

ducing a poisoning that results in progressive paralysis and, usually, death. Experiments with wild waterfowl captured when young and reared in captivity—to obviate the possibility of their having taken lead before the beginning of the experiments—have shown that six pellets of No. 6 shot constitute an amount of lead that is always fatal. Two or three shot were sufficient to cause death in several instances. In one experiment, two mallards were given one No. 6 shot each. One of them died in nine days and the other was able to throw off the poison.

The list of species known to have been poisoned by eating shot consists of mallard, pintail, and canvas-back ducks, the whistling swan, and the marbled godwit, but many other species, particularly of ducks and geese, are undoubtedly affected by it, according to the bulletin.

Unfortunately, nothing can be done at this time to protect waterfowl from lead poisoning except to call attention to the malady and to make known its cause and symptoms. The Department, however, desires statistics on the numbers and species of birds affected and asks that sportsmen and others report to the Bureau of Biological Survey all cases that come to their attention.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

Bear in mind that our next annual meeting will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, in conjunction with the meetings, of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. No program of these meetings has been issued, so that the dates of our meetings cannot be announced at this time. But it is probable that our meetings will be held on December 30 and 31. Announcement of the exact time and place of meeting will be made in ample time by circular letter. It is hoped that you will not wait for an invitation to prepare and read a paper at this meeting, but that you will send your title as soon as possible to the secretary, A. F. Ganier, 1023 Villa Street, Nashville, Tenn. Liberal coöperation will ensure a most profitable and interesting meeting.

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