

"The swan must have been asleep or dead tired as it never noticed me until I had stepped out from the cover and walked 20 or 25 yards, when all at once it raised up and I killed it the first shot."

Mr. Potter's supposition that it was driven in by stress of weather is borne out by the fact that the swan's stomach was empty. The bird, for a swan, was not over fat, but sufficiently so to test the enthusiasm of any but an old timer.—FRANK S. DAGGETT, *Oak Park, Ill.*

The Glossy Ibis in Central New York.—On May 11 of the present year three Glossy Ibises (*Plegadis autumnalis*) were seen to alight in the Montezuma Marsh at the foot of Cayuga Lake, by Mr. Foster Parker, who shot and preserved two of them. About ten days later he saw three others, flying high over the marsh.

Although the bird is of extremely irregular occurrence in the Middle States, the fact that two separate companies were seen makes it probable that others may have come this way, and it is hoped that this notice will cause any other observers who have been so fortunate as to see the bird to put it on record.—LOUIS AGASSIZ FUERTES, *Ithaca, N. Y.*

Another Specimen of Cory's Bittern.—The University Museum, University of Michigan, has recently secured a specimen of Cory's Bittern (*Ardetta neozena*), a fact which it seems advisable to record in view of the rareness of the species. This specimen was taken near Toledo, Ohio, on May 25, 1907, by Mr. W. P. Holt. It was found with a large colony of Least Bitterns (*Ardetta exilis*) in the swampy tract of country east of Toledo.

The specimen is an adult male, and is apparently typical of the species. The crown is black, the front of the neck chestnut, and the abdomen, tibia, and sides, smoky brown and chestnut, with a few white, and black feathers. The lesser wing-coverts are black, the median wing-coverts chestnut.

The University Museum is indebted to Mr. W. P. Holt (the collector) for this specimen.—ALEXANDER G. RUTHVEN, *University Museum, University of Michigan.*

The Little Blue Heron in Philadelphia County, Pa., in Spring.—The Little Blue Heron (*Florida cærula*) is of extremely rare occurrence in the vicinity of Philadelphia during the spring, but it was the writer's good fortune to see one of these interesting and fast-disappearing birds on May 11, 1904. It was seen at Holmesburg, Philadelphia County, flying slowly down the Pennypack Creek, above tidewater, toward the Delaware River, up which it evidently had previously ascended. It was a male and flew past within less than thirty feet of me, flying about twenty feet above the water, and was well seen and its identity positively determined.