consequently one discharge of the gun brought down seven. Despite the scarcity of records this is really a common species in eastern Michigan, according to my experience. For six years, beginning with 1897, my autumn vacations were spent on the lake shore near Port Austin, Huron County, and here this sandpiper was present in unvarying abundance and long after all other waders had retreated south with the exception of the Sanderling and Black-bellied Plover.—J. CLAIRE WOOD, *Detroit, Michigan*.

**An Eskimo Curlew Captured at Sea.**—It may be of interest to note that when the S. S. 'Baltic' was about half way between Ireland and Newfoundland, on May 26, 1906, an Eskimo Curlew (*Numenius borealis*) came on board. To be more accurate, at noon on that day the ship's position was Lat. 49° 06' North, Long. 27° 28' West; the bird came on board at perhaps 2 or 3 p. m. It gave evidence, which was noticed by at least one other passenger, of having eaten within a few hours. Being evidently fatigued, it was finally caught by one of the steerage passengers, and confined in a cage roughly made from a soap box. It was fed on chopped beef and chicken, and ate heartily, but died a short time before we reached the Sandy Hook Lightship — possibly from too much food and too little exercise.

This curlew finds its way to the British Isles with sufficient frequency to be mentioned in the English handbooks as an occasional visitor.—ROBT. BARBOUR, *Montclair, N. J.*

**Contents of the Crop and Gizzard of a Young Ruffed Grouse (*Bonasa umbellus*).**—The following is the result of the analysis made by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, of the contents of the crop and gizzard of an immature specimen of this species, captured July 18, 1906:

"3 percent of the food is animal, consisting of the following:

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| 1 Carabid beetle              | 1 Tettigoniid                      |
| 1 <i>Leptura vibex</i>        | 8 <i>Camponotus pennsylvanicus</i> |
| 8 <i>Plagioderma armoricæ</i> | 1 Snail                            |
| 1 <i>Pyropyga nigricans</i>   |                                    |

"97 percent is vegetable matter made up as follows:

About 105 seeds of touch-me-not (*Impatiens biflora*), 22 %.

About 1750 seeds of blackberry (*Rubus* sp.), 31%.

8 seed pods of violet (*Viola* sp.) containing approximately 25 seeds each, together with 114 free seeds, making in all about 514 seeds of this species, 14%.

About 100 seeds of ground cherry (*Solanum* sp.), 2%.

About 462 seeds of sedge (*Carex* spp.), twelve being in perigynia, 4%.

2 pods of *Juncus* sp. with many seeds, 1%.