

studying at the Barro Colorado Zoological Station. Mrs. Sturgis is to be congratulated upon an excellent piece of work.—W. S.

**Van Schaick's 'Nature Cruisings.'**—The editor of the 'Christian Leader,' John Van Schaick Jr., has written many articles for his paper dealing with the great outdoors and the best of these have been gathered together in the present volume.<sup>1</sup> Those who enjoy reading nature books will find both pleasure and profit in Mr. van Schaick's book. He has the gift of putting his observations in a way that constantly holds one's interest and his descriptions bring vividly before our mind's eye the scenes that he describes.

There is much about his old home town of Cobleskill, N. Y., a series of chapters dealing with the environs of Boston, and another on Washington and the Potomac, while other sketches treat of "cruises" farther afield.

Trees, plants and birds all appeal to the author as well as the beauty of nature in general, while his constant reference to and quotations from the writings of a long list of authors bear evidence of his wide reading of nature lore. There are interesting accounts of associations with the Audubon Societies of Massachusetts and the District of Columbia and he acknowledges his indebtedness to the secretary of the A. O. U. for starting him on his "life list" although on account of an unfortunate typographical error that gentleman's identity is concealed under the name of "G" S. Palmer.

Many members of the Union will find familiar trails in Mr. van Schaick's delightful volume and all nature lovers will enjoy it.—W. S.

**Hausman's 'Hawks of New Jersey.'**—At the present time when the tide of public opinion guided by sportsman interests is setting against the Hawks with the danger of their utter extermination, a book<sup>2</sup> like that which Dr. Hausman has published is most welcome. It calls attention vigorously to the beneficial character of most Hawks and their especial value to the farmer.

In his foreword the author sums up the situation aptly with the following statement: "If one should see a man in a blue suit making his escape after robbing a house, and should thereupon sally forth into the street with a shot gun and blaze away at every man in a blue suit that he happened to meet he would be carrying out in practice the principle upon which many act when they wage indiscriminate warfare upon our native hawks." He then proceeds to set forth the characteristics, habits and value of the thirteen Hawks and the Turkey Vulture found in New

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<sup>1</sup> *Nature Cruisings to the Old Home Town and the Little Hill Farm.* By John van Schaick, Jr. Editor of the *Christian Leader*. Author of *The Little Corner Conquered, Cruising Around a Changing World, Cruising Cross Country.* The Murray Press, Boston, Mass. 1928. pp. 1-448.

<sup>2</sup> *The Hawks of New Jersey and their Relation to Agriculture.* Dr. Leon Augustus Hausman. New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, New Brunswick, N. J., Bulletin 439. January, 1927. pp. 1-48, figg. 1-48.