

Old Hawking Club Journal.

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Feb. 3rd. /83. Mem. Major Woodhouse R.A., a grandson of Col. Thornton, told me today that his family possess a considerable quantity of plate formerly the property of the Falconers Club - amongst it a very large handsome silver gilt urn, with a hawk on a hare on the top, and engraved with all the names of the members of the Club.

F. Newcome came to Amesbury on 19th. and G. Lascelles and E.G. Waldo on 20th.

March 20th. Commenced rook hawking at Amesbury, Frost and the hawks having been there about a fortnight. Very bad weather and the coldest March I ever remember. N.E. gales, snow and rain. Went out late and flew "Amesbury" and "Alda" - short flight, killed. "Olivette" and "Arethusa" divided and both put in, finally killed one. "Amesbury" and "Iolanthe" killed. Trained one or two other hawks and went home. F. Newcome and Mead Waldo here. 3 flights.

March 21st. Very rough, cold N.E. wind; out at Stonehenge. "Amesbury" killed a rook alone, "Alda" having declined, and later the old hawk flew a very good ringing flight down to cover and killed. "Olivette" and "Arethusa" flew a flight to cover and later "Olivette" and "Iolanthe" flew a nice flight and killed as also did "Lady Jane" and "Arethusa" from the same place. Beat out three magpies but Brooksbank's tiercels would not look at them. 6 flights.

Old Hawking Club. 1883.

<u>Members:</u>	<u>Honorary Members:</u>
Lord Lilford	Hon. Cecil Duncombe
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B. Heywood Jones	
Hon. Gerald Lascelles	Hon. Sec.
P. Hambro Esq.	

John Frost Falconer.

List of O.H.C. Hawks.

Passage falcons.

"Amesbury"	3 yrs. old.	Lost in Wilts.
"Olivette"	2 yrs. old.	Sold to Col. Brooksbank £5.
"Lady Jane"	2 yrs. old.	Returned to Mr. Eyre Crabbe.
"Iolanthe"	1 yr. old.	
"Alberta"	1 yr. old.	
"Alda"	1 yr. old.	
"Arethusa"	1 yr. old.	
"Dulcibella"	1 yr. old.	
"Stella"	1 yr. old.	Sold W.H. St. Quintin.
"Shotover"	1 yr. old.	Sold Col. Brooksbank.

Eyass falcons.

“Parachute” 2 yrs. old.

“Vesta” 1 yr. old.

“Romulus” Eyass tiercel 1 yr. old. Property of
 “Remus” Eyass tiercel 1 yr. old. Col. Brooksbank.

List of the head killed by each individual hawk Spring 1883

March 1883.	20th.	21st.	23rd.	24th.	26th.	27th.	28th.	29th.	30th.	31st
“Amesbury”	1	2	1	2	2	1		1		
“Olivette”	1	1		1					1	1
“Iolanthe”	1		1					1	1	
“Arethusa”		1	1	2	1	1	1	1		1
“Alberta”					1			1		
“Dulcibella”							1		1	1
“Lady Jane”								1	1	1
“Alda”									1	1
“Shotover”										
“Stella”										
Total:	3	4	3	5	4	2	2	5	5	5

April 1883.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.	9th.	10th.	11th.	12th.	13th.
“Amesbury”	1										
“Olivette”											
“Iolanthe”	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1p.1	1
“Arethusa”	1		1		1	1c	1	1	1	1	1
“Alberta”	1			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
“Dulcibella”		1		1	1	1	1		1		
“Lady Jane”						1				1	
“Alda”		1	1			1		1		1	
“Shotover”			1								
“Stella”											
“Vesta”								1*		1sc	
“Romulus”										1*	1*
“Remus”											1*
Total:	4	3	4	3	5	6	4	5	5	8	5

April 1883.	14th.	16th.	17th.	18th.	19th.	20th.	21st.	23rd.	24th.
"Amesbury"									
"Olivette"							1		
"Iolanthe"	1	1	2	1	2	1		2	
"Arethusa"	1	2	2	2	2	2	1c	1	
"Alberta"	1	1			1	1		1	1
"Dulcibella"	2	1	1		1				
"Lady Jane"			1						1
"Alda"		1	1			1c		1	
"Shotover"									
"Stella"		1							
"Vesta"		1sc			1sc		1sc1s		
"Romulus"		1*1b	1*			1*	2*		
"Remus"			1*						
Total:	5	10	9	3	7	6	6	5	2

April 1883.	25th.	26th.	27th.	28th.	30th.	May1	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.
"Amesbury"										
"Olivette"			1			1			1	1
"Iolanthe"	1	1		1	1	1	2	1	1	2
"Arethusa"		2	1		1	1	2	1	2	1
"Alberta"	1	1	2	1.1c	1	2	1.1c		2	
"Dulcibella"	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	2	
"Lady Jane"		1							1	
"Alda"		1	1	1c	1	1	1	1	1	
"Shotover"										
"Stella"	1		1			1				1
"Vesta"				1s	1sc	1				
"Romulus"				1*			1*	1*	1*	
"Remus"	1*									
Total:	5	7	7	7	6	8	9	5	11	6

May 1883.	7th.	8th.	9th.	10th.	11th.	Total.
"Amesbury"						11.
"Olivette"		1			11.	
"Iolanthe"	2	1	1	1	1	45.
"Arethusa"	1	1	2		1	47.
"Alberta"	1.1c	1	1	1	1	36.
"Dulcibella"		1		1j		25.
"Lady Jane"						10.
"Alda"		1			1	21.
"Shotover"						1.
"Stella"		1c				6.
"Vesta"	1sc			1sc		11.
"Romulus"	1*	2*	1*			19.
"Remus"				Joint score.		
Total:	7	8	6	4	4	243.

204 rooks. 8 crows. 1 jackdaw. 8 stone curlew. 18 magpies. 4 sundries.

c = crow. * = magpie. sc = stone curlew. s = sundries. p = pigeon. j = jackdaw. b = blackbird.

March 22nd. A terrible N.E. gale; frightfully cold. Did not go out.

March 23rd. Strong N.E. wind - freezing. Went out towards the Bustard. Flew "Amesbury" and "Alda". The latter declined, the other killed with a fine stoop. "Olivette" and "Iolanthe" flew a very fine ringing flight of over a mile down wind and killed near Virgo. "Lady Jane" and "Arethusa" divided, and both put in. "Amesbury" and "Alberta" put a rook into a barn, but "Alberta" would not fly at all. "Olivette" and "Arethusa" flew a pretty flight, and the latter killed just as the rook put in. 5 flights.

March 24th. A fine day. Went out round Porton Firs. "Amesbury" and "Alberta" got beat after a long rat hunt in a fold. "Iolanthe" went up well, and made a fine stoop and then gave up. "Arethusa" and "Olivette" started slow, eventually the young hawk killed. "Amesbury" and "Alberta" had a long rat hunt in gorse, and the old hawk killed. "Olivette" killed clever in gorse, "Iolanthe" putting some more rooks in down wind. "Arethusa" and "Lady Jane" killed close to gorse. "Amesbury" killed in a hedge and "Alda" went after some more rooks and flying well, put them into a clump near Porton Rookery and came back. 7 flights.

20 flights during week and 15 kills. G.W.L. and E. Waldo left.

Mr. Percival Hambro of Brigmerston House, Amesbury was proposed by the Hon. G. Lascelles and seconded by F. Newcome and elected a Member of The O.H.C.

March 26th. Towards Wilbury. Heavy and continuous snowstorms. "Amesbury" and "Alberta" divided and both hawks killed well. "Arethusa" and "Lady Jane" also divided - "Arethusa" killed and "Lady Jane" gave up. "Amesbury" and "Dulcibella" both started well, but the old hawk killing easily, the young hawk joined in the worry. Very few rooks about. 3 flights.

March 27th. Bulford Down. "Amesbury" and "Alda" divided - "Amesbury" killed easily and "Alda" got beat to covert after a long hard flight. "Iolanthe" got beat to covert, second time took off after a bird, after making a tremendous stoop at a rook. She was lost for a short time, but came back to look for us. "Olivette" and "Alberta" divided, and both hawks got beat to covert. "Arethusa" and "Lady Jane" flew a tremendously high and wide ringing flight, and the young hawk flying magnificently got over the rooks first and killed just in covert fourth stoop. 5 flights.

March 28th. Stonehenge to the Druid's Head. "Arethusa" killed in good form. "Amesbury" and "Dulcibella" divided. The former put into the Stones and "Dulcibella" killed high in the air first stoop; a real good one. "Lady Jane" and "Alda" got beat in a fold and "Olivette" and "Iolanthe" were flown at a crow. "Iolanthe" gave up quickly and "Olivette" got fairly beaten and gave up after ringing to a tremendous height. "Vesta" put a magpie in and then took after a bird, the tiercel doing nothing. 4 flights.

March 29th. A good days sport on Netheravon Down to Elbarrow. High wind. "Arethusa" killed first stoop. Second time with "Alda" flew a rattling flight, and got beat in to covert. "Alda" would not fly in the wind. "Iolanthe" and "Amesbury" flew well, the young hawk killing. Later on "Amesbury" and "Dulcibella" flew a very high flight, and the old hawk caught high in the air. "Alberta" and "Olivette" flew well, "Alberta" killing; and "Lady Jane" and "Olivette" divided,

"Lady Jane" killing, and "Olivette" being beat into Elbarrow Rookery. Drew for magpies but did no good. 6 flights.

March 30th. Very wet and windy morning. Got out in afternoon on Bulford Down and Sidbury Hill way. "Amesbury" was flown with "Iolanthe" and "Dulcibella". The young hawk catching each time - "Dulcibella" after a rat hunt in which "Amesbury" did all of the work. "Arethusa" did not see her rook, and put some more into a fold. "Olivette" and "Alberta" flown together and the old hawk killed. "Lady Jane" and "Alda" divided, the old hawk killing easily and "Alda" doing ditto after a fine flight. 5 flights.

March 31st. Fine day. On Salisbury Road. "Arethusa" got beat in gorse. Second time killed after a rat hunt in a fold. "Dulcibella" assisted by "Amesbury" killed clever, as did "Lady Jane" assisted by "Olivette". "Lady Jane" and "Alda" divided, "Alda" killing very well and "Lady Jane" being beat in some premises. "Olivette" and "Alberta" flew a very pretty flight stoop for stoop, and the old hawk killed. "Iolanthe" and "Amesbury" put into some premises, and dividing "Iolanthe" flew a rattling flight in rare form, finally being beaten in a "clump", the old hawk also being beaten. 7 flights.

30 flights during week and 23 kills with 8 different hawks.
Total during March in 10 hawking days: 50 flights & 38 rooks killed.

April 2nd. Lovely day. Towards Shrewton and the Bustard. "Iolanthe", "Alberta" and "Arethusa", flown separately, killed well after fine flights. "Alda" flew too keen and got beat to covert after a hard flight. Flew "Amesbury" and "Dulcibella" together. The old hawk disappeared and the young hawk did nothing. Sir Ed. Antrobus sent in word he had seen one of our hawks flying over Amesbury in afternoon. 5 flights.

April 3rd. No signs of "Amesbury". G. Lascelles came. Went out in afternoon on Netheravon Down. "Iolanthe" flew a very fine flight but got beat in a fold, later on did nothing. "Arethusa" and "Alda" killed. "Alberta" never saw rooks. "Dulcibella" killed assisted by "Olivette". 6 flights.

April 4th. George Oxer caught "Amesbury" in Morning at Bulford Rookery. She had an enormous crop full. We went out on Bulford Down. "Arethusa", "Iolanthe" and "Alda" killed. "Alberta" was beaten to covert. "Shotover" caught hold the first time of asking, but "Lady Jane" had cooked the rook. 5 flights.
W.H. St. Quintin came in evening.

April 5th. Drew all round Porton Firs with no result. In afternoon on Salisbury Road, "Alda" was beat in a bad place. "Arethusa" flew well but got beaten by a rook taking to sheep and soared a little. "Alberta" and "Iolanthe" killed after pretty flights. "Dulcibella" killed close to a stack, and "Lady Jane" got beat into covert, "Stella" who was flown with her doing nothing. 6 flights.

April 6th. The Bustard to Elbarrow. "Alberta" killed well. "Alda" flew a very high ringing flight but gave up. "Iolanthe" killed twice and "Arethusa" and "Dulcibella" once each. "Olivette" and "Shotover" flown together; the young hawk did nothing and "Olivette" got beat to covert after a rat hunt. "Amesbury" flew a very fine and hard flight, knocking her rook about a great deal. She was eventually beaten to covert, as having a bad foot, she could not hold her rook. 8 flights.

April 7th. Stonehenge and round Druid's Head. "Arethusa" killed a crow. "Alberta" got beat to covert, second time killing easily. "Alda" and "Dulcibella" killed easily. "Iolanthe" killed after a very fine flight with some magnificent stooping. "Lady Jane" killed first stoop, "Stella" joining in

the worry. "Olivette" flew a hard flight and got beat at the rookery. Had a rare hustle with the tiercels and "Vesta" at a Blackbird, but got beat. 8 flights.

38 flights during week; killed 24 rooks and a crow.

April 9th. E. Conant and E.C. Newcome at Amesbury. Lovely day but hot morning. Round Sidbury Hill. "Arethusa" killed in gorse. Second time got beat to covert after a fine flight by a crow. "Iolanthe" gave up after some high ringing, second time killed. "Alda" flew hard and after some ringing gave up. "Dulcibella" killed, also "Alberta". "Olivette" and "Stella" flown together and the young hawk crabbed "Olivette" and spoilt the flight. "Lady Jane" flew well and after a pretty flight got beat to covert. A very fine days sport. 9 flights.

April 10th. Round Virgo. "Alberta" killed after a fine flight, and put into a covered well. Second time got beat to the rookery. "Iolanthe" killed in good form. "Amesbury" and "Stella" flew a hard flight together but got beat to a Clump. "Arethusa" killed after a good rat hunt. "Alda" and "Jane" divided, the former killing after a rat hunt. "Vesta" assisted by the tiercels killed a mag. 6 flights.

April 11th. Bustard and Elbarrow. "Arethusa" got beat to covert; second time killing finely first stoop. "Iolanthe" killed twice, the first time after a very pretty flight. "Alda" got beat to the rookery through flying too keen. "Dulcibella" killed well after a fine ring. "Alberta" killed well. "Olivette" and "Stella" never saw rooks. "Lady Jane" and "Stella" had a rat hunt in gorse, and "Lady Jane" and rook going away flew a ringing flight, but got beat to covert. Had a good hustle with a mag. near the Bustard, but the Mag escaped minus some tail feathers. Later on two mags slipped them from the Shepherd's garden. 9 flights.

April 12th. E. Conant left and B. Heywood Jones came to Amesbury. A very good days sport in the Everleigh Country. "Alberta" killed easily. Later on, flown with "Amesbury", she caught a crow over thick gorse, but unfortunately got hung up in the gorse and the crow got away.. The tiercels killed a mag after a pretty flight. "Vesta" waiting on at a fine height caught a curlew which was relegated to the garden at Brigmerston. "Dulcibella" was beat to covert after a very long flight. She flew too keen. "Arethusa" knocked her rook down dead first stoop. Afterwards "Iolanthe" killed well. Second time after a good flight got beat to Beaches Barn rookery, and killed a wood pigeon there. "Alda" and "Lady Jane" killed after a rat hunt in gorse. 8 flights.

April 13th. Wet day. Got out in afternoon on Netheravon Down. "Alberta", "Arethusa" and "Iolanthe" killed a rook each, and the tiercels assisted by "Vesta" mopped up two Magpies in great form. 3 flights.

April 14th. Lovely day. B.H. Jones left in evening and E.C. Newcome in morning. Went out on south side of Andover Road under Beacon Hill. "Iolanthe" killed well. "Arethusa" do after a rat hunt. "Alberta" killed close to covert after a long flight. "Dulcibella" killed twice, each time first stoop. "Stella" flown with "Amesbury" flew hard, but the old hawk soared over the Valley at Allington and was lost. "Lady Jane" flew a very hard flight but got beat to covert. 7 flights.

42 flights during week; killed 26 rooks also 1 wood pigeon, 1 curlew and 4 magpies.

April 15th. No traces of "Amesbury".

April 16th. A very good days sport in Everleigh Country. Mr. Curtis out with us for a short time. "Arethusa" killed well second stoop. Later on killed (after a long flight) in gorse under Sidbury Hill. "Iolanthe" killed first stoop in good form, second time got beaten to covert after some fine

stooping. "Alberta" killed first stoop. "Dulcibella" killed after a good flight with two rings in it, the first a very high one. "Alda" and "Olivette" flew keen and rather jealous. The young hawk coursed a good deal, but finally caught hold, but the old hawk once knocked the rook very hard on to the ground. "Lady Jane" and "Stella" flew a pretty flight stoop for stoop and the young hawk at last caught hold. Caught a curlew (released) with "Vesta" and killed a magpie and a blackbird with the tiercels. 10 head caught during day. No trace of "Amesbury". 8 flights.

April 17th. At Druid's Head. G. Lascelles arrived. Sir F. Graham came out from Wilbury. "Arethusa" killed twice, in good style. "Iolanthe" flew hard through a stiff wind at her rooks which made off up wind for cover at a great pace. She overhauled them finely, and killed second stoop close to the trees. Third time she was fairly beaten into Druid's Head rookery by a first rate rook after a very fine flight, great part of it high in the air. Second time killed easily first stoop. "Dulcibella" flew a good flight and killed after a rat hunt in bushes. "Alberta" was twice beaten into Druid's Head, by her rook following a line of bushes. "Lady Jane" and "Stella" had rather a long flight, and the old hawk caught but let go in falling to the ground, and caught again. "Alda" and "Olivette" together. The young hawk dropped at once on a scarecrow! The old falcon flew a really fine flight, with good stooping, rat-hunting and finally high ringing, till at last her rook fairly rang away from her. In the evening flown again near The Stones, the young hawk fetched her rook well in, and killed on the alter stone, after a short hunt. Killed a pair of magpies from the Wilsford belt, the cock giving us a deal of work in a young plantation before the tiercels, assisted for a short time by "Vesta" accounted for him. 11 flights.

April 18th. Bustard and Elbarrow. Terribly stormy, and we should hardly have ventured out, only that we had a field with us, Mrs. Gully, Sir F. Graham etc. "Arethusa" could not get through the wind, before her rooks reached cover in front of her. She then changed and picked up a rook in some gorse out of a flock which were hurrying into the rookery from the right. Second time killed well near Elbarrow. "Iolanthe" did not fly the rook she was hooded off at, as she was carried back by a storm of wind, but killed a rook coming in on our left. Second time flew well, but there was no room, and the rooks got home. "Alberta" flew well, but got beaten into Elbarrow Rookery. Home early. 5 flights.

April 19th. F. Newcome left in the morning, and G. Lascelles after hawking. E.G. Meade Waldo, C. Tracy came in the morning. Salisbury Road. Sir F. Graham and Mrs. Wyndham out. "Dulcibella" killed after a pretty little flight in good form, and ditto "Arethusa" who waited for her rook, and would not make a bad stoop, showing some first class form. Second time killed after a longish flight, first stoop. "Iolanthe" killed twice, first stoop each time. "Alberta" was flown at a flock rather down wind, and killed after some good stoops. "Vesta" took a curlew from a good pitch, which we at once released. Drew the Halfway cover and Porton Firs blank for mags, and tried all the way home for a rook without success. 6 flights.

April 20th. Stonehenge to the Bustard. Sir F. Graham, Mrs. Wyndham, Mrs. Gully etc. out. Drew Normanton gorse, but did no good. "Arethusa" killed twice. "Iolanthe" once; second time got beaten up wind to a fold. "Alberta" killed a rook very quickly in good style. "Lady Jane" and "Alda" flown at a pair of crows, killed the hen bird after a pretty flight, and rat hunt round a fold, the young falcon catching hold. Drew the Bustard Plantation for mags, and after several ineffectual "hood-offs" we followed them up and killed one. 6 flights.

April 21st. Bulford Field. Col. Antrobus and a large field out. Flew "Alberta" who got beaten down to the Avon, from near Mwlsome's premises after a good flight. "Arethusa" flown at a pair of crows near "The Bible", killed after three quarters mile flight across the down below us, apparently first stoop. "Iolanthe" got beat to trees. "Olivette" and "Alda" flown at rooks together, killed among

the juniper bushes, the old hawk catching. "Lady Jane" and "Alberta" flown at three crows in a good place. The old falcon gave up after a few stoops but the young one only got beaten to a belt, after a fine flight. "Vesta" caught a curlew which we at once released. Had some good hunts after mags. killing two, another escaping owing to a rather too eager field. 5 flights.

41 flights during week, killing 28 rooks, 2 crows, also 3 curlews, 6 magpies, 1 blackbird and 1 sundry.

April 23rd. Everley Manor. Very strong wind: and heavy sleet and snow storms. Did not fly till 4.30. Spent part of day watching a snare which we set on a rook that "Amesbury" had killed near Beaches Barn, but she never returned to it that night, nor the next morning. Had 6 flights at rooks going into the Beaches Barn rookery on passage - "Iolanthe" killing her first in good style; second stoop. Second time, her rook got to a tree, and she went on and killed a rook high in the air out of a large flock that rose about three quarters of a mile off, first stoop. "Arethusa" killed well after a short hunt round a scotch fir. "Alberta" killed also well after some fine stoops. "Dulcibella" put into gorse, then into the scotch fir. On the rook leaving before her she rang him down once but second time he left without her seeing him, and he got a very long start. She persevered for some time, and then giving up, dropped from some height on to the dead lure. "Alda" went at a great pace over her rooks, and killed first stoop in very good form. 6 flights.

April 24th. Druid's Head. Cold and blustery. Could not find rooks. Flew "Arethusa", but she could only get in one stoop before her rook reached the Druid's Head trees. "Alberta" went over her rooks in good style, and killed first stoop. "Dulcibella" had a long flight into The Druid's Head Rookery. She got one stoop on first going up, but afterwards her rook took the air and as she did not ring quite wide enough, he reached the rookery, the little falcon coming back quite half a mile across the Down to the dead lure, against a stiff wind. Flew "Alda" and "Lady Jane" at two rooks (or crows?) near Normanton gorse. They unluckily took the wrong one, and he reached trees. The old falcon went on and killed a rook. She carried into the water meadows near W. Amesbury and we had to cross the river to get her. Had an unsuccessful beat for mags. the tiercels not flying keen enough. Wind did not suit our beat, and could not get flights. 4 flights.

April 25th. Bustard to Elbarrow. Fine. Capt. & Mrs Chapman staying with P. Hambro out. "Arethusa" flew a good flight but apparently struck a wire round a pond, and sat down while her rook escaped. Later on was beaten to strong premises, after some good stooping. "Iolanthe" killed first stoop. Second time declined a long slip. "Alberta" was beaten to cover by a rook out of a flock which she "herded" until she fetched down the highest, a good flight. Second time cracked her rook down third stoop with a broken wing, in half a gale of wind. "Dulcibella" caught high in the air after a pretty little flight. "Lady Jane" and "Stella" went over their rooks at a great pace, and the young hawk caught first stoop after one from the old falcon. Killed a mag. from Clump beyond Bustard with the tiercels. The greatest difficulty in getting flights. 8 flights.

April 26th. Wilbury side of Porton Firs. Very windy (S.E.) "Alberta" killed on shoulder of Beacon Hill first stoop. Wind very high. Second time met a very good rook, after some good stoops hunted him by herself through a large fold, and finally got beaten to Scotch Fir belt after a long hard flight. "Iolanthe" got beat to cover after flying a strong rook in fine form. Second time killed a poor rook after going very high over him, and cracking him down dead. "Arethusa" killed twice, the first time after a hunt in a fence. "Dulcibella" could hardly get through the high wind up to her rook, but then ran into him with ease. "Alda" flew very prettily and killed in real good form after some dashing stoops. "Lady Jane" and "Stella" at first crabbed, each hawk coming down at the rook from different directions, but soon finding out their mistake, they let go, and going on killed their rook, the old hawk catching. 9 flights.

April 27th. Long Barrow. "Alberta's" first rook put in under a drill, and slipped off without the falcon seeing him. Directly afterwards flown again she killed after a short hunt. Later, flown at a very long slip, declined, and went after a distant flock and put them in a long way off. As she was coming back, high in the air, she met a rook, and killed him first stoop. "Dulcibella" caught cleverly second stoop close to cover after a long flight. "Iolanthe's" attention was taken off by a tame pigeon which rose before her, and she did no good. "Alda" killed an indifferent rook, first stoop. "Lady Jane" and "Stella" hunted a rook round some premises, and the young hawk killed. "Lady Jane" and "Olivette" put in a long way off, and the latter killed after a hunt in some trees. "Arethusa" killed a rook. 9 flights.

April 28th. Bulford Field. "Alberta" killed a rook after very pretty stooping. Later flown with "Lady Jane" at a crow; a very long slip; they hunted through some bushes, the young falcon killing. "Iolanthe" caught a rook first stoop. "Dulcibella" caught in a gorse bush after a pretty little flight. "Alda" flown with "Olivette" caught another crow which we hustled off her nest, like the other one, to the great joy of Mr. Hambro's keeper. Had a good magpie hunt with the tiercels in the juniper bushes, and a kill. "Arethusa" took after some rooks high in the air instead of those at which she was flown, and though she fetched them into a belt after flying hard, she couldn't get a stoop in. "Vesta" caught a curlew which was let go. A short day, but a very good one. 6 flights.

42 flights during week, killing 28 rooks, 2 crows, also 2 mags, and 1 curlew.

April 30th. Under Sidbury Hill. "Alda" and "Olivette" flown at a rook on the side of Sidbury Hill, caught quickly, the young falcon catching hold. "Alberta" killed after a very long hunt in a fold, the hawk flying splendidly. "Dulcibella" took after a distant flock and killed first stoop. "Arethusa" killed a rook, which had mobbed us for some time, after a good rat hunt. "Iolanthe" fetched a flock into a fold, flying very well over them, and caught one before we could get up to help her. "Vesta" caught a curlew, which we released. 5 flights.

May 1st. Salisbury Road. B.H. Jones and G. Lascelles arrived. (F. Salvin and Col. Brooksbank came on the 30th & 29th.) "Alberta" killed after flying well, and putting in at a pond. Second time killed after a hunt down a fence. "Arethusa" put into some premises, and killed after a good rat hunt. "Iolanthe" killed well. "Alda" gave up after hunting round some stacks for a short time. Second time would not fly, as she was hooded off among heaps of burning weeds. Third time flown with "Olivette" near Bulford rookery, each hawk chose her own rook out of a flock and killed in good style. "Dulcibella" declined the rook she was flown at and went after a flock, but did no good. Second time killed a good rook, second stoop, high in the air after a good flight. "Lady Jane" was easily beaten by a jackdaw. Second time flown with "Stella" on shoulder of Beacon Hill at a wonderfully strong rook. The young hawk killed quite half a mile off across the down. An unsuccessful attempt to drive a magpie from the fox-cover under Beacon Hill. 12 flights.

May 2nd. Fine day. Cold wind. "Iolanthe" killed twice in fine form. "Arethusa" first time killed first stoop. Second time flew one of the finest flights on record from near Normanton gorse - three fine high rings - many stoops and at least a mile distance. "Alberta" killed beautifully once and second flew a fine flight at a crow with "Olivette" killing after one put in. Flew "Vesta" and "Lady Jane" at a herring gull, both went at him well and fetched him down with a few stoops, but then gave up and the gull made off shrieking hideously. "Vesta" unluckily raked off and killed a rook. "Alda" flew a pretty flight and killed. "Dulcibella" also flew well and was beaten. Killed a mag. from Normanton Gorse. 9 flights.

May 3rd. Bulford Field. A large field out to see F. Salvin's goshawk tried. But the day was showery, and the hawk was scared by the horses, and did no good. "Dulcibella" killed a rook. "Alberta" took after the wrong rooks and got beat to trees. "Iolanthe" went high over a flock, and would not stoop for some time. At last she came down in grand style at a rook that was making off for some trees, and took him close to cover. "Olivette" and "Alda" flown together caught a rook quickly, the young hawk getting hold. "Dulcibella" flew a rook very hard, and hunted him very keenly through some bushes, but although we hooded off "Stella" to help her, the place was too strong, and he beat them both. "Arethusa" flown at rooks on passage on the way home, fetched them into a tree, and then made an extraordinary stoop from a great height straight down into the tree, and got hung up by a jess for some seconds, and the rooks rang up high above her. However, getting free, she started to ring over them and soon fetched them in again, and after more hunting, at last killed. A first rate flight. Killed a mag. after a good flight, both tiercels going hard at him.

6 flights.

May 4th. Long Barrow. A capital day. "Iolanthe" was beaten to cover, second time killed well. "Alda" and "Olivette" flown near the Stones quickly ran into their rook. Second time the young hawk killed after putting in a number of stoops, before "Olivette" got up, though she was hooded off first. "Dulcibella" killed twice, the first time cleverly, as the rook was putting in under a shed. "Alberta" killed well. Second time she flew a first rate flight with some high rings, and a great deal of stooping, finally killing near the Devizes Road within 50 yds. of a plantation; she was flown at the pond near the little larch clump near the Bustard. "Arethusa" killed twice, in brilliant form. "Lady Jane" and "Stella" killed quickly. Drove Virgo, and killed a magpie from it. (Had a hood off at a cuckoo, which took the air, and completely beat the tiercels, flying very fast and strong.)

11 flights.

May 5th. Bustard to Elbarrow. "Iolanthe" killed twice well. "Dulcibella" was beaten to rookery after a good flight. "Arethusa" flown at a rook on passage; he turned down wind and she hunted him by herself through some premises and then to a strong fold, where at last she killed after a long hunt. "Alberta" was beaten to the rookery after a short flight. "Olivette" and "Alda" flown together, the young hawk hit her rook hard, and the old falcon followed and killed. "Lady Jane" and "Stella" flown together put into gorse where the young hawk killed, the old falcon getting beaten after a long hunt by another rook, and then collaring a bird. Had an unsuccessful attempt to kill a magpie from "Solomons" Clump, the tiercels attention being distracted at a critical moment.

7 flights.

During week; 50 flights for 39 rooks, 1 crow. Also 3 mags, 1 sundry, 1 curlew (released).

May 7th. Head of 9 mile water. "Iolanthe" killed twice, the second time especially flying magnificently. "Arethusa" flew a good flight, and killed, round some horses. "Alberta" killed a rook at a fold. Second time flown with "Olivette" at some crows, caught the hen first stoop, close to cover. "Lady Jane" and "Alda" were flown at the cock crow immediately afterwards, but he took the air, getting a long start, and the hawks gave up. "Dulcibella" did not see her rook at first, then flew hard, but he got to thick gorse up wind, and escaped. "Vesta" caught a curlew, which we sent to Brimmerston garden. Second time she was flown at another out of the hood, the hawk put him in several times, then soared over Sidbury Hill and gave us some trouble. # The tiercels killed a magpie.

7 flights.

Found and caught the curlew, with clipped wing, close to the place where we caught it on the 12th. April. It had been placed in Mr. Hambro's garden, but escaped and evidently had returned to its old ground on the Everley side of Sidbury Hill, 6 or 7 miles off! We let it go the second time. It had a mate with it. E.G.M. Waldo came, also E. Conant.

May 8th. Druid's Head etc. "Alberta" got beat to Normanton gorse after a pretty flight. Second time killed in a young plantation. "Arethusa" killed well at some premises. Second time got beat to cover by a crow, partly from want of room, and partly from the plucky defence of his mate by the cock bird, he sometimes actually striking the hawk. "Iolanthe" hunted well round some premises and killed. "Dulcibella" killed quickly. "Alda" and "Olivette" flown together. The young hawk killed and the old one going on put the rest of the flock into thick cover. "Stella" and "Lady Jane" flown at some crows, the young hawk caught after some good stoops, both hawks flying well. Killed two magpies, one from Virgo, the other before reaching Stonehenge. 8 flights.

May 9th. Long Barrow etc. "Arethusa" killed after a fine flight. Second time also killed after a hunt down the Bustard fence. "Iolanthe" killed second stoop in first rate form. "Alberta" took after a flock that rose down wind and killed at some premises. "Dulcibella" gave up. "Olivette" and "Alda" flown late in the evening killed at a fold, the old hawk apparently catching. Killed a magpie from the clump near the Bustard, and after a desperate hunt got beaten by the other bird, from high wind, and the tiercels having been on the wing a long time. 6 flights.

E.G. Waldo left.

May 10th. Snowing hard at 6 a.m. Col. Brooksbank, F. Salvin and E. Conant left this morning. "Arethusa" got beat to cover, as she took after the wrong rook. "Alberta" killed easily first stoop. "Iolanthe" flown at a rook on passage, went on and killed out of a flock second stoop, hitting him hard first. "Dulcibella" flown at some rooks at ploughs, killed a jackdaw first stoop as he rose under her from the ground. "Vesta" caught a curlew (released) from a fine pitch. Later on flown at some ducks in Bulford Field, by special request of Mr. Hambro, put them in several times and hit one once hard, but they followed the line of the 9 mile water, and finally beat us, the falcon finally putting a pigeon into the Tedworth Belt from a tremendous height. Had a flight at a magpie, getting beat to cover. 4 flights.

May 11th. Stormy. Porton Firs etc. A.W. Legard arrived. "Alberta" got beat to cover after a pretty little flight. "Iolanthe" killed in good style, going high over her rooks, and breaking the wing of one of them first stoop. "Arethusa" took after a rook down wind and killed first stoop, a good one. "Alberta" (second time) killed a rook easily first stoop. "Dulcibella" left her rook for Jackdaws which she put into a fold and then gave up. We think she injured herself jumping in the van on Monday. "Olivette" and "Alda" flown at a rook on passage, the young hawk passed the old going up, and got two stoops in before "Olivette" could put in one, and they killed just as he reached a fold. Rain set in, and we could not get flights so we came home early. 6 flights.

A very good season indeed. Hawks especially handy and well trained and the live lure unknown. One hawk was lost, and one died of blain. Weather all through not very good and flights always hard to get.

A nest was taken at the Culvercliff this year 1883 containing four birds, but as is the custom with these south country people, the nest was taken so young that three out of four birds died and the fourth was reared with difficulty. Sheriff Mackenzie sent us a young tiercel and E. Meade Waldo procured a fine nest of three from Ireland which with the other birds were hacked at Lyndhurst, the Club retaining one tiercel.

All the hawks left Aug. 8th. for Invershin, a moor taken by W. St. Quintin and Col .Brooksbank. Grouse were not plentiful and very few young birds killed. The young tiercels were not entered to grouse and the passage hawks disappointed us. There is no doubt but that a hawk should be kept to one particular work.

The hack at Lyndhurst proved fairly successful, one tiercel being kept out nearly two months - not that it improved but rather made him utterly stupid for want of entering. A hawk should be

entered and worked as soon as ever it can be trusted loose and its training completed by care in the Field. Hawks that live idly on beef for a long time are sure to be useless.

Score of Game killed at Invershin Aug. 1883.

		Grouse.	Bl.g.	Part.	Sund.	Total.
"Dynamite"	young falcon.	39	3			42.
(W.H. St. Q.)						
"Vesta"	2 yr.old. falcon.	39	3			42.
"Virginia"	2 yr.old. falcon.	2	1			3.
"Alda"	passage falcon.	2			1 gull	3.
"Olivette"	do do				1 rook	1.
"Dulcibella"	do do				1 rook	1.
"Romulus"	2 yr.old. tiercel.	3		3		6.
(Bbs)						
		85.	7.	3.	3.	98.

Hawks left Invershin Sept. 15th.

"Virginia" and "Olivette" drafted.

The return of game killed in 1883 as sent to The Field was as follows:

Grouse	85.
Blackgame	7.
Partridges	87.
Pheasants	3.
Rooks and Crows	213.
Magpies	40.
<u>Sundries</u>	<u>21.</u>
	456.#

Of this 54 head was killed by St. Quintin's falcon "Dynamite".

22 magpies were killed in a short Irish trip taken by St. Quintin and Brooksbank in the autumn.

"Forester" Club tiercel killed 23 partridges & 9 mags.

"Sheriff" do do do 21 do Did not go to Ireland.

The usual lot of passage falcons were sent over for the Club and three tiercels for St. Quintin. Of the falcons one died, and Lord Lilford took one leaving six for the Club.

1884

January. "Iolanthe" was taken up moulted well but with two feathers yet to come down.

In January H.R.H. the Prince of Wales sent three young (Iceland) Greenlanders to be trained by the Club. They were all knocked almost to pieces, and two were at once sent back, but one was impeded with falcon's feathers and trained. No good.

Jan. 30th. "Alberta" sent down from Feltwell beautifully moulted. A haggard falcon was this month trapped on the Freshwater Cliffs, I. of W., and being uninjured was sent here to be trained. Proved very sulky and bad to manage, but eventually came round.

No members of the Club were willing to come down by March 25th., an instance of slackness which it is hoped is now recorded for the last as well as for the first time. On that date the Sec. in despair arrived alone in order to prevent the whole season from being absolutely spent before a hawk was entered.

The Members of the Club remain as when last recorded in this volume.

List of Hawks March 1884.

Passage falcons.

"Iolanthe"	2nd. season.	sold.
"Alberta"	2nd. season.	dead.
"Sybil"	1st. season.	
"Clarice"	1st. season.	
"Theresa"	1st. season.	lost at Langwell.
"Falka"	1st. season.	
"Galatea"	1st. season.	
"Belinda"	1st. season.	
"Catamaran"	1st. season.	

Eyass falcon.

"Vesta"

Eyass tiercels.

"Forester"

"The Sheriff"

There was also in the mews a fine haggard falcon caught in the Isle of Wight - a passage tiercel of Lord Lilford's ["Detective"] and a ger tiercel belonging to the Prince of Wales.

March 25th. Met hawks upon the Salisbury Road. Flew "Iolanthe" and "Falka" - neither would go. Next "Alberta" and "Galatea". Both flew in bad form but killed. "Iolanthe" and "Sybil"; the young hawk would not go, but the old one flew a capital flight and killed alone; carried and gave much trouble to take up. "Alberta" and "Theresa" - the old hawk put in with a rattle and was taken down.

March 26th. A woeful day. Cold E. wind and dull. Flew "Alberta" and "Sybil" - the old hawk flew well, knocked her rook over, but it scrambled in to cover. "Sybil" raked away soaring higher and higher and was lost. "Iolanthe" and "Galatea". Neither tried at first, but the young hawk raked away

down wind, put a rook in well, and was lost - for two hours, but at last found, not having killed. Flew "Iolanthe" and "Alberta" together and so contrived to catch a rook. Lost my knife, my luncheon and my temper, broke two lure strings and lamed my horse badly - what fun it is to be Hon. Sec. to a Grand Old Hawking Club.

Return of Quarry killed by each individual hawk. March 1884.

March/April.	25th.	26th.	27th.	28th.	29th.	31st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.
"Iolanthe"	1	1+			1+	2	2			1
"Galatea"	1+		1+							
"Alberta"					1	1	1+	1+		1+
"Dulcibella"			1+					1+		
"Falka"				1+				1+		
"Catamaran"										
"Belinda"										
"Sybil"										
"Theresa"										
"Sheriff"										
"Destiny"										
"Detective"										
"David"							1*			1*
Ld. Lilford's tiercel			1*							
"Forester"				1*		1b				
Total:	2	1	2	2	3	4	4	3	0	3

April 1884.	7th.	8th.	9th.	10th.	11th.	12th.	14th.	15th.	16th.	17th.
"Iolanthe"	1c+		2	1	3	2			1	2
"Galatea"									1+	
"Alberta"			3	1+	2+	2+	1+		1+	
"Dulcibella"	moulting too hard to fly.									
"Falka"		1+	1	1+		3	1	1+	1	2
"Catamaran"			1+	1+			1	1		
"Belinda"						1+				1+
"Sybil"						1+		1	1	
"Theresa"									1+	1
"Sheriff"										
"Destiny"								1*	2*	
"Detective"			1*				1*	1*		
"David"			1*		1*			1*		
Lilford's tiercel								1*		
"Forester"										
Total:	1.	1.	9	4.	7.	8.	4.	7.	9.	5.

April 1884.	18th.	19th.	21st.	22nd.	23rd.	24th.	25th.	26th.	28th.
"Iolanthe"	1	2	2	1	2			2>	
"Galatea"									
"Alberta"		1	1.1sc	1					
"Dulcibella"									
"Falka"		2		1		1	2	1	2
"Catamaran"		1							
"Belinda"	2	2	1		1				
"Sybil"		2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
"Theresa"	1		1		1	1		1	2
"Sheriff"	1*		1t			1*			
"Destiny"			1*						
"Detective"									
"David"								1j	
Lilford's tiercel									
"Forester"									
Total:	5.	10.	9.	4.	6.	4.	3.	6.	5.

April/May.	29th.	30th.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	Total.
"Iolanthe"						30.
"Galatea"						3.
"Alberta"						19.
"Dulcibella"						2.
"Falka"	2		2.1j			27.
"Catamaran"						5.
"Belinda"	1			1+		10.
"Sybil"	1	1+	1	1		17.
"Theresa"	1	1sc	1	1		13.
"Sheriff"	1w	1s	1*			6.
"Destiny"		1*				5.
"Detective"				2*		5.
"David"		1*		1*		8.
Lilford's tiercel						2.
"Forester"						2.
Total:	6.	5.	6.	6.		154.

8 = magpie. s = sundry. sc = stone curlew. w = wheatear. j = jackdaw. t = thrush. c = crow. b = blackbird. > = killed by hawk when at large. + = assisted by another hawk.

March 27th. W.H. St. Quintin came down in the morning and G. Lascelles left. Salisbury Road. Very cold E. wind. Flew "Dulcibella" and "Galatea". The old falcon killed a very bad rook after a short hunt round some horses. "Alberta" and "Falka" both declined. Next time the old falcon, flown with "Galatea", went hard, and after a pretty little flight with some good stoops the young hawk got hold, after the old one had done all the work. "Iolanthe" went high over her rooks which reached some bushes, she declined to stoop however, went on the soar, and was found near Durnford. "Dulcibella" put her rooks into some bushes and then gave up. 5 flights - 2 rooks.

March 28th. Long Barrow. "Alberta" and "Falka". The old hawk went well over rooks near Stonehenge, but came up rather wide after her first stoop, and they got to cover up wind, before she got more than a quick cut at them again. The young hawk did nothing. "Dulcibella" and "Galatea"

had a long hunt among some heaps of burning turf which rather put off the hawks and they gave up, though the old falcon cut out some of his tail once. "Alberta" and "Falka" flown together. The old hawk went well over her rooks and fetching them down the young one came in, and scored. Killed a mag with "David" and "Forester" and Ld. Lilford's passage tiercel, the latter flying keenly. "Alberta" and "Dulcibella" were beaten by crows which got up wind into Virgo from a long slip, but it was our only chance. 4 flights - 1 rook.

March 29th. Cold E. wind. Round Porton Firs. From 12 - 2.45 p.m. with only one bad chance. "Alberta" flown with "Falka" just managed to kill first stoop close to trees. The young hawk declined. "Iolanthe" and "Falka" flown together. Both hawks flew keen and the old one scored. "Dulcibella" and "Galatea" allowed their rooks to get up wind to cover, the young hawk doing nothing, though the old one tried all she knew, passing over several rooks and following the leaders high in the air till they reached the Wilbury Belt, before she got more than two hurried stoops. "Alberta" and "Galatea" got beat to trees, the old one playing the fool at first, but the young one flew in good form. Killed a mag from the fox cover under Beacon Hill with the tiercels, Ld. Lilford's flying hard, and scoring. Ground very dry. 4 chances - 2 rooks killed.

5 days hawking - 20 flights - 8 rooks and 2 mags.

Terribly dry, and chances most difficult to find: and the young hawks seem to have gone back lately, and hate the sight of rooks!

March 31st. Everley Country. Wind S.W. Showers in middle of day. "Iolanthe" killed in good form, hitting her rook hard first stoop. Second time flown with "Falka", the old hawk killed well, the young one putting into a bush and giving up. "Alberta" and "Galatea" got beat to Beaches Barn rookery, flying different rooks, and each hawk going hard. "Alberta" flown the second time with "Dulcibella" killed well, the latter getting beat to Beaches Barn through flying too keen. Out eight hours for these four chances! An unsuccessful flight at a magpie after dusk.

Four flights during the day - 3 rooks.

April 2nd. Stonehenge and Druid's Head. Fine. S.W. wind. E.G. Waldo and Mr. A. Battye came down in the morning. "Iolanthe" killed in first rate form. Second time went up to a long slip, had her first stoop very high indeed, and finally killed a very strong rook high in the air after four or five splendid stoops. "Alberta" and "Falka" flown together killed quickly, the old hawk catching hold. Killed a magpie from Normanton Gorse with "Forester", "David" and the passage tiercel "Detective", all flying well. 3 flights for 3 rooks.

April 3rd. Ellbarrow. "Alberta" and "Falka" flew keen near the Stones and the young hawk caught. "Iolanthe" flown near Long Barrow in a good place, cut some feathers out of the rooks tail about second stoop, put in at the gorse near Stagg's rookery, then followed him to the rookery. Then went on, and put rooks into gorse near Newfoundland Farm, where we took her down after this long and very hard flight. "Dulcibella" and "Galatea" flown together, the old hawk knocked the rook down first stoop, and then collared him on the ground. The young falcon unfortunately crabbed, and the rook got away. "Alberta" and "Galatea" flown in a bad place just managed to catch, the old one scoring. F. Newcome came in the evening. 4 flights, 3 kills.

April 4th. The windiest day that we have had. "Iolanthe" was beaten to Stagg's rookery after flying all she knew, the rook skimming along the ground so as not to feel the wind, the falcon going very high, and having to face it all. "Alberta" was also beaten to cover in much the same way, and after the defeat of our two cracks, we did not think it any use trying anything else. Home early. Saw "Sybil" near Stagg's rookery, last night, but she had lately killed and would not come to us. Frost

found her this morning, and she killed a pigeon, and he got her just before dark. She had been out since the 26th. March. 2 flights for 0 rooks!

During the week, 14 flights for 10 rooks, also 2 mags.

April 5th. Beacon Hill and Everley Down. Showery. "Iolanthe" killed in a bad place. Second time flown at two crows on the down between Sidbury Hill and Beaches Barn, was beaten to cover after flying her best and throwing away nothing. "Alberta" and "Galatea" flown together, the old one caught after a short flight. "Falka" and "Dulcibella" flown at a flock took after different rooks, put into the same gorse, the young hawk ringing in high class form, and to a great height. "David" caught a magpie with a little assistance from the passage tiercel, "Detective". Flights very hard to get. 3 flights, 2 rooks.

April 7th. Fine. Druid's Head and Shrewton X Roads. G. Lascelles came down in the morning. Very bad days sport. "Galatea" and "Falka" got beat to cover. "Iolanthe" gave up after a few stoops. "Alberta" and "Falka" each flew hard, but got beaten however having taken different rooks. "Iolanthe" assisted by "Galatea" killed a crow after putting him into a straw stack. "Forrester" flew a magpie very hard, but Ld. Lilford's tiercel did nothing, and mag escaped. Day warm, and the hawks seem upset. 4 flights, 1 crow.

April 8th. Long Barrow and Stagg's Down etc. Wretched days sport, it being very bright and hot. Tried for some magpies near Stagg's rookery, but though "David" actually caught one he let it go, and we did no good. "Iolanthe" would not fly. Second time flown with "Galatea" at some rooks which the hawks allowed to get to the rookery near Ellbarrow. She went on the soar, and it was some time before we took her down at the Newfoundland cover. "Alberta" and "Falka" flew keen, and the young hawk got hold after the old one had hit the rook hard. Tried the passage tiercel "Detective" at a Curlew, but though the little hawk went hard at first (out of the hood) he changed to a peewit and did no good. 3 flights - 1 rook.

April 9th. E. wind; cooler. Beacon Hill for Porton Firs etc. Capital day. Flew "Falka" and "Catamaran" (1st time), and the latter caught after a few stoops, falcon showing some good form. "Iolanthe" caught first stoop. Second time went over rooks in her best style, hit one hard, first stoop, and killed with her second, close to cover. "Alberta", caught a rook easily with no assistance from "Galatea". Second time she was flown with "Belinda" (1st time) and caught cleverly close to gorse at the bottom of a stack. Third she put rooks into some high turnips then rat hunted well, and finally after several minutes hard work, she whipped him up as he sat on a hurdle, the old falcon being much exhausted. "Falka" flown by herself, went over rooks well, and caught after several stoops, showing considerable promise. Had a capital Magpie hunt from the Fox cover under Beacon Hill, getting two mags away, and killing both. "Detective" catching one, and "David" the other. G. Lascelles, E.G.M. Waldo and A. Battye, left. 7 flights, 7 rooks and 2 magpies.

At a meeting of the Old Hawking Club at Amesbury, April 8th. 1884.

The Duke of St. Albans (Hereditary Grand Falconer of England) was proposed by Lord Lilford, seconded by Hon. G. Lascelles and Elected a member of the O.H.C. upon the following conditions -

That His Grace pays annually to the Club a subscription of £50.

That should he require it, at any time, he shall have the exclusive use of the falconer and four hawks, to be at his disposal for any reasonable time, notwithstanding any other arrangement of the Club.

April 10th. Druid's Head. "Falka" and "Catamaran" flown together just managed to catch over the Diamond Plantation, the latter catching hold. "Iolanthe" put into a fold, and then killed at some

premises close by. "Falka" and "Belinda" went very quickly over a strong rook near the Druid's Head, the latter showing great speed, but "Falka" killed. "Alberta" and "Galatea" did not see their rook at which they were slipped on passage. Second time, "Alberta" killed, after a pretty little flight with "Catamaran". An unsuccessful attempt to get magpies out of Virgo. W. Duncombe, and W.W. Wood came down. 5 flights for 4 rooks.

April 11th. The Hon. G & D. Lascelles came down for hawking. Bulford Field. "Falka" and "Belinda" drove rooks into a fold, and were taken down. Second time they were flown at a single rook on passage, put into a thorn bush and after a short hunt, "Belinda" killed. "Alberta" flown with "Catamaran" killed first stoop, after one from the young one who got up first. Second time they were slipped at crows flying low, and did not get sighted at first, put into a Scots Fir, and were beaten as we could not get up quickly to serve them. "Alberta" flown with "Sybil" divided, and the old hawk killed a good rook after flying hard round the horses in the open, while the young hawk flying most brilliantly, but scarcely in earnest, ringing for a long time without stooping at her rook far below her, put him into a barn and gave up. She was taken down as she was coming in to the old falcon's kill, which she was just too late to share in. "Falka" and "Theresa" divided, the former flying a fine ringing flight, but hardly gave herself time and put into some small trees, and "Theresa" (flown for first time) coming up, managed to catch hold in a tree but left go and the rook escaped. "Iolanthe" killed three times, her first flight being a good one, high in the air, the old hawk ringing very wide, and after partly crippling him with a fine stoop put into some fallen trees, and after hunting him by herself killed. "David" assisted by the other tiercels killed a magpie after a good hunt in some gorse, mag beating us once and getting back to cover, from which we drove him again. 9 flights: 6 rooks, also 1 mag.

April 12th. Beacon Hill. Party out from Wilbury. "Falka" killed three rooks when flown with "Belinda" (once) and "Theresa" (twice). "Alberta" flown with "Galatea" killed at a fold. Second time with "Sybil" at rooks on passage the old hawk turned at a flock rising down wind, and killed by herself at a small fence, the young one going over her rooks magnificently, with some high ringing, and killed well first stoop. "Iolanthe" flown twice killed each time flying well. Seven flights for 8 rooks.

For the week 35 flights; 26 rooks, 1 crow and 3 mags.

April 14th. Cold showers. Everley Down. Wilbury party out. "Falka" killed first stoop after going over her rooks in fine form: second time went over her rooks and then would not stoop. "Alberta" flown with "Theresa", put into fallen trees and killed. Second time the old hawk had jumped herself silly, but worked hard, and put in many stoops at a good rook, which then got above her and rang high away, but the young hawk went up to him with great determination, trying to grab high in the air and did not give herself time, eventually her rook dropping into trees a mile or more from where we started. "Catamaran" flown with "Belinda" caught easily. "Iolanthe" allowed her rooks to get above her, went on to Beaches Barn rookery, soared, and we lost much time over her. "Sybil" dashed off at a rook which appeared down wind of us as she was hooded off at a flock in a good place, and after a few cuts at him was beaten to cover. "Detective" caught a magpie cleverly, and the other tiercels had hold of the other, but quarrelled, and mag escaped. 7 flights, 3 rooks.

April 15th. The Stones. Showery. C. Antrobus, the Poers, etc. out. Drove Virgo for magpies, killed three there; and let go of another, and killed another near Stagg's gorse. The passage tiercels killed three of them; "Detective" 1, "Destiny" 1, Ld. Lilford's tiercel 1, and "David" (eyass) 1. "Falka" would not stoop at rooks, later she was flown with "Iolanthe", and killed after a good hunt round some premises. "Sybil" went at a great pace over a flock which reached a fold, rat hunted well, and caught: but was driven off her rook by the sheep, and the rook went off followed by the hawk, who

stuck gamely to him and killed. "Catamaran" flown in a shower, turned and killed a rook down wind of us at some stacks. "Alberta" and "Theresa" got beaten in a bad place though the old hawk hit her rook once.

5 flights; 3 rooks & 4 mags.

April 16th. Beacon Hill. Fine. C. Antrobus and Wilbury party out. "Sybil" killed by herself after a very pretty flight, ringing higher and higher over her rook; and every now and then coming a "dinger" at him, and going up again. At last the rook started down wind for Melsome's premises, and the falcon rattled off after him, finally killing him within 100 yds. of the buildings. Second time she went up to a single rook from a very long slip, and after flying him very well, was beaten to trees, for want of room. "Falka" and "Theresa" flown together, "Falka" did all the work, and "Theresa" came in presently and killed first stoop. Second time at a very long slip indeed, "Falka" flew extremely well and hard, but could not prevent the rooks getting a long way up wind. As they dropped from a great height into a large gorse she came in with a splendid stoop, and picked one up, "Theresa" who had turned down wind coming in at the finish. "Alberta" and "Belinda" flown on top of Beacon Hill. The old hawk turned to Bulford rookery, leaving the young one to put in the rooks (or crows) into The Bible.

Second time they both killed at a fold. "Iolanthe" killed well, after almost breaking her rook's wing first stoop. Second time she behaved badly, left her rook, and turned down wind at a flock which reached a strong fold. "Catamaran" and "Belinda" were beaten to trees. Second time they flew keen and well, and sticking to the same rook, killed in the open. Had a good magpie flight from Tanners Gorse, getting two away, and killing both. "Destiny", the passage tiercel catching both of them cleverly.

10 flights. 7 rooks, also 2 magpies.

April 17th. Bustard. Bitterly cold E. wind. Very stormy. The Morrisons out from Fonthill. "Iolanthe" killed at a fold after hunting well. Second time she was hooded off at a large flock upwind at a very long slip and after going up to them through the storms of wind which at times seemed too much for her, killed first stoop. "Falka" and "Theresa" divided and the former killed with a good stoop. Second time "Falka" killed in good style and "Theresa" took after a rook which turned down wind, and killed by herself. Too windy to fly any other hawks. Home early.

4 flights for 5 rooks.

April 18th. Very cold. High wind. Stonehenge etc. "Alberta" and "Belinda" were flown together, and divided, the old hawk getting beaten. "Belinda" flying very keen hunted her rook round some stacks then to a fold, and getting him away killed as he tried to reach a young plantation. Second time the old hawk hit a rook hard, and the young one coming in caught first stoop. "Sybil" found the wind very high, but went pluckily over her rooks, fetched one down to a hedge and then to the van. The rook got away down wind at a great pace for a plantation and the hawk was beaten after putting in three good stoops before he reached the trees. "Iolanthe" went over her rooks in capital style and killed first stop. "Falka" and "Theresa" were flown at rooks on passage a long way off, and after the former had put in one or two stoops, "Theresa" came in with a good one and killed. "Galetea" and "Catamaran" were beaten to trees for want of room. A good magpie flight from Normanton Gorse through the Diamond plantation (the tiercels being taken down for a few minutes), and finally killed him beyond the Devizes Road. "Sheriff", and "Destiny", especially flying well.

6 flights. 4 rooks and 1 mag.

April 19th. Spent morning in valley over Beacon Hill - Porton Firs country in Afternoon. "Sybil" killed clever after a rat hunt. Second time killed in fine form second stoop. "Iolanthe" killed twice in good form. "Belinda" and "Alberta" flown twice together. First time the young hawk caught; second time the young hawk killed first stoop over Princess's Gorse, the old hawk rang very high after a rook, but another one coming under her, she put it into gorse and killed after a rat hunt. "Catamaran" and "Theresa" flown together they each selected a rook, but only the former hawk

killing, "Theresa" joined in the worry. "Falka" killed well first stoop, second time got beat to covert. Third time flew a very fine flight from near clumps beyond Porton Firs. After two stoops the rook got a long start, and went away fast and high, towards Durnford. The hawk got above it, both very high in the air and killed about fourth stoop somewhere up in the clouds on the left of Ogbury Camp, about one and a quarter mile point and the finest flight this season. Drove a magpie out of Porton Firs and he came back into it very high, and we did no good. A good days sport. 10 flights and killed 10 rooks. St. Quintin went away after hawking and Newcome came.

During week.

42 flights for 32 rooks. Also 8 Magpies.

April 21st. A great day of rat hunting. "Iolanthe" killed twice, once in gorse and once in some premises. "Falka" got beat to covert, and second time gave up after a hustle in gorse. "Sybil" killed in gorse. Second time got beat to covert after a pretty flight. "Theresa" and "Catamaran" put into gorse, and "Theresa" killed. "Alberta" and "Belinda" put into gorse. The old hawk killed and "Belinda" assisted by Frost in a thorn bush scored also. "Alberta" and "Galetea" flown together. The old hawk when just above her rooks at a good height caught a curlew (saved unhurt) that got up underneath her. "Galetea" put some rooks that she saw down wind of her into covert. Flew a mag from covert under Beaches Barn. Had a rare hustle and killed. During the flight "Sheriff" mopped up a thrush. 9 flights for 6 rooks.

Rev. W. Wiggins came in evening.

April 22nd. At Druid's Head. "Sybil" killed third stoop in good form. "Falka" killed after many stoops. "Iolanthe" killed among some ploughs. "Alberta" and "Belinda" got beat into some trees after a pretty flight, the hawks and rook sitting down in the trees. The old hawk went after some rooks she saw some way off, put them into a fold and then put some more rooks into the Winterbourne Stoke Rookery and then disappeared, and we lost all trace of her. St. Quintin returned and joined us just as the old hawk raked away. 4 flights 3 rooks.

April 23rd. Cold. Ellbarrow country. "Iolanthe" killed twice, each time first stoop out of a flock. The second slip was the longest we have taken this season, quite half a mile at a large flock in a good place. "Sybil" killed twice in good style. "Falka" was twice beaten to trees through flying too keen. "Theresa" went over a large flock and caught a rook first stoop as he was dropping into a young plantation. "Belinda" and "Catamaran" divided and the former killed, the latter leaving her rook to join in. "Belinda", later on, did not see her rook until too late, and got beaten into Newfoundland Farm. "Catamaran" and "Galetea", flew badly, and got beaten by a good rook. 10 flights, 6 rooks.

April 24th. "Alberta" was brought in, having been caught by Mr. F. Salwey on Winterbourne Stoke Down, yesterday morning. She had killed a rook on the 22nd.

Druid's Head. Very large field out. Marquis of Worcester, Earl of Lonsdale, Capt. Candy, Hons. E. St. Mann and F. Dennison, Mrs. Francis etc. etc. Hon. G. Lascelles and A. Legard down from Lyndhurst. "Sybil" flew a very hard flight from Devizes road into the Druid's Head Rookery, and killed a rook coming in on the other side. Second time flown at a rook on passage she declined. "Falka" flew a beautiful ringing flight at a rook which put into a bush first, and the hawk sitting down he got a long start; but the hawk went up to him most pluckily, ringing in narrow circles high over our heads, and getting above him, killed first stoop, as he was dropping into some trees. Second time she was beaten to trees for want of room. "Iolanthe" did not fly very keen, allowed her rook to get to trees, and after a rat hunt soared, and was lost. "Theresa" killed in young trees. Killed a magpie with the tiercels from Normanton Gorse, "Sheriff" doing most of the work.

6 flights. 3 rooks & 1 magpie.

April 25th. All out early looking for "Iolanthe", with no success. F de C. Newcome left early. Long Barrow country. "Falka" caught two rooks after short flights. "Sybil" was flown at a long slip at a flock. The rooks divided, and the hawk, after putting in to trees, went off after the rest, which had got a long start. Just as she had got on terms with them, after flying a long way, and the rooks appeared below her, at which she stooped, hunted him by herself through some trees with gorse, where we came to her assistance, and after many minutes rat hunting during which the hawk twice rang over her rook, and fetched him down again, she finally killed. Second time she was beaten up wind to the valley. "Theresa" was beaten after a very long rat hunt in gorse. Second time she was again beaten to strong cover, for want of room. "Alberta" and "Belinda" were flown together. The old hawk never saw her rook, and soaring a little, the lure had to be shown, which brought down the young hawk as she was ringing after her rook. 6 flights. 3 rooks.

April 26th. Beacon Hill and the little valley beyond. "Sybil", "Theresa" and "Falka" each killed one rook at some ploughs, then "Alberta" and "Belinda" were beaten to trees. Had a great flight at a jackdaw with the passage tiercel, "Detective", and the eyass tiercel "David", on the down near The Bible. The little hawks went over him in style, and after some very pretty stooping killed him in the open. The day turned misty and wet, and we could not find rooks. The tiercels "Sheriff"(eyass) and "Detective" put a curlew into a plantation but failed to catch for want of help.

4 flights for 3 rooks & 1 jackdaw.

Total for week.

39 flights. 24 rooks; also 2 magpies, 1 thrush and 1 jackdaw.

April 28th. Everley Down. Large field, Curtis, Fowles etc. "Falka" killed twice, the first time after a long flight, the hawk putting into trees, and then going on after a flock. "Theresa" killed twice easily. "Sybil" put into a fold, and killed cleverly by herself. "Alberta" and "Catamaran" divided, and the young hawk put in, the old one raking away, and was lost, the light being very bad. "Belinda" flew a good flight, and was beaten after pulling out the tail of her rook. 7 flights - 5 rooks.

April 29th. Bustard to Ellbarrow. G. Lascelles, A. Legard, Mr. Hargreaves, E. Portman came down. "Theresa" killed first stoop, second time after a rat hunt round some premises, gave up. "Sybil" was beaten, after a beautiful flight, to a rookery; second time she killed out of a flock first stoop. "Falka" killed well. Second time flown at a rook on passage, a long slip, she hunted him through some premises, and killed beyond in good form. "Belinda" and "Catamaran" killed together, the former catching hold. Attempted unsuccessfully to kill some magpies. The hawks never getting sighted. They put in a wheatear which we caught in the hand unhurt. 7 flights. 5 rooks.

April 30th. Went towards Everley. Had a grand flight near Bulford with "Falka" who got beat to covert. "Sybil" put a crow well in and went off after fresh rooks, but did not kill. The tiercels killed a magpie in good form, and then "Falka" got again beat after a pretty flight. "Sybil" and "Falka" killed a crow after very much manoeuvring. "Belinda" and "Theresa" were twice beaten by his mate. Another magpie was well killed as also a curlew, caught by "Theresa" "Iolanthe" refused.

5 flights for 1 crow.

May 1st. Porton Firs country. E.M. Waldo came down. Stormy. "Falka" killed cleverly. Second time killed in gorse. Third time flown at rooks on passage, after a hard flight, the rooks making up wind along the ground at a great pace, she caught a jackdaw (with a broken leg and no tail) which was in the flock, lit upon a stack, carried and was hard to find. "Sybil" killed after a fine flight with seven stoops high in the air, nearly one mile off. "Theresa" killed after a put in. After a long hunt we killed a magpie from Porton Firs, the tiercels working capitally in the high wind.

5 flights. 4 rooks, 1 jackdaw.

All our party left except C.B. Tracy, E.G. Waldo, W.H. St. Quintin.

May 2nd. Stonehenge etc. Windy, with drizzle. "Falka" and "Belinda" were flown together at a crow. "Falka" went hard at a long slip in a high wind, while "Belinda" went very high, and being in place after "Falka's" first stoop, came in and caught high in the air. "Theresa" went well at a flock, put into a fold and killed. "Sybil" also flew well and killed third stoop. Drove some magpies out of Virgo, and the tiercels killed three, the passage tiercel "Detective" killing two of them.

3 flights. 2 rooks, 1 crow.

May 3rd. Out for a short time on the down near Bulford Rookery, but the wind was very high, and we only tried one flight with "Falka" at a rook on passage, which got into the rookery, after the falcon had done her best, showing much cleverness.

1 flight - 0.

Total for the week - 27 flights, for 16 rooks, 2 crows & 1 jackdaw. Also 1 curlew, 6 magpies and 1 sundry.

June 11th 1884.

The Duke of Portland was proposed by Hon. G. Lascelles, seconded by Rev. W. Newcome and Elected a Member of the O.H.C.

A nest of two tiercels and one falcon was procured from the Isle of Man. One had cramp and the other two were bad screamers.

Two nests were sent from Mr. Haines Esq. Dunmore, Waterford containing three falcons and two tiercels, and two nests from C. Stewart Esq. Horn Head, with four falcons and two tiercels, one of which was soon lost. These hawks with a tiercel of E. Waldo's - sixteen in all were hacked at Lyndhurst.

List of Hawks August 1884.

"Sybil"	2 yr. old.	passage falcon.	
"Alberta"	3 yr. old.	passage falcon.	
"Falka"	2 yr. old.	passage falcon.	
"Theresa"	2 yr. old.	passage falcon.	
"Belinda"	2 yr. old.	passage falcon.	
"Vesta"	2 yr. old.	eyass falcon.	
"Florence"	1 yr. old.	eyass falcon.	Given to
	1 yr. old.	eyass falcon.	Sir C. Ross.
"Dashaway"	1 yr. old.	eyass tiercel.	
"Sorcerer"	1 yr. old.	eyass tiercel.	
"Samson"	1 yr. old.	eyass tiercel.	
"Flying Scotchman"	1 yr. old.	eyass tiercel.	Sold C. Fisher £2.
"Dynamite"	eyass falcon,	W.H. St. Quintin.	
"Eclipse"	eyass falcon,	W.H. St. Quintin.	
"Express"	eyass tiercel,	W.H. St. Quintin.	
"Destiny"	passage tiercel,	W.H. St. Quintin.	
"Coralie"	eyass falcon,	E.G. Meade Waldo.	

Game killed at Invershin, August & September 1884.

	Grouse.	Bl. game.	Snipe.	Sundries.	Total.
"Vesta"	32.	2.	1.	1.	36.
"Theresa"	15.	1.	1.		17.
"Belinda"	5.			1.	6.
"Sorcerer"	2.				2.
"Dashaway"	4.				4.
"Discord"	1.				1.
"Dynamite"	32.	2.			34.
"Eclipse"	4.				4.
"Coralie"	9.				9.
"Destiny"	6.				6.
"Express"	11.			1.	12.
Total:	121.	5.	2.	3.	31.

Return of Quarry killed during 1884 as sent to The Field.

Rooks etc.	123.
Magpies.	23.
Jackdaws.	2.
Grouse.	156.
Blackgame.	5.
Partridges.	86.
Pheasants.	10.
Snipe.	2.
Rabbits.	77.
Moorhens.	15.
<u>Sundries.</u>	<u>16.</u>
Total:	515.

Old Hawking Club 1885.

Members: Honorary Members.

Lord Lilford.	Hon. C. Duncombe.
F.d'A Newcome.	Hon. G.R.C. Hill.
W.H. St. Quintin.	Col. Brooksbank.
Lord Londesbrough.	F.H. Salvin.
B. Heywood Jones.	
P. Hambro Esq.	Dead April 1885.
Duke of St. Albans.	
Duke of Portland.	
Hon. G. Lascelles	Hon. Sec.
E.W. Portman.	

Falconer:	John Frost.
Under falconers:	Ernest Kitchener & George Oxe.

Hawks 1885 - March.

"Falka"	Passage falcon	2 yr. old.	Sold Belvellette £7.10.0.
"Sybil"	Passage falcon	do do.	
"Sylvia"	Haggard falcon of 1884.	Dead.	
"Almida"	Passage falcon	1 yr. old.	Lost.
"Elgiva"	do do	do	Sold Belvellette £6.0.0.
"Camilla"	do do	do	
"Carmen"	do do	do	Lost at Lyndhurst.
"Nadine"	do do	do	
"Clarissa"	do do	do	Sold Belvellette £5.0.0.
"Her Grace"	do do	do	
"Vesta"	Eyass falcon.	3 yr. old.	
"Sorcerer"	Eyass tiercel.	1 yr. old.	Sold Belvellette £4.0.0.
"Destiny"	Passage tiercel.	2 yr. old.	(W.H. St. Quintin)
"David"	Eyass tiercel.	2 yr. old.	(W.H. St. Quintin)

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March 1885.	20th.	21st.	23rd.	24th.	25th.	26th.	27th.	28th.	30th.	31st
"Camilla"	1p			1	1		1	1	1	1
"Almida"		1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1
"Sybil"		1	1		1	1+	1+	1.1+	1	
"Elgiva"			1+			1				1+
"Clarissa"			1+							
"Nadine"			1+	1+	1+				1+	
"Carmen"			1+					1		
"Sylvia"					1		1	1	2	1
"Falka"								1+		1
"Her Grace"										
"David"			1*							
"Destiny"								1*	1*	
"Sorcerer"										
Total:	1	3	6	2	6	2	4	8	8	4
Flights:	4	3	5	4	7	3	5	8	9	5

April 1885.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	6th.	7th.	8th.	9th.	10th.	11th.	13th.
"Camilla"		1	1	1	1					1	
"Almida"	1	1	1	1				1		1	2
"Sybil"	1		2		1c	1		1+1			
"Elgiva"	1				1			1+	1		
"Clarissa"											
"Nadine"	1+					1+					1+
"Carmen"				1			1				1+
"Sylvia"	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	1+1	1	1	2
"Falka"		1				1	1sc		1c		2
"Her Grace"	1+	1+				12+				1+	
"David"				1*		1s					1b
"Destiny"	1*	1*	1b	1*		1*	2*		2*		
"Sorcerer"						1*					
Total:	7	7	7	6	4	9	5	4	7	4	10
Flights:	5	6	8	8	7	8	2	6	6	4	13

April 1885.	14th.	15th.	16th.	17th.	18th.	20th.	21st.	22nd.	23rd.
“Camilla”			1	1		1	1		1
“Almida”	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	
“Sybui”			1	1		1		1	
“Elgiva”	1	1+	1			1	1		
“Clarissa”									
“Nadine”	1+	1+					1+	1+	
“Carmen”						1+	1		
“Sylvia”	2	2	1	2	1	2	3	2	2
“Falka”		1	1	1	1			1+	
“Her Grace”				1+					
“David”	1*	1s							
“Destiny”	1*	1b				1sc		1b	
“Sorcerer”									
Total:	7	8	6	8	3	8	8	8	3
Flights:	7	10	11	11	5	8	13	9	6

April/May.	24th.	27th.	28th.	29th.	30th.	2nd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.
“Camilla”		1	1	1	2	2.1j	2	1	1	1p
“Almida”	1			Lost.						
“Sybil”			2		1	1	1	1	1	
“Elgiva”			1+		1+				1+	
“Clarissa”										
“Nadine”			1+		1b	1.1s	1	1	1	1
“Carmen”				1	1			1	1	1
“Sylvia”		Dead.								
“Falka”		Amiss								
“Her Grace”			1+	1+						
“David”		1*				1sc		1sc		1sc
“Destiny”			1b	1*			1b	1*	1b1*	
“Sorcerer”										
Total:	1	2	7	4	6	7	5	6	7	4
Flights:	4	7	6	5	6	6	7	4	7	6

May 1885.	8th.	9th.	Total.		
"Camilla"	1	2	33.		
"Almida"	Lost.		27.	Rooks & Crows.	194.
"Sybil"		1	27.	Magpies.	19.
"Elgiva"			16.	Blackbirds.	9.
"Clarissa"			1.	Curlews.	5.
"Nadine"	1	2	22.	Pigeon.	2.
"Carmen"	2		14.	Sundries.	3.
"Sylvia"	Dead.		39.		
"Falka"	Amiss		13.		
"Her Grace"			7.	Average:	
				Kills to flights.	64.
"David"			10.	Flights per day.	6.7
"Destiny"		1b	22.		
"Sorcerer"			1.		
Total:	4	6	232.		
Flights:	4	7	283.		

+ = assisted by another hawk. * = magpie. sc = stone curlew. p = pigeon. b = blackbird.
j = jackdaw. c = crow. s = sundry.

Everleigh 1885.

March 20th. F. Newcome and W.H. St. Quintin down. Very windy. "Sybil" and "Elgiva" flown together on the way to Beeches Barn, put into some premises and then collared a dead rook on a stack. "Falka" and "Almida" flown at the same place, put into the "Square Plantation" after a fair flight. "Sybil" and "Camilla" divided, and the old falcon got beat to some gorse, the young one flying a very long and hard flight to the "Square Plantation", high in the air, and then killed a wood pigeon. "Falka" and "Nadine" divided, and the old hawk gave up, and the young one got beat to cover. A terrible rough day for the young hawks. 4 flights. 1 w.pigeon.

March 21st. Towards Upavon. Wind in morning. "Sybil" and "Almida" divided the young hawk putting into a bush and then killing, the old one flying very hard but getting beat to cover. "Falka" and "Elgiva" in a good place, took the same rook and killed well, the young one catching hold. "Sybil" and "Nadine" divided, "Sybil" killed after two grand stoops, the young one getting beaten to Beeches Barn after a really good flight; part of it high in the air the rook taking off down wind. 3 flights. 3 rooks.

March 23rd. Towards Bulford Field. "Elgiva" and "Clarissa" went together in good form, the former killing. "Sybil" and "Sylvia" - "Sybil" went high over her rooks, which rose hardly in the wind, and killed grandly with her second stoop, the haggard joining in. "Almida" flown with "Camilla" killed in gorse, the latter got beaten after a pretty flight, and after catching hold for an instant. "Nadine" and "Falka". The old hawk went well over her rooks but declined to stoop, and "Nadine" came in, and killed well after three or four stoops. "Carmen" killed with much help from "Sybil". "David" caught a magpie assisted by "Destiny" and Frost's tiercel. (They were beaten on Saturday in the wind.) 5 flights. 5 rooks, 1 mag.

March 24th. Newcome out alone. "Elgiva" flown at a very long slip, never got on terms with her rooks. "Sybil" got beat to trees. "Camilla" put into a fold, and going on, killed a rook some way off. "Nadine" assisted by "Falka" killed, the young hawk knocking the rook over on the ground. 4 flights. 2 rooks.

March 25th. "Sybil" and "Sylvia" got beat to Nuth's Farm upwind, the breeze being to slight to hold them back, the haggard flying well. "Falka" and "Nadine". The former gave up, and the young hawk was taken off by a wood pigeon. "Almida" and "Carmen". The former killed well, and "Carmen" got beaten to Nuth's Farm after a fine flight of a mile or more. "Elvira" and "Clarissa" divided, the former killed easily, the other giving up. "Sybil" and "Sylvia" divided, the haggard killing her rook (her 1st.) cleverly second stoop, while "Sybil" flew a very pretty flight indeed, with dashing stoops high in the air, and some fine ringing. "Falka" and "Nadine" both flew hard the latter killing. "Camilla" and "Carmen" divided, the former killing, while "Carmen" got beat to cover after flying well. 7 flights. 6 rooks.

March 26th. Very stormy. Home early. "Almida" went over her rooks well through a storm of wind, and killed cleverly. "Falka" got beat to cover. "Sybil" and "Sylvia" flew a beautiful flight, the rooks getting away high and turning back down wind, but "Sybil" was very quick, and managed to get in the first stoop, though the other was first in place, and put in three dashing ones to the haggard's two, and caught high in the air, the haggard also binding on, as they came to the ground. 3 flights 2 rooks.

March 27th. Stormy. "Almida" flown at a single rook on passage, tore away through the wind over him, and killed well after several stoops round some stacks. A rare hawk for a windy day evidently. "Syvia" and "Nadine". The young hawk hooded off too soon after the other, at first crabbed her, and then gave up, the rooks getting a long start and going off high in the air for Beeches Barn. But the haggard stuck to them, and after a hard flight of nearly a mile, got her first stoop in, the rooks fighting hard for the rookery, and passing over all kinds of cover without putting in, finally the old hawk caught third or fourth stoop within ten yds. of the rookery trees - a fine flight. "Sybil" and "Carmen" flew a very pretty flight of over a mile, killing at last on the edge of the Scots fir cover on the S. of Sidbury Hill, the old falcon doing most of the work. "Elgiva" and "Clarissa" each got beat to cover, after dividing. "Camilla" just before dark killed a rook cleverly out of a flock showing great speed. 5 flight, 4 rooks.

March 28th. "Sylvia" killed first stoop out of a flock: second time flown with "Elgiva", got beaten by a flock to some premises, the young one gave up, but the haggard rang away after a single rook to a tremendous height, but never really had a chance as he got a long start, and it being very hot she gave up. "Falka" and "Nadine" slipped at a couple of very strong rooks, killed well, each hawk getting in one stoop as the rooks tried to drop from a great height into trees, the old hawk catching hold. "Carmen" and "Elgiva". The former killed quickly, "Elgiva" getting beaten after a hard flight, the rook putting into a shed, and then getting a long start. "Almida" killed easily first stoop. "Sybil" and "Her Grace" divided, the old falcon cracking a rook down to the ground out of a flock with her first stoop, "Her Grace" getting beaten to trees after flying hard, her injured wing evidently hampers her, and she turns clumsily. "Camilla" killed first stoop. "Sybil" and "Clarissa" each went hard at a flock and killed. The old hawk doing most work. A great hunt after a pair of magpies, which led us over a great deal of ground, eventually "Destiny" assisted by "David" killed the hen bird. 8 flights. 7 rooks and 1 mag.

For the week. 32 flights. 26 rooks and 2 magpies.

March 30th. Fine. Easton way. "Almida" got beat to trees through flying too keen. Second time she killed in a lane, again nearly losing the rook through not giving herself time. "Sylvia" got beaten to cover after a long flight and going on killed a rook coming into the Crown rookery. Second time she killed first stoop out of a flock with "Clarissa". "Sybil" flown with "Her Grace" put into a fold, and presently killed. "Falka" and "Nadine" got beaten to gorse. Second time put some crows into some

bushes, and "Nadine" went off after the cock crow which slipped off and had got a long start, but the hawk went hard and killed him high in the air first stoop. "Camilla" flew a very pretty ringing flight in the Easton valley, and killed in capital style. "Elvira" flown with "Carmen" killed in great form, each hawk putting in some fine stoops and the former catching hold. "Destiny" killed a Magpie after a good flight, assisted by "David". 9 flights: 6 rooks: 1 crow: and 1 magpie.

March 31st. Hon. G. Lascelles came down today, and Hon. Powys yesterday evening. "Camilla" killed after a pretty little flight. "Almida", beaten first time to trees, killed a good rook after a desperate rat hunt in the Ellbarrow Clump. "Sylvia" went in good style over a very large flock at a good long slip, and killed first stoop. "Falka" and "Nadine" killed out of a flock which put into some smoke, the old hawk flying capitally. 5 flights - 4 rooks. Started late, and rooks much disturbed by a lost hawk ("Lady Jane Grey") of Major Fisher's, which we recovered for him late in the day.

April 1st. Windy. "Sylvia" killed in excellent form with a grand stoop, her second, the wind being very high. "Almida" had a bad chance, but killed close to cover after many stoops. "Elgiva" and "Carmen" killed easily, the former catching. "Camilla" and "Nadine". A very pretty flight, the hawks dividing, and "Camilla" picking out a rare good rook, after going well over the flock, and he had nearly reached strong cover, when "Nadine", who had been flying another rook, came in and killed. "Sybil" and "Her Grace". A most successful flight, and the last of the day. The old hawk went well over the flock of rooks, and fetched them down, and "Her Grace" making a good stoop, killed to our great satisfaction, "Sybil" accounting for another, putting in some marvellous rapid twists, and sharp stoops, as he tried to reach a fold. This was "Her Grace's" first rook, and a good performance, considering her wing was broken so short a time ago. "Destiny" with "David" killed the hen of a pair of magpies. 5 flights. 6 rooks, 1 mag.

April 2nd. Mr. Fellowes & his friend Dr. Awdry and E.G.M. Waldo came in the morning G. Lascelles, W. Duncombe and W.W. Wood in the evening. Out towards Easton Clump. "Sylvia" killed two rooks, showing good style each flight. "Camilla" killed easily. Ditto "Almida" "Falka" flown with "Clarissa" divided and the old hawk killed first stoop. "Sybil" and "Her Grace" were flown together, and the old hawk fetched a rook out of a flock, but the young one got in two stoops quickly and killed. "Destiny" assisted by "David" killed a magpie. 6 flights. 6 rooks also 1 magpie.

April 3rd. Enford, Staggs' Down etc. "Falka" got beat to covert after flying well. "Camilla" put into trees and killed before we got up. "Almida" killed easily. "Sybil" flown at a rook on passage, put in some good stoops before he reached a fold, where she killed. Second time also put into a fold, and killed, after a rat hunt. "Sylvia" went over a flock at a long slip, and killed first stoop. Second time she killed second stoop in good form. "Elgiva" and "Carmen" were beaten by crows to cover, the latter flying for some time well, by herself. Had two great hunts with the tiercels after blackbirds, killing one ("Destiny") and getting beaten by another, through changing our quarry.

7 flights - 6 rooks and 1 blackbird.

April 4th. A large field out. Upavon Clump etc. "Sylvia" was flown at rooks which reached W. Everley trees before she got over them; but they did not put in, and the old hawk came in with a tremendous stoop, and killed right in the middle of the village. Second time the rook got above her after two stoops, and reached cover while she was going for a wide ring. "Camilla" killed after many stoops after a rook which took down hill towards trees. As the hawk was killing the rook, some crows came out, and attempted a rescue, actually pulling feathers out of her back, until we drove them off. "Almida" put into premises, and then taking after a single rook that made off, killed him first stoop. "Carmen" and "Nadine" flown together, killed a rook easily. "Sybil" was flown late as she did not throw her casting (She threw a casting on Sunday at midday containing three quarters

of an inch of Ernest's penknife blade, which had broken off in the head of her first rook on Friday!) she got beaten to trees for want of room. Second time she was beaten to gorse by one of four grey-crows at which she and "Camilla" were flown, the hawks dividing, and the young hawk putting in some rooks at a distance. (The first grey crows any of us ever saw on the Plain.) Two good flights at magpies with the tiercels. "Destiny" caught the second high in the air, and we scored the first to "David", as they caught him by themselves out of sight. 7 flights. 4 rooks: also 2 magpies.

For the week - 40 flights, 32 rooks, 1 crow, also 6 magpies.

April 6th. Stormy. "Carmen" and "Nadine" divided, and each got beaten to cover in opposite directions. "Sylvia" killed a rook easily, first stoop. "Almida" was beaten to cover by a crow after a really good flight, the hawk stooping in rare form. "Falka" and "Carmen" were beaten by a crow, owing to the young hawk sitting down in a tree, into which the crow had put in, and she did no more good, though the old hawk did her best. "Sybil" went in fine style over some crows, and fetched one in with some capital stoops, pulling out feathers once, and then rat hunted round some bushes, until she got quite flown out. We then got out "Falka" and killed the crow with her, though "Sybil" having done all the work was credited with the kill. "Elgiva" and "Her Grace" were flown together, "Elgiva" caught easily *, and "Her Grace" put in a good stoop and feathered her rook, but gave up when he reached some bushes. "Camilla" was hooded off at a rook a long way off. and flying very hard, fetched him in and killed. Had a pretty flight with "Destiny" at a magpie which however beat us, "David" having raked off, and not being found until he had fed up on something. We could not find out what. 7 flights = 3 rooks = 1 crow.

* This rook had all the bristles round the beak, and yet was full of eggs, ready for laying.

April 7th. A. Legard came down, and Newcome returned at night. Soon after we started we saw a wild tiercel stooping hard at something which we presently saw was a magpie dodging the hawk round a barrow on the open ground, the hawk putting in quite 20 stoops while we watched. We even got "David" and "Sorcerer" out of the van, and assisted by four or five more stoops from the wild hawk, "Sorcerer" caught hold. "Sylvia" killed a rook after a pretty flight, ending in a rat hunt down a fence. "Almida" was beaten by a good rook, after putting in at a stack, and then at a fold. Second time she did not see her rooks for a long time, and when she had, after hard flying, got up to them, and she had blown herself, and soon gave up. The wind was very high. "Nadine" and "Carmen" killed easily, the former catching. "Sybil" killed in capital form, after a fine flight, with many rare stoops. "Sylvia's" rooks reached a fold before she could get a stoop, and she killed before we got up. "Elgiva" and "Her Grace" killed a rook which "Elgiva" did not see at first, "Her Grace" doing most of the work, and we scored it to her. "Destiny" flew a magpie in beautiful form killing after many capital stoops, "David" having raked off after a sundry, and getting fed up before he was found. "Falka" killed a good rook after a pretty flight, hitting him hard first stoop, and driving him through a fold by herself and killing him in the open.

8 flights. 6 rooks: & 2 magpies & 1 sundry.

April 8th. Very cold, and rooks not coming out. We had the greatest difficulty in getting even two flights. Upavon way. "Carmen" with a down wind slip killed a rook, after coursing him some way. "Sylvia" killed second stoop, in grand style, throwing herself away, and taking advantage of the high wind to come down upon her rook with a terrible stoop from which he was quite unable to shift. We never got another flight after this at rooks. "Destiny" killed two magpies in great form unassisted, "David" raking off and not being found until next morning. "Sorcerer" flew a magpie hard until he got beat being out of condition. "Falka" caught a curlew which we released unhurt.

2 flights - 2 rooks & 2 mags. & 1 curlew.

April 9th. Hougoumont Farm etc. "Almida" killed in fine style. "Sylvia" put into trees, and then got up to a great height over the Square Plantation. Just then a crow came low across the down - making for the cover, but right under the falcon. She made a fine stoop raking him, and then throwing herself up, ran into him. Second time she did not see her rooks, swung round, and went hard at one down wind, put him into a fold, and killed after a rat hunt. "Elgiva" and "Her Grace" killed after a pretty flight, each hawk stooping well. "Sybil" went high over a strong pair of rooks, fetched them into a bush, and sat down for a moment. The rooks got a long start and they beat her to Collingbourne Rookery, the hawk coming back to us a long way, before we showed a lure. "Nadine" and "Carmen" were beaten to cover, through flying too keen, "Nadine" raking off and being lost for half an hour.

April 10th. Hawked on way to Amesbury. "Falka" and "Camilla" killed a crow after a rat hunt, the young hawk cracking over a wood pigeon at first, and then coming in helped "Falka" just when the crow seemed to be getting the best of us. "Sylvia" killed a rook, which had soaked itself at a pond, until it could scarcely fly. "Almida" was beaten by a crow after a good flight; the crows putting into gorse almost at once and the hawk sitting down for a moment which spoilt her chance, though she got two stoops in, before the crows reached strong cover. "Elgiva" and "Her Grace" divided, the former killing second stoop, the other putting in, and then going very high, and almost killing another rook, which came under her, but just beat her to trees. "Sybil" went high over a flock, and killed second stoop, changing her rook after stooping first time. Had two good magpie flights. "Destiny" killing the first unassisted, and, with "David's" help, catching hold of the second also. The Rev. Awdrey etc. out, and E. Newcome came down in the evening.

April 11th. "Camilla" flown from near Stonehenge got fairly beat by a good rook, but going on after another lot, killed close to Wilsford Church. "Almida" killed first stoop, as also did "Sylvia". "Her Grace" and "Nadine" flew a pretty flight, "Her Grace" catching hold, but "Nadine" coming in, the rook got away. They caught it again with the same result. 4 flights, 4 kills. Wet evening.

During week; 33 flights, 22 rooks, 3 crows, 6 magpies and 2 various.

April 13th. Salisbury Road. "Falka" killed in good form twice. "Elgiva" killed and was then fed. "Almida" killed twice, the first time round some teams in a valley with some rare stoops, second time after a rat hunt round some bushes. "Sybil" first time turned and took after rooks down wind, putting in several times and finally getting beaten. Second time she went high over a rook at which she was flown on passage, fetched him in well, and then got beaten at a strong fold. "Camilla" was beaten to Durnford rookery by a high ringing rook. Second time flown with "Nadine" mounted well round "Princess's" Gorse, and the latter killed. "Carmen" and "Her Grace" were twice flown together. The first time getting beat to trees, and afterwards killing a rook which gave them a great deal of trouble to hold, getting away twice, and finally being recaptured after a hard flight. "David" assisted by "Destiny" killed a blackbird, after we had drawn Tanner's Gorse blank, and could not find a magpie.

April 14th. "Almida" killed near the Stones easily. "Sylvia" killed twice, the first time with her first stoop. Second time after "Elgiva" had killed a rook out of a flock, the haggard was slipped at a single rook, which was hanging overhead mobbing the other hawk; and though he had a long start, rang up over him, and fetched him into a large fold where she killed after a long rat hunt. "Falka" was beaten by a good rook which put into some thorn bushes. "Sybil" and "Falka" were beaten by a crow after a long hunt. "Nadine" and "Camilla" killed at the Stones, after rat hunting well, the former catching hold. "David" and "Destiny" killed a pair of magpies after a capital hunt in some thorns near the Druid's head. 7 flights. 5 rooks & 2 magpies.

April 15th. A large field out. "Bustard" etc. "Sylvia" killed first stoop near the Stones. Second time she killed out of a large flock near the Bustard, after two fine stoops and a rat hunt by herself down a wire fence. "Elgiva" flown with "Her Grace" killed, the latter doing nothing at first. Second time, she flew her rook well, until he got to a tree, then she declined to hunt, and gave up. "Almida" killed in good style. Second time got beat to strong cover, after flying hard. "Sybil" played with her rooks, and got beat to some premises, and then to trees, after twice catching hold. She could have killed him in the open no doubt, but she kept going higher and higher, every now and then making a feint, and there was not room enough for that. Second time she was slipped with "Falka" at a large flock at a distance, but the latter was first up, and cracked her rook down first stoop, and killed before "Sybil" got in. "Camilla" was beaten to cover, her rooks rising a long way off, before we got within slipping distance. "Nadine" and "Carmen" killed near Stagg's rookery, the former stooping well and catching hold. "David" and "Destiny" killed a blackbird after a pretty flight.

10 flights, 6 rooks & 1 blackbird.

April 16th. Salisbury road. G. Lascelles left in the afternoon. "Sylvia" was beaten to cover after fetching rooks into some premises from a very long slip. Second time was beaten up wind to cover from want of room. Third time killed in good form near Melsome's premises. "Falka's" attention was taken off when she was first slipped, but she fetched a flock of rooks into some gorse with a good stoop, being finally beaten after a long rat hunt. Second time, she killed well just before dusk near Melsome's premises. "Sybil" flew rather cunning, letting her rooks go a long way before she stooped, and then coming in hard, and killing close to a fold. "Almida" took after rooks down wind, and was beaten. Second time she flew in her best style, went over a flock near the Salisbury road, and killed brilliantly, after many stoops. "Carmen" and "Her Grace" divided, and both soon gave up. "Elgiva" went up to her rooks in good form, fetched one down into a little fence, and killed. "Camilla" put into a stack, and killed cleverly.

11 flights - 6 rooks.

April 17th. Hot day. W. St. Quintin away for day. "Sylvia" killed a rook by Stonehenge. We spent the rest of the day between Stagg's Rookery and Durrington. A good day's sport. "Almida" killed clever over gorse. Second time got very fast over a rook that she was slipped at on passage, and killed third stoop. "Falka" got beat in gorse. Second time, a long slip at a lot that got up wild, she got very high, and killed first stoop. "Camilla" put into a fold, and thence in a tree and then killed in the open. "Sylvia" (her second flight) was flown at a long slip on the passage, she got a great height and put into some stacks, and after a rat hunt caught her rook that left the stacks for a fold. "Sybil" killed in a fold. "Elgiva" flew well, putting into a fence, and thence in a fold where she sat down. "Her Grace" and "Carmen" taking separate rooks put into some premises, and going away together after a rook the former killed. "Nadine" got well above a rook she was flown at on the passage, made a good stoop, and two cuts, and then gave up.

11 flights 8 rooks.

April 18th. Only out for the afternoon, as we were otter hunting all the morning. Flew the Haggard on the road under Beacon Hill, she turned and went after a rook down wind, put into a tree, and rat hunted down a fence and killed. "Almida" killed after a pretty flight, with some eight stoops in it. "Falka" killed after a rat hunt in an empty fold, the old hawk stooping in capital form. "Sybil" never saw the rook at which she was flown, and then put in a flock into a fold, and was taken down. "Camilla" flew a rare good rook, which at last fairly beat her, after putting into a belt of Scots Firs. "Destiny" and "David" put a curlew into Melsome's premises, and gave up.

5 flights. 3 rooks.

April 20th. "Sylvia" killed first stoop. Second time she flew a pretty little flight and killed again very cleverly. "Camilla" put into a bush, and sat down, and her rook beat her to the Druid's Head Rookery, and she went on, and killed another coming in, out of a flock with some fine stoops. "Almida" killed quickly. "Falka" and "Nadine" flown at crows, divided, and each got beat to cover. The young hawk ringing to a great height, and fetching the crows down into Virgo, after a long

flight. "Sybil" went high over her rooks, hit one hard first stoop and killed. "Elgiva" killed high in the air first stoop, going up to her rooks in excellent form. "Carmen" assisted by "Her Grace" killed, going in better form than usual, and making better stoops. "Destiny" caught a curlew (released) assisted by "David", who came in just in time to catch it again, after it had kicked the passage tiercel off.

8 flights. 7 rooks & 1 curlew.

The Rev. W. Newcome and G. Hardy came.

April 21st. After Otter hunting out round Porton Firs. "Sylvia" went high over her rooks, but they put into an empty fold which we had not seen, and she quickly killed. Second time she turned away from her rooks, and stooped from a great height at a single rook, which came under her from behind, and killed him third stoop. Third time she killed third stoop at a good height in the middle of Ogbury Camp, after a good flight of a mile or more. "Almida" killed brilliantly after some fine stoops round some oxen ploughing, her rook making off down wind at last, and getting away from her once after she had caught him. Second time, she had gone well over her rooks, and made one stoop, when just as she was coming in with her second stoop her attention was taken off, and she gave us a little trouble to get her back. "Sybil" gave up after some fine stoops, and let her rook get to cover. Second time she stooped well, and seemed to be going away for a good ring, but suddenly gave up. (the weather very hot and clear.) "Her Grace" flown with "Carmen" did not see their rooks, and they got to cover; but the latter slipped away low after some fresh rooks, and killed out of our sight. Second time "Her Grace", flown with "Nadine" put into gorse, then fetched some more rooks into bushes, when "Her Grace" soared, but came in; when "Nadine", going off after one of the rooks which left the bushes, killed at some distance. "Falka", after some good stoops, put into some premises, and as we could not serve her quickly, gave up. "Camilla" killed a capital rook which made for Princess's Gorse, but would not put in. The little falcon had to ring him down once, and killed well, after flying with great determination. "Elgiva" went in good form over a flock, hit her rook hard in two consecutive stoops, and after hunting him through a clump of Scots Firs, killed him beyond. Second time she had very little room and the rook reached a Scots Fir, and as usual she declined to hunt, and gave up.

13 flights. 8 rooks.

April 22nd. High wind. "Almida", flown near Melsome's premises, crossed the Beacon Hill road, and caught above the Bulford rookery, but being robbed by some men, went on, and was taken down beyond. Second time she killed second stoop in brilliant form. "Sylvia" turned at rooks down wind and killed first stoop. Second time she was flown at a rook on passage, and killed third stoop close to Beeches Barn rookery. "Falka" and "Nadine" killed a rook, which we thought to be a crow when we hooded off, the young one catching hold. "Falka" killed a rook later on with "Carmen" among the bushes in Bulford Field. "Sybil" killed in first rate form, just as her rook reached cover. "Camilla" did not see her rooks at first, and then would not face the high wind. "Destiny" with "David" killed a blackbird after a good flight.

8 flights. 7 rooks, 1 blackbird.

April 23rd. Otter hunting in morning: and much delayed by rain afterwards. "Sylvia" killed first stoop. Second time, hooded off at a rook on passage high, she went up to him, fetched him into trees, and when served again, put him into some larch trees, and killed after a long rat hunt, the old hawk showing the greatest determination. "Almida" went well over her rooks, put them into some trees, and then soared, but soon came in to Frost. [The hawks were not properly weathered this morning owing to rain] "Camilla" put into premises, and then killed in some gorse. "Nadine" put into gorse, and then letting her rook get too far down wind, was beaten to trees. "Falka" at a long slip, fetched a rook down to the ground with a grand stoop, and put him into a fold, and gave up. (She is amiss, throwing her crop, as she did last summer.)

6 flights - 3 rooks.

April 24th. Very stormy: only out for an hour or two in afternoon. "Almida" turned away from her rooks, and did no good. "Sylvia" did ditto. Later on "Sylvia" put a rook into some premises, then

sat down and would not hunt. "Almida" was flown at what turned out to be a crow, which beat her to Virgo, though she flew well, getting seven or eight stoops. She then raked off and we saw no more of her. #. 4 flights: 1 rook.

April 25th. Very stormy indeed, pouring with rain, and blowing a gale. No news of "Almida", though we were all out all day looking for her. Hon. C. Duncombe came down. # "Almida" killed a rook near The Bustard on Friday, and was robbed.

April 27th. Very bright and hot. The Haggard was flown near the Stones, put rooks into some premises, but would not stoop, and went on the soar. Second time went over the rooks at which she was flown, and put a large flock into a fold at a distance, and sat down. Third time she apparently never saw her rooks, and sat down. (We are afraid she is amiss.) "Camilla" killed first stoop. "Elgiva" put into some premises, would not hunt and was taken down. "Sybil" went over her rooks, but played with them, and let them get so far that she only got two stoops before they reached strong cover and was beaten. "Carmen" and "Her Grace" divided, and did no good though "Carmen" went high over a flock at a distance and fetched them into cover with a good stoop. Had a short flight at a jackdaw with "Destiny" and "David" at a jackdaw at a fold, but the latter was full of sheep, and the tiercels would not stoop. Later they killed a magpie, and its mate barely escaped to cover, from which we could not again drive it. The sudden change to warm weather seems to have quite upset the hawks, for they all disappointed us. 7 flights . 1 rook, also 1 magpie.

April 28th. Druid's Head. Flew "Sybil" who put her rook into a fold and killed it without a stoop. "Camilla" and "Her Grace" did do. "Sybil" flew a good flight to the bushes near Druid's Head, a long rat hunt ending in a kill. "Camilla" killed well first stoop, and the other flights were not remarkable. The tiercels dusted over a blackbird well. 7 flights - 7 kills.

April 29th. Bulford. "Camilla" killed prettily, first stoop. "Sybil" flew a good flight to one of Bulford belts. Beat second belt for a magpie and got out a pair one of which "Destiny" killed in the cleverest way, absolutely without assistance. About two hours were then wasted in eating, photographing hawks, Salvin, and several other animals. "Sybil" then flew badly, but came in well to the lure. "Nadine" and "Carmen" flew a nice flight down to Bulford Rookery, and the latter killed. "Elgiva" and "Her Grace" flew a nice flight on passage and killed. 4 kills - 7 chances. A second magpie was got out and badly missed.

April 30th. "Camilla" killed two rooks. "Nadine" and "Carmen" flown together put in. "Nadine" was taken down, and "Carmen" went on and killed. "Sybil" was flown once and killed. "Elgiva" and "Her Grace" were flown together, "Elgiva" killing. "Nadine" put in a rook, after pulling his tail out, and killed a blackbird, which left the bushes. "David" stooped twice at a curlew and gave up. 6 flights, 5 rooks & 1 blackbird.

May 1st. No one being down, the hawks did not go out.

May 2nd. E. Portman down, and took the hawks out. "Camilla" killed two rooks, and later on was hooded off at two jackdaws on passage. She flew a fine flight, and put in four stoops, with some fine rings, at last catching hold high in the air. "Sybil" killed one rook. "Nadine" one rook, in two flights. The tiercels one curlew, "David" doing most work. 6 flights. 4 rooks. 1 jackdaw & 1 curlew.

May 4th. W.H. St. Quintin returned, bringing with him Mons. P.A. Pichot from Paris. Porton Firs way. Rooks very wild. No remarkable flights. "Nadine" killed first stoop, second time got beat to trees. "Sybil" killed after a hunt round some premises. Second time got beat to trees, after hitting

her rook on to the ground. "Camilla" killed three, the last time a very pretty flight with a catch high in the air. "Her Grace" and "Elgiva" flown together failed to kill. "Destiny" with "David" killed a blackbird after a pretty flight.
7 flights. 4 rooks & 1 blackbird.
E. Portman left.

May 5th. Bulford Field. "Camilla" went over her rooks high, and killed first stoop. "Sybil" put into premises, and killed by herself. "Nadine" flown with "Her Grace", put into bushes, twice soared, and killed one of the rooks which she had put in at the first place with a stoop from a great height. "Carmen" killed quickly. The tiercels caught a magpie, and a curlew. "Destiny" also stooped at a full grown rabbit, almost turning it over first stoop, and cutting fur from it..

4 flights.
4 rooks. 1 magpie. 1 curlew.

May 6th. M> Pichot left early. Long Barrow way. "Nadine" killed near the Stones with a fine flight, ringing well, and catching high in the air near Normanton Gorse. "Camilla" was beaten to trees. Second time she killed out of a large flock first stoop. "Nadine" in her second flight, took after the wrong rook, and after flying hard, was beaten to trees near the Bustard. "Carmen" went fast and high over a flock and killed close to cover, showing much better style than usual. "Her Grace" and "Elgiva" killed high in the air, the latter doing most work. "Sybil" tore away over a flock, hit her rook first stoop, and killed close to premises. The tiercels killed a magpie and a blackbird in great form.

7 flights. 5 rooks also 1 magpie, 1 blackbird.

May 7th. Bustard and Ellbarrow. "Camilla" knocked her rook down by some buildings, and then killed a tame pigeon. "Carmen" flew very well, and killed a rook first stoop. "Falka" was tried in a good place for the first time since her illness, but she had no condition, and when she reached her rooks, could not stoop, and was taken down. "Nadine" flew a really first class flight near Ellbarrow, killing high in the air after stooping and ringing well. "Sybil" got beat to cover for want of room, and killed a young rook at a rookery. "Her Grace" and "Elgiva" were beaten to cover before they could get a stoop. The tiercels caught a curlew, "David" doing the most.

6 flights. 2 rooks. 1 pigeon also 1 curlew.

May 8th. Bulford Field. "Camilla" killed in capital form, putting in to a tree, and, on the rook making off, getting over him with a fine ring, and killing near Bulford Rookery. Second time she was beaten to cover, through want of room, though she went very well. "Carmen" killed, first stoop. Second time put into a bush, went on over wood towards Tedworth, and was lost for nearly two hours, before she was found nearly fed up on a rook. "Nadine" flew a capital hard flight, with fine stooping, and a kill.

4 flights. 4 rooks.

A very good season and lot of hawks. "Almida" and "Sylvia" were two great losses, enough to stop all sport in some years but the second class hawks came on and did well. No more deadly hawk than "Sylvia" has been trained for years. "Almida" was as good a hawk as has been trained of late seasons.

E.W.B. Portman Esq. proposed by Hon. G. Lascelles, seconded by W.H. St. Quintin Esq. and Elected. May 9th. 1885.

A nest of three falcons was sent by Mr. Stewart from Horn Head, and one of one tiercel from the old "Parachute" nest. Mr. McIver sent one of two tiercels and a falcon from Assynt, but the falcon unluckily had a wing broken. From Waterford came a falcon and two tiercels. These hawks were hacked at Lyndhurst but unluckily three of the tiercels either went astray, or met with foul treatment soon after they were turned out. Six hawks were taken up and one being sold, five were trained -

and sent to Langwell, E.M. Waldo taking a tiercel ("Paradox") on loan in exchange for a falcon of his which went north with the others.

Hawks in training Aug. 1885.

"Sybil"	Passage	falcon	3 yrs. old.
"Her Grace"	do	do	2 yrs. old.
"Vesta"	Eyass	falcon	4 yrs. old.
"Morverina"	do	do	1 yr. old.
"Modwena"	do	do	1 yr. old.
"Mona"	do	do	1 yr. old.
"Moonraker"	Eyass	tiercel	1 yr. old.
"Paradox"	do	do	1 yr. old.

"Nadine" & "Camilla" in mews at Feltwell.

Very bad weather was met with at Langwell but a good deal of sport was obtained and the old hawks flew well whenever they had a chance. Again not a single young falcon was worth taking out - it seems impossible to get a good eyass now - "Sybil" - the passage hawk was the best of all the team not excepting old "Vesta".

Game killed at Langwell 1885 to Sept. 29th.

	Grouse.	Woodcock.	Crow.	Total.
"Sybil"	22.		1.	23.
"Vesta"	31.	1.		32.
"Modwena"	10.			10.
"Moverina"	5.			5.
"Moonraker"	2.			2.
Waldo's falcon.	1.			1.
"Her Grace"			1.	1.
Total:	71.	1.	2.	74.

A few partridges were killed at Lilford and a good many at Scampston and Lowthorpe, chiefly by W.H. St. Quintin's old tiercels "Express" and "Destiny".

The total sent to the "Field" was as under.

Rooks	186.
Magpies	19.
Grouse	71.
Partridges	105.
Pheasants	20.
Water hens	16.
Rabbits	134.
Sundries	30.
Total: 581.	

The rabbits, pheasants and moorhens were killed by the two year old goshawk brought by E. Portman from Norway and a male of W.H. St. Quintin's. The Norwegian has turned out a capital

hawk. Sundries contained inter alia , 2 leverets, 1 stoat, 3 rats, many blackbirds & wood pigeons and 1 woodcock.

Old Hawking Club 1886.

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Under falconer.	E. Kitchener

Hawks 1886.

"Nadine"	Passage	falcon	2 yrs. old.	Stud at Scampston.
"Camilla"	do	do	2 yrs. old.	Drafted.
"Her Grace"	do	do	2 yrs. old.	Put down.
"Bacchante"	Haggard	falcon of 1885.		Lost at Langwell.
"Stopgap"	do	do		Put down.
"Marjory"	Passage	falcon	1 yr. old.	Moulted.
"Clochette"	do	do	1 yr. old.	Died.
"Elsa"	do	do	1 yr. old.	Moulted.
"?"	do	do	1 yr. old.	
"Vesta"	Eyass	falcon	4 yrs. old.	Moulted.
"Paradox"	do	tiercel	1 yr. old.	Died.
"Moonraker"	do	do	1 yr. old.	Died.
"David"	do	do	3 yrs. old.	(W.H. St. Quintin)

Amesbury 1886.

March/April.	31st.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	5th.	6th.	8th.	9th.	10th.	12th.
"Camilla"	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
"Bacchante"		1			1	1	2			
"Her Grace"		1+		1*+						
"Nadine"			1.1c	1+	1s	1+	2	1+1c	1+	1
"Majory"						1				
"Clochette"								1+		
"Stopgap"										1+
"Elsa"										
"David"										
Total:	1	4	3	3	3	4	5	4	2	2
Flights:	2	4	6	5	4	4	5	5	5	3

April 1886.	13th.	14th.	15th.	16th.	17th.	19th.	20th.	21st.	22nd.
“Camilla”	2	1			2	1	1	3	1
“Bacchante”		2	2			1	1	2	
“Her Grace”	1*	1s							
“Nadine”	1		2	1		1	2	1	
“Majory”	1+	1+c	1		1			1	1
“Clochette”						Lost.			
“Stopgap”	1								
“Elsa”	1	1	1	2	1		2		2
“David”		1s							
Total:	7	5	6	5	4	2	6	6	6
Flights:	7	3	6	6	7	6	8	8	8

April/May	23rd.	24th.	26th.	27th.	28th.	29th.	30th.	1st.	3rd.	4th.
“Camilla”	1	2	2	2		1	1		1	
“Bacchante”	1	1	1+	1	1	1	2	1	1	1
“Her Grace”	3sc							2sc		1sc
“Nadine”							1+			
“Majory”	1	2+	1	2			1	1	1	1
“Clochette”	Lost									
“Stopgap”				1+						
“Elsa”	1	2	2	2	1	1	3	2	1	
“David”										
Total:	7	7	6	8	2	3	8	6	4	3
Flights:	5	8	9	11	2	6	8	8	8	5

May 1886.	5th.	6th.	7th.	8th.	10th.	11th.	12th.	13th.	14th.	15th.
“Camilla”	1c1	2	1		1	2	1			
“Bacchante”	1>	2		1		1	2			
“Her Grace”	1sc	1sc	1sc	1sc	2*1s	1*	1	1sc1*		
“Nadine”										
“Majory”	1		1	1c		1	1	1	1	
“Clochette”	Lost									
“Stopgap”										
“Elsa”	2	1c2	1	3	2	3	1.1s	1	3	3
“David”									1*	
Total:	3	7	5	8	4	10	6	4	8	3
Flights:	5	9	9	10	7	9	7	6	10	5

Amesbury 1886.	Totals.		
"Camilla"	40.	Average: Kills -	83.
"Bacchante"	31.	Flights:	5.1
"Her Grace"	21.		
"Nadine"	20.		
"Majory"	24.		
"Stopgap"	3.	Rooks & Crows:	167.
"Clochette"	1.	Magpies:	8.
"Elsa"	48.	Curlews:	11.
"David"	2.	Sundries:	5.
"Paradox"	1.		191.
Total:	191.		
Flights:	200.		

* = magpie. c = crow. sc = stone curlew. s = sundry. > = killed when at large. + = assisted by another hawk.

Amesbury 1886.

F. Newcome came down on Monday March 29th. or the 30th. The weather was so bad the hawks did not get out.

March 31st. Got out in afternoon. "Camilla" killed after putting into some bushes. "Nadine" and "Her Grace" divided. "Nadine" had a few stoops when some birds led her off. 2 flights. 1 rook.

April 1st. Bulford Field way. High wind. "Camilla" put into Bulford Rookery and killed there. "Bacchante" after a good flight, put into a Belt, and on the rook going away, she was at it again, and putting the rook into trees round the keeper's cottage on Mr. Hambro's down, killed unassisted. "Her Grace" assisted by "Nadine" killed easily. "Camilla" put into trees by Nine Mile Water and killed. This day promises well for future sport. 4 flights. 4 rooks.

B. Heywood Jones arrived from India, i.e. from the eastward - quite correct. Telegraphed to see result of day, who expressed himself muchly pleased Porton Firs way.

April 2nd. Stonehenge and Virgo. Very windy. "Bacchante" took straight after birds, second time put her rooks into a large fold but would not stoop into it. "Camille" with "Clochette" also flying, killed first stoop. "Nadine" and "Her Grace" flown close to the Stones divided, "Nadine" putting her rook into covert, and sailing round killed another rook she saw on the down. "Nadine" and "Marjory" flown at crows. The old hawk killed second stoop. "Camille" from a long slip got beat to covert. 6 flights. 2 rooks & 1 crow.

April 3rd. Netheravon Down and towards Ellbarrow. "Nadine" never saw her rooks. "Camille" got a great height above her rooks and killed first stoop. "Nadine" and "Marjory" both flew hard, the old hawk killing. "Nadine" and "Clochette" gave up after a hustle over gorse. "Her Grace" assisted by "David" (The other young tiercels looking on and sitting down) killed a mag. on Netheravon down. 5 flights - 2 rooks also 1 mag.

Total of week of 4 days. 17 flights. 9 rooks. 1 crow. 1 mag.

April 5th. In Everleigh Country. A few strangers out, and consequently no sport. "Nadine" and "Marjory" got beat to covert, and the old hawk promptly collared a bird. "Camille" assisted by "Clochette" killed over some gorse (a rotten flight.) "Bacchante" did not kill over the same gorse, as she would not stoop. "Bacchante" and "Nadine" divided and the haggard killed easily. Had a long hunt after magpies but they fairly beat us. 4 flights, 2 rooks and 1 sundry.

April 6th. G. Lascelles and E.G.M. Waldo joined us at Druid's Lodge (via Salisbury.) A very good days sport in that country. "Marjory" and "Nadine" divided and both put into bushes. The young hawk killed her rook. Next flew "Bacchante" and "Clochette". The Haggard after a pretty flight killed in one of Mr. Golby's steeplechase ? fences. "Camilla" flew a rattling flight of about one mile point, with some very fine stooping and killed in the open. This was one of the best flights we have had for years. "Nadine" and "Bacchante" divided, the old hawk giving up after a hustle in young covert, but on the haggard bringing her rook into the same covert, she joined in, and after another rat hunt, the rook got a long start, and eventually they killed in another covert some way off, about one and a quarter mile point. Drew Virgo for Mags., but we could not get them away.

4 flights, 4 rooks.

April 7th. Weather beastly - we did not get out - The Sec. left us in the afternoon to fulfil his duties in the New Forest.

April 8th. Wet and windy. We got out in afternoon towards Beacon Hill and thence into Durnford Country. A good afternoons sport. "Bacchante" flew a rattling flight from near Melsome's premises to the Bible, where she put it in, and on the rook being put out she caught it in a small deep hole in the ground, and the rook got away from her after she had held it for about a minute. "Nadine" and "Marjory" divided, the old hawk killing clever, and the young hawk gave up after hitting telegraph wire with one wing, and causing it to bleed. "Camilla" killed clever. "Bacchante" ditto. "Clochette" having gone after another rook, "Nadine" killed in very fine form after some ringing. 5 flights, 5 rooks.

April 9th. Very windy and Heavy Storms. From Stonehenge to the Bustard. "Bacchante" threw a bad casting in the morning. Flew her first with "Clochette". She did all the work, but the young hawk came in and caught hold close to covert. "Nadine" and "Elsa" flown close to the Stones. The old hawk killed after a good hustle round the Stones by the Road. "Camille" got beat into Virgo by a good rook. "Nadine" assisted at the end by "Marjory" killed a crow. "Camilla" killed in good form. Some Mags. beat us hollow on Nethereavon down. 5 flights 3 rooks 1 crow.

April 10th. Beacon Hill and Durnford Country. (Lord Savernake's Stagounds in the middle of a long run came across us near Princess's Gorse.) "Nadine" got beat to Bulford Rookery after rat hunting down a double fence, from Melsome's premises - "Elsa" going after pigeons. "Bacchante" flew very weak and got beat up wind to covert. "Marjory" going after pigeons. "Nadine" and "Elsa" flew hard, the latter too keen, and the old hawk caught. "Camilla" killed first stoop over gorse. "Clochette" ill, sitting down on down. "Nadine" flown late with "Stopgap" got well above rooks and put one into a bush, and then raked off after birds. 5 flights 2 rooks.

(E. Waldo left in evening.)

Total of week of 5 days - 23 flights - 16 rooks. 1 crow. 1 sundry.

April 12th. Strangers out and therefore another bad day of course in Everleigh Country. "Camilla" and "Stopgap" between them stopped a rotten rook, the haggard catching hold. "Nadine" (with "Elsa") killed first stoop. "Camilla" got up well but chucked it when well placed after one stoop. Those mags. at Beeches Barn again laughed at us - 3 flights 2 rooks.

April 13th. Fair day's sport with much blood in Druid's Head Country. G. Lascelles joined us in the morning. "Nadine" and "Stopgap" divided and each put her rook into Druid's Head Rookery. The old hawk played about a long time, and at last killed a rook coming in. "Camilla" killed after a tremendous rat hunt in a young covert, the hawk and rook repeatedly sitting down. "Marjory" flown with "Bacchante" promptly collared her high in the air. "Nadine" and "Elsa" divided. The young hawk flying hard and keen and killing - the old hawk put into a double fence, and took off after birds. "Stopgap" flown with "Camilla" ran into a one eyed rook. "Major" assisted by "Nadine" killed. "Camilla" and "Nadine" killed after a rat hunt in a small fold. "Her Grace" etc. killed a mag. in the bottom between The Stones and Keeper's Cottage on Hill. 7 flights. 6 rooks & 1 mag. L. Wynter came in evening.

April 14th. Stonehenge and Netheravon down. Flew "Marjory" and "Nadine" at some crows. The Old hawk flew hard, and the young one coming in a rattler caught hold at the edge of covert. "Elsa" and "Bacchante" flown inside wire fencing by Shrewton Cross roads divided, and the two rooks keeping close together, there was some parallel and identical stooping. The young hawk caught close to some faggots, at the same time the haggard catching hold above the faggots, and driving in lefty go of her rook who got away. "Camilla" killed in good form after putting into a small clump of larch. Spent the rest of the day vainly pursuing mags. "Her Grace" and "David" each adding a sundry to the score. The Sec. left in the evening. 3 flights - 2 rooks, 1 crow & 2 sundries.

April 15th. The Bustard and Ellbarrow Country. "Elsa" and "Stopgap" divided. The young hawk flew in real form and putting into a fence sat down and looked for it, the rook going out the other side of the fence, and she never saw it. "Stopgap" gave up over covert. "Marjory" and "Bacchante" killed a rook each in a small rookery. "Camilla" turning round on being slipped went straight to Ellbarrow Rookery, but could not kill there. "Nadine" and "Stopgap" flew a very pretty flight (stoop for stoop), "Nadine" killing. "Bacchante" and "Elsa" divided - each hawk flew very well, especially the young one, and both killed their rooks. "Nadine" assisted by "Marjory" killed easily. A good days' sport. 6 flights 6 rooks.

April 16th. Wind & Heavy Storms. The Sec. met us at Druid's Lodge. "Elsa" killed in good form. "Nadine" and "Stopgap" killed in a fold. "Bacchante" and "Major" flown. "Bacchante" killed, "Marjory" coming in, there was a great row on the ground and the rook escaped. "Camilla" flew very badly and got beat in covert after having her rook virtually dead round some stacks. "Elsa" again killed in good form. "Bacchante" was getting well over her rook, when she saw rooks underneath her and killed one of them. 6 flights. 5 rooks.

April 17th. On Salisbury Road. "Nadine" and "Stopgap" got beat in high trees. "Elsa" put a rook into premises and took off after birds. "Marjory" flew well and killed after a rat hunt in gorse. "Camilla" killed after a great rat hunt in gorses. "Bacchante" flew at the wrong rooks and was beaten to covert after flying right well. "Camilla" killed again in the gorse. "Elsa" killed a poor rook near Bulford Rookery. 7 flights 4 rooks.

Total of week: 31 flights. 25 rooks. 1 crow. 1 mag. 2 sundries.

April 19th. A very unlucky day in Everleigh Country. "Elsa" got well above her rooks, but got beat in a small Clump of trees. Second time did ditto and got beat into premises, and then took after birds. "Nadine" and "Stopgap" flown. The latter put into rails round a pond, and thence to a large fold, and finally after playing the fool, and playing about with rooks round Hougoumont farm, collared a rook outside. "Marjory" never tried a yard. "Bacchante" and "Clochette" flown. The Haggard went for a grand ring and got above her rook, and got in three stoops and put into a belt

close to Sidbury Hill Rookery. "Clochette" took after some rooks down wind, and got beat into Sidbury Hill Rookery and was not seen again. "Camilla" killed after a short rat hunt in gorse.
6 flights. 2 rooks.

April 20th. G. Lascelles and E.G.M. Waldo came in the morning. A very good days sport in Druid's Lodge Country. "Elsa" killed first stoop. Second time she changed to rooks in Druid's Head Rookery. Third time she flew a rattling flight from Stonehenge and killed in very good form. "Bacchante" got beat in a young covert, and rat hunted there a long time. Second time she killed in an old heap of sticks in the country enclosed by wire fencing. "Camilla" killed after a rat hunt round some stacks. "Nadine" and "Stopgap" flown in rather a high wind. The rooks got to a great height, but "Nadine" got over them in rare form after some magnificent stooping, she put a rook into a stack, where "Stopgap" who had also got to a great height came in and killed. A very fine flight. Later on "Nadine" killed again after a fine flight.
8 flights. 6 rooks.

April 21st. Round Porton Firs. A poor beginning, but sport improved later on in the day. A large party out from Idminton. "Bacchante" flew a rattling flight and got beat in bushes after rat hunting a bit. "Nadine" and "Stopgap" flown next. "Nadine" got beat up wind to covert, and then played the fool, and killed a rook a long way off near Durbford Rookery, carried it twice, but was taken up alright at last. "Camilla" when going well after rooks, turned and flopped onto a rook in a fold. "Elsa" when flying hard and having got to a good height after her rooks, took off after a pigeon. "Bacchante" killed easily. "Camilla" flew a pretty flight and killed clever after a short rat hunt. "Marjory" took after rooks down wind and going in hand over hand killed first stoop. "Camilla" flown out of the van at some rooks on the passage, overhauled them rapidly, and killed clever first stoop.
8 flights 6 rooks.
F. Newcome left on morning of 22nd.

April 22nd. The Bustard and Elbarrow Country. Warm, cloudy day. No wind. "Bacchante" flew inside the wire, and driving her rook down to the pond, nailed him on the edge. "Marjory" went up at once, hit her rook hard, first stoop, and killed him the second. Got some magpies out of the Bustard cover into the fence, but "David" and "Her Grace" both went fooling away after birds, and the mags flopped quietly away under the very nose of "Paradox", who took not the slightest notice of them. On his return, "David" was found to have "made away with or lost by neglect" one claw. "Nadine" flew very keen, but was beaten to covert after knocking a cloud of feathers out of her rook. "Elsa" went up well, and after one or two good stoops put into a fold. Got him out, and after hitting him once, she brought the performance to an abrupt conclusion by a regular bulls eye shot, into the very middle of him. "Marjory" turned down wind to the Rookery at Elbarrow, and then rattled away over the hill at a rook, which she put into the gorse, and would have killed if anyone had been near enough to help her. "Camilla" mopped up a rook in a fold in no time. "Bacchante" flew a rattling flight in the valley, with a lot of stooping in grand form, and killed cleverly. "Elsa" put a rook down among some stacks and killed unassisted. Had a good chance at Mags near Netheravon, but "Her Grace" went off with a wood pigeon, and "David" sat in a tree and wouldn't play, though the mag gave him every opportunity.
10 flights 6 rooks.

April 23rd. Everleigh Country. Clear, sunny day with a good breeze. Found Curlews on the road. Flew "Stopgap" at one which went down, and she attempted to sit on it, but the curlew left at once and she didn't persevere. Put "Her Grace" up and got the other curlew after a very good flight. Flew "Bacchante" at a rook in the valley: she had a few stoops and the rook began ringing down wind: the haggard made such a wide ring that she never got up to the rook till he put in to the cover - She rattled away and killed a rook at Everleigh. "Elsa" flew in good form and putting her rook into the stacks, killed him in the hedge. "Marjory" flew in grand form near Beacher's Barn Rookery and killed. "Nadine" started very keen from a long slip; but on the rook starting to ring, she left him at

once, and came back. "Camilla" flew right well, putting her rook down into gorse: she got stuck in a bush, hunting him, and the rook got a long start, but she rattled after him, put him down into another gorse, and went in and killed him in a gorse bush like a terrier, without the slightest assistance. Found two more Curlews close by. "Her Grace" knocked one base-over-apex first stoop. Marked the other down in some gorse and put up "Stopgap" and "Her Grace": the former had the chance, but wouldn't look at it, and "Her Grace" nailed it second stoop. 9 flights - 4 rooks 3 curlews.

April 24th. Beacon Hill. Sunny day and very hot with little wind. "Bacchante" got beaten to the Bible by a crow, from a very long slip. "Marjory" flew in fine style and killed close to cover. "Elsa" put into some premises and killed after a hunt. "Camilla" killed near cover third stoop. "Marjory" put her rook into a clump, and killed after a desperate hunt, flying in the most determined way. "Bacchante" put into a stack and killed. "Elsa" put into a fence, hunted him down it some way, put him out again and killed cleverly. "Camilla" from a tremendous long slip ran right into her rook. 8 flights 7 rooks.

April 26th. Everleigh Country. Fine day with strong breeze. "Elsa" killed easily to the right of the road. "Marjory" flew a fine flight from a longish slip, got high above her rooks, knocked one silly first stoop, and killed. "Bacchante" took the wrong rooks and was beaten to covert. "Camilla" killed in a fold. "Elsa" had three good stoops, and then the rook began ringing; she flew capitally but just got beaten to covert. After a slight digression at a bird, which she flattened out into a bush, she came back to John, but meeting a rook on the way she had him first stoop. "Nadine" got beaten to Beacher's Barn Rookery. "Camilla" (with "Stopgap"), killed first stoop. "Marjory" put her rook into some gorse, and tried to sit on him: the rook got a good start and went ringing up a great height: the little hawk flew in great form, making big rings, but was beaten to cover. "Bacchante" and "Camilla" flew a rook in the country by Bulford's Fields, all among the young trees, the former killing. 9 flights. 6 rooks.

F. Salvin arrived in the evening with "The artful Dodger."

April 27th. Stonehenge and Druid's Head Country. Hot day with breeze. "Elsa" flew in capital form near the Stones, killing third stoop. "Bacchante" had a long ringing flight with a good rook, putting in to the Bushes near the Druid's Head steeple course, and one sportsman was unable to get the rook out for her, though she thoroughly deserved him. "Marjory" put her rook into a clump, waited on beautifully and killed very cleverly when it was put out for her. "Camilla" put a whole flock of rooks into some premises and killed one. "Elsa" killed very cleverly near Druid's Head course. "Bacchante" killed first stoop. "Camilla" nailed a rook first stoop in a fold. "Nadine" (with "Stopgap") got beaten to covert in the wire, although she had lots of room and time to kill. "Stopgap" put in some capital stoops, but was beaten to covert by the premises in the bottom. "Elsa", after a pretty flight, put her rooks into the same place, and we couldn't get them out. "Marjory", from a very long slip, put her rook into the gorse: nailed him third or fourth stoop, but fell into a gorse bush and let go and then had a tremendous long rat hunt and killed. "Stopgap" and "Nadine", had a very pretty flight, stoop for stoop, the former eventually killing close to covert.

11 flights 8 rooks --- 1 eel 50 minnows.

April 28th. Beacon Hill. Very hot morning. "Elsa" put into covert, went on and killed a rook coming in, first stoop. A thunderstorm then came on which kept us in a barn till 5 o'clock, when we gave up and started for home. On the way home "Bacchante" had a very long slip at some rooks which made off best pace down wind. It was a mile before she got up to them, when she nailed one second stoop. 2 flights 2 rooks.

April 29th. The Bustard. Bitterly cold and a hurricane blowing. "Elsa" was fairly beaten by a ringing rook, being unable to face the wind. "Marjory" was beaten to covert, flying a bit too keen.

“Bacchante” put a rook down into a flock of sheep: got him out and he began ringing down wind, a splendid flight of over a mile, and he just beat her to covert. “Camilla” killed first stoop, a really fine stoop. “Elsa” missed her rook first stoop, but he was in such a hurry to get out of the way, that he collided so violently with the ground that he couldn’t get up again. On opening him found all his inside full of blood. “Bacchante”, (with very little room,) put into the Rookery near Staggs - she wouldn’t come down to a pigeon and raked away past the Bustard, and killed a rook out of a flock - some time getting her. 6 flights 3 rooks.

April 30th. Stonehenge and Druid’s Head. Fine day with a good breeze. A very good day’s sport. “Camilla” killed a rook easily by the pond near the Stones. “Elsa” killed in fine form near the Druid’s Lodge. “Marjory” flew an extraordinary flight, in the bushes near the Steeplechase course, which lasted over a quarter of an hour, with any number of stoops, and killed. She was ringing and stooping hard the whole time, and wasn’t a bit blown after it. “Bacchante” killed easily near the pond. “Elsa” killed cleverly over the Road. “Nadine” and “Camilla”, slipped at some crows near Virgo, changed to some rooks in a fold. After a rat hunt “Camilla” sat on one; but “Nadine” coming in, they let it go between them, and after a stern chase, “Nadine” nailed it again close to covert. “Bacchante” killed cleverly in the wire. “Elsa” killed another in almost the same place. “Her Grace” was fairly beaten by a curlew after a long stern chase. An unsuccessful try at the Mags near Stonehenge; they broke back twice, and we had to leave them. 9 flights 8 rooks.

May 1st. Porton Firs. Fine, bright day, with very little wind. Enormous field out and flights very hard to get. “Elsa” killed a rook cleverly by the Salisbury Rd. “Marjory” killed after a long rat hunt down a hedge. “Camilla”, after a high ringing flight, was beaten to a young covert, and took after birds. “Elsa” put into a clump, and killed very cleverly. “Bacchante” put into a belt, raked away, and killed a rook out of a big flock. “Her Grace” killed a curlew, after first putting him into covert. Put her up again and killed another, “David”, (who had been fooling about the whole time,) joining in the worry. “Marjory” went at the wrong rook, and got beat to some premises, after no end of stooping; she knocked him down once, but he recovered himself and beat her fairly. Well over a mile. 8 flights 4 rooks 2 curlews.

H. Salvin came.

May 3rd. Stonehenge. Did not start till nearly 3 o’clock, everybody having been Otter hunting all morning at Porton. Fine warm day. “Elsa” put her rook down into a flock of sheep, and picked him up cleverly. “Bacchante” got high above her rooks, and after two or three feints, killed first stoop. “Marjory” turned down wind, put a rook into a bush and nailed him. “Camilla” put her rook into premises and killed unassisted. “Nadine” and “Stopgap” flown at rooks in a fold; the haggard went and sat down, and “Nadine” gave up after two or three stoops. “Camilla” was beaten to covert, from the same fold, by a jackdaw. “Elsa” had a tremendous flight from the Shrewton X Roads, flying and stooping in great form, but was beaten to the premises in the bottom, after hitting her rook twice. “Bacchante” was unsighted at starting, and the rook got a long start and beat her to covert after a very pretty flight, and some beautiful stooping. 8 flights 4 rooks.

May 4th. Druid’s Head. Fine, warm day with light breeze. A wretched day’s sport; flights almost impossible to find. “Elsa” was beaten to covert at the Druid’s Head, after a very fine high, ringing flight, in which she flew admirably. “Marjory” flew a fine flight near Shrewton Cross Roads, and killed very cleverly in some premises. A boy picked her up and carried her some way, and she let go the rook which escaped. “Camilla” put rooks down into premises near the Bustard, and gave up after a rat hunt. “Bacchante” put her rook into a stack, and killed. “Her Grace” killed a curlew first stoop. 5 flights 2 rooks 1 curlew.

May 5th. Beacon Hill. Very hot indeed. An unlucky day. "Elsa" killed very cleverly, second stoop. "Marjory" killed first stoop, close to covert. "Bacchante" got beaten to covert: she came out at another rook, and put him in too, after two or three stoops: got him out and he began ringing; she rang up some way and then took to the soar and was lost. Looked for her most of the afternoon, and saw her with a full crop but she wouldn't look at a pigeon. "Elsa" went up very high over her rooks, knocked one down first stoop and nailed him. "Her Grace", (who had had her hood off in the van, and had been bating a good deal,) was beaten by a curlew after a stern chase. 5 flights 3 rooks. F.H. Salvin and H. Salvin left.

May 6th. Beacon Hill. Hottest day yet. Frost and Ernest had been out since daylight looking for "Bacchante": she killed a pigeon but would not come down to it. "Elsa" killed a crow after a hustle down some hurdles. Coming over the hill we saw "Bacchante" come down into a flock of rooks and nail one. Frost went to her at once and snared her on the rook. "Camilla" put a rook into a sheepfold: after a long hunt got him out into a little clump, where she had another long hunt: finally he got out and beat her down wind to covert. "Marjory" after a very good flight was beaten to covert. "Elsa" killed cleverly in a sheep fold. "Camilla" and "Nadine", flown at some crows, divided. "Nadine" after a hunt in the bushes, gave up and soared. "Camilla" had a desperate hunt, when the crow began ringing, and she gave up. Whereupon the foolish crow dropped into some bushes not far off. She marked him down, came on and killed. "Marjory" was beaten to covert after a very hard flight among the bushes and young trees. "Her Grace" killed a curlew after a nice flight. "Elsa" killed another rook easily in the same fold. "Camilla" and "Nadine" divided at rooks near the Marlborough Rd.. "Camilla" flew very keen, and after eight or nine stoops knocked her rook down just outside a covert, went in and killed in covert. "Nadine" gave up after a stoop or two, and went fooling round Bulford Rookery. 9 flights. 2 crows. 4 rooks. 1 curlew.

May 7th. Very hot bright and dry. In the absence of the "Gaiety Gunner" less attention than usual was paid to the Commissariat Dept., especially as regards drinkables - a matter which is NEVER (in any respect,) neglected by that gallant officer. The painful spectacle was therefore witnessed of the unfortunate Sec., alone in the midst of shadeless prairies drinking raw "sober-water" - *faute de mieux*. "Elsa" put a rook well into thorns near the Druid's Head and got hung up. "Marjory" flew a fine high ringing flight eventually putting in to the thorns and then flying a grand rat hunt, but afterwards was beat. "Camilla" killed easily first stoop. Later on flew a very good flight and killed. "Marjory" flew well at first but went off to the rookery after a while. Later on she repeated this performance and killed away over the river near Durnford. "Bacchante" was given a long slip and flew a long high flight in which the rook beat her all the way. "Elsa" flew a good flight down to covert and killed. "Her Grace" speedily mopped up a curlew. 10 flights - 4 rooks - 1 curlew.

May 8th. Porton Firs. Hot and cloudy. Shower of rain in evening. "Elsa" killed after a pretty flight. "Marjory" killed a crow after a long hustle in gorse: got hold of him twice but couldn't hold, and finally got him into the open. "Bacchante" killed easily. "Elsa" killed in good form. "Camilla" got up high after her rooks, and when she had one at her mercy, turned away down wind and killed in a hedge. "Her Grace" killed a curlew easily. "Elsa", slipped at rooks, got her eye on a curlew. Flown again she killed cleverly after a pretty flight. "Marjory" turned away to rooks down wind, put one into some premises and was taken down. "Bacchante" put a rook into a clump, hunted a little, and then raked away over the river. Found her in the evening, with blood on her claws, and rook feathers having evidently killed and been robbed. (She killed near Melsome's premises, and was robbed by some boys, we found out afterwards.) 10 flights 1 crow. 6 rooks. 1 curlew.

May 10th. Everleigh Country. Cloudy and cool. "Elsa" killed cleverly near the head of nine mile water. "Marjory" did not see her rooks at first, and they got a long start which she could never make up, putting them into a big gorse where she was taken down. "Camilla" killed very cleverly in a

gorse. "Her Grace" nailed a curlew first stoop. "Elsa" never saw the rooks she was slipped at: turned down wind and killed a rook, first stoop, not far off. "Marjory" got beaten to covert after a most tremendous rat hunt, in which she flew with the greatest pluck and determination, hitting her rook hard several times. "Her Grace", put up over a curlew, went up to a good pitch, but was rather wide when he got up, and was beaten to a belt after a long stern chase. 7 flights. 3 rooks. 1 curlew.

May 11th. Stonehenge. Misty with drizzling rain. A capital day's sport. "Elsa" killed cleverly, high in the air. "Her Grace" went up to a good pitch over some curlew, but unfortunately a bird got up under her, and she nailed him. "Camilla" killed first stoop in a young covert. "Bacchante" did the same in almost the same place, flying in fine form. "Marjory" knocked a rook down first stoop, almost dead, and sat on him. "Elsa" killed easily among hurdles. "Camilla" knocked a rook into a hedge, and went in and collared him. Beautiful ringing flight with "Elsa" at the Stones: she put the rook down into the Stones after some high ringing and killed cleverly. Killed two magpies with "Her Grace" and the tiercels from the round covert: the old falcon worked capitally, "Paradox" waited on well, but "David" did not give much help. 9 flights. 7 rooks. 2 mags. 1 various.

May 12th. The Sec. arrived. Netheravon Road. Pouring rain nearly all day. "Elsa" put rooks into a barn and killed easily. "Marjory" killed first stoop, close to covert. "Camilla" killed cleverly, after a pretty flight over a fold. "Bacchante" turned away down wind at some rooks, put into a gorse, and after a short hunt was taken down. "Elsa" put into some premises, rattled away at some more rooks and put them into covert. One slipped away down wind, and she went after him, going great guns; but birds got up right under her, and she took after them; Got two mags out of the covert near Netheravon; and got them both. "Paradox" killed the first, and "Her Grace" the second, ably assisted by "David", after a capital flight. 7 flights. 3 rooks, 2 magpies, 1 various.

May 13th. Beacon Hill. Rain all morning and didn't get out till after lunch. "Elsa" didn't see the rooks she was flown at and turned down to Bulford Rookery: after a stoop into the middle she went on and killed beyond the next belt. A long time wasted finding her. "Bacchante" was beaten to covert, flying too keen: she went on and killed another rook about a mile beyond. "Her Grace" was hooded off at a magpie but didn't see it, and went and killed a rook. Two unsuccessful flights at mags near the covert. "Her Grace" knocked one down and very nearly nailed him but the covert was too near. "Marjory" put her rooks into covert from a very long slip. She went on after one that had a long start, and was very high, and after a tremendous flight with a lot of ringing and stooping, she killed, two miles off. 6 flights. 4 rooks.

May 14th. Stonehenge. "Elsa" killed well first stoop. "Her Grace" then took a curlew well. "Elsa" flew a fine flight at Shrewton X Roads and killed. "Bacchante" also flew beautifully near the same place and killed. "Marjory" was beat to Shrewton Folly, and we then hunted a mag out of the clump hard by and killed him well. "Elsa" flew another nice little flight and killed. "Marjory" did the same, and "Bacchante" wound up by a brilliant kill first stoop. "Camilla" was beaten at a fold earlier in the day. 6 rooks. 1 mag. 1 curlew. 8 flights.

May 15th. A Gale of wind and rain storms. The Sec. out alone seeking to make a finish - Flew "Elsa" three times; she killed each time, but checked once and killed a long way down wind. Neither "Marjory" nor "Bacchante" could face the wind, but the latter flew one nice flight.

So ended the season of 1886. Considering the losses the Club sustained by the deaths during the severe winter and the fact that every single hawk was more or less amiss, it must be considered a very fairly successful one. None of the hawks could be called quite first class, unless indeed "Elsa" and "Nadine" - the latter was overdone with flying and like many another turned quite a rogue about the middle of the season. "Elsa" was very clever but only a small one.

Nests of eyasses procured from Waterford, and from Horn Head. Eight hawks hacked at Lyndhurst with fair success, one or two were lost. Hawks sent up to Langwell on Aug.5th. where they remained till Oct. 2nd. showing great sport every fine day. Of the young eyasses, "Fleetwing" and "Paragon" turned out very well indeed, but both, as well as "Bacchante" were lost there. A most disastrous season.

Game killed at Langwell 1886.

	Grouse.	Woodcock.	Total.
"Vesta"	31.	1.	32.
"Bacchante" (to Sept.2.)	14.		14.
"Nadine"	7.		7.
"Fleetwing"	24 .		24 .
"Paragon" (tiercel)	11.		11.
"Christopher" do	9.		9 .
			97 .

The season was so bad a one for partridges that little or nothing was done by the Club hawks at this quarry.

The usual number of passage hawks was sent over by Mollen in Dec.

List of Game killed 1886. (including goshawk, and W.H. St. Quintin's hawks.)

Rooks.	167.
Magpies.	8.
Curlews.	11.
Grouse.	97.
Partridges.	46.
Pheasants.	15.
Rabbits.	112.
Moorhens.	16.
Sundries.	11.
Total:	483.

Sent to Field. Feb. 1887.

[When rook hawking, bird or birds refer to partridges.]

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Members of the Club as on 1886.

Hawks:	Spring 1887.		
"Vesta"	Eyass	falcon	5 yrs. old.
"Elsa"	Passage	falcon	2 yrs. old.
"Marjory"	do	do	2 yrs. old. Sold £6.
"Marpessa"	Haggard	do	2 yrs. old. Died in June.
"Farthingale"	Passage	do	1 yr. old.
"Ragazza"	do	do	1 yr. old. Lost in April.
"Lucetta"	do	do	1 yr. old.
"Bessy Bedlam"	do	do	1 yr. old.
"Queen of Trunps"	do	do	1 yr. old. Cut a drift.
"Lady Wildair"	do	do	1 yr. old.
"Shuttlecock"	do	do	1 yr. old. Sold £3.
"Destiny"	Passage	tiercel	4 yrs. old. W.H. St. Quintin's
A tiercel	1 yr.	old.	C. Frost's

A very hard cold winter. Long frost in Jan. and Feb. Sent hawks (which were very backward,) to Everley on March 10th. On the 15th. a tremendous fall of snow came, and a hard frost set in, 17 and 18 degrees nightly, which lasted till the 22nd. The cold in the day was bitter and a foot of snow on the ground. B. Heywood Jones arrived on the 21st.

March 22nd. Out for a few hours, awful weather, did nothing.

March 24th. "Elsa" and "Cymba" ["Ragazza"] flew well together and killed a rook. "Marjory" flew well and put in to Hougoumont.

March 25th. A gale of wind. G.L. out alone. Flew "Elsa" and "Cymba" once. They both flew well, the young hawk caught, but let go, and the rook escaped.
1 flight.

March 26th. A better day, but windy. "Elsa" and "Lady Wildair" easily beaten by a good rook. "Marjory" and "Cymba" flew a good flight but were beaten to Everley after "M" had cut his tail out. "Elsa" and "Lucetta" flew a pretty flight and killed clever in the open. "Marjory" ["Marjorie"] and "Farthingale". The young one led high and well to the rooks, they divided and "Marjory" killed second stoop, the young one flew a good hard flight first to a fold then into Everley. "Elsa" and "Lady Wildair" divided. Each flew a good flight to the Church at Everley. "Lady Wildair" putting in to some stacks on the way and hunting well. Finally she rattled her rook out of tall trees and the old hawk came in and caught it clever. A bad crab on the ground but no damage done.
5 flights.

Scores: Everley March 1887.

March/April.	25th.	26th.	28th.	29th.	30th.	31st.	1st.	2nd.	4th.
"Elsa"	1	1+	2+	2	1+	1		1c	1
"Marjorie"		1		2+	1+			1+	
"Lady Wildair"		1+	1+			1+			1
"Marpessa"					1+				
"Lucetta"					1+			1+1	1
"Bessie Bedlam"						1+		1+	1+
"Farthingale"						1+			
"Queen of Trumps"									
"Shuttlecock"									
"Ragazza" ("Cymba")				1+	1+	1		1+	1+1
"Destiny"									1b
"Daniels"								1*	
"Vesta"									
Total:	1	3	3	5	5	5		7	7
Flights:	2	5	5	6	7	6		8	8

April 1887.	5th.	6th.	7th.	8th.	9th.	13th.	14th.	15th.	16th.	19th.
"Elsa"	1	1	1		1			1	1	1
"Marjorie"					1+1	1				1
"Lady Wildair"			1			1	1		1	1
"Marpessa"									1+	
"Lucetta"					1				1	1
"Bessie Bedlam"	1				1			1+		1
"Farthingale"				1	1+			1+		
"Queen of Trumps"										
"Ragazza"	1	1	1	1	1+1	1	1	Lost.		
"Destiny"				1*						
"Daniels"									1*	
"Vesta"										
Total:	3	2	3	3	8	3	2	3	5	5
Flights:	2	3	5	6	10	4	7	5	8	10

April 1887.	20th.	21st.	22nd.	23rd.	25th.	26th.	27th.	28th.	29th.
"Elsa"	1	2		1+	1+		2	1	2
"Marjorie"	1	1+							1+
"Lady Wildair"		2		2		1	1	2	1
"Marpessa"	1			1+				1+	
"Lucetta"		1	2	1			1	1	1.1sc
"Bessie Bedlam"		1	1+			1+	1	1	
"Farthingale"				1+	1+			1	1+
"Queen of Trumps"									
"Shuttlecock"									
"Ragazza"									
"Destiny"	1*1b		1o	1*					
"Daniels"				1*				1*	1b+
Total:	5	7	4	8	2	1	5	8	9
Flights:	6	7	6	6	2	1	6	8	9

April/May.	30th.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.	9th.	10th.	11th.
"Elsa"	1+		1	1	1+		1	1	1j	2
"Marjorie"			1	1			1	1	2	
"Lady Wildair"		1	1	1	1		1			
"Marpessa"			2			1c+		1		1c1
"Lucetta"	1p		1				1	1	1	2
"Bessie Bedlam"	1+	1		1+	2	1	1	2	1	2
"Farthingale"			1+		1		1.1sc	1	1	2
"Cymba"										
("Ragazza")										
"Destiny"					1*				1*+	1*+
"Daniels"				1*				2*=		
Total:	3	2	7	5	6	2	7	9	7	11
Flights:	4	2	6	5	7	2	5	6	8	12

May 1887.	12th.	13th.	14th.	16th.	17th.	Total.
"Elsa"	1	2	2	3	2	46.
"Marjorie"	1+	1		1+1	1	23.
"Lady Wildair"	1	1		1	1	27.
"Marpessa"	1+	1+1	1+1	2	1c1	20.
"Lucetta"	1	1	1			25.
"Bessie Bedlam"	1c	2	2	3	1+1	35.
"Farthingale"	1c	1	1+	3	1	23.
"Cymba"						14.
"Destiny"						9.
"Daniels"						8.
Total:	7	10	8	14	10	230.
Flights:	9	13	11	15	12	275.

Average: Kills .76 Flights: 6.5

Crows	6.
Rooks	203.
Jackdaws	1.
Curlews	2.
Magpies	13.
Various	5.
	230.

+ = assisted by another hawk. * = magpie. sc = stone curlew. c = crow. b = blackbird.
p = wood pigeon. o = ousel. j = jackdaw. s = sundry.

March 28th. Everleigh. Half a gale of wind. "Elsa" and "Lady Wildair": the old hawk brought the rooks round and the young one killed: a bad rook. Flew "Marjory" and "Farthingale", who divided at once, the young hawk raking off down wind and leaving her rook after a few stoops: the old hawk couldn't act in the high wind, and was taken down when the rooks had got up high. "Elsa" and "Cymba" flew a beautiful flight, with a lot of stooping, both going well; the old hawk finally

caught and the young one came in and crabbed, and they let the rook go. "Marjorie" and "Farthingale". The young hawk took off after a flock of pigeons: the old one stuck to her rook for some time, and put in some good stoops, but at last gave up. "Elsa" and "Lucetta" both went up high at once, the old hawk killing first stoop. 5 flights 3 rooks.

March 29th. Towards Beaches Barn. "Elsa" and "Lucetta" - both flew well but the old one killed before the young one put in a stoop. "Marjorie" and "Farthingale". A very long slip; the old hawk put into a fold and killed after a hunt, the young one giving up. "Lady Wildair" and "Cymba" crabbed at first going off but then flew well and put into gorse. "Elsa" and "Farthingale". The old one killed first stoop. "Marjorie" and "Lady Wildair". The young hawk went up first and made a fine stoop and the old one killed, crabbed on the ground and let go. "Elsa" and "Cymba" both flew well, and after a good stoop from "Elsa", "Cymba" got hold. Very hot sun and no drink out! 6 flights 5 rooks.

March 30th. Towards Sidbury Hill and back by Hougoumont. "Elsa" and "Cymba" went up well to a long slip, the young hawk going up very high; "Elsa" drove him down with a good stoop and the young one came in with a rattle and caught. "Marjorie" and "Farthingale" flown at a flock near Hougoumont, the old hawk hitting a rook hard her first stoop, and then catching. "Lady Wildair" flew in grand form, and put in some first rate stoops, but was bothered by a bird getting up under her, and left her rook. "Lucetta" and "Cymba" were flown at a very bad rook, which the former killed first stoop. "Elsa" and "Marpessa" went up high, the old hawk killing before the haggard had had a chance of getting a stoop in. "Marjorie" and "Bessie Bedlam" put into a sheep fold, where the young hawk sat on him. "Elsa" and "Queen of Trumps" put into a fold after a few nice stoops: the old hawk tried to sit on him, and he got up with a long start, the young hawk having given up. The old hawk went ringing after him very high, when Mr. Brown unfortunately got up under her, and met with a severe accident. The young hawk was very nasty to take down, and eventually had to be snared. 7 flights 5 rooks.

March 31st. Upavon way. Fine morning, but rain all afternoon. "Elsa" and "Lucetta" divided: the old hawk killed first stoop. The young one put into some gorse, rat hunted well, and then went ringing up after them very high, but finally left her rook. "Marjorie" and "Farthingale" at a rook on passage, the young hawk showed most speed, and killed after the old one had put in a stoop or two. "Lady Wildair" flew in grand form, but only played with her rook, and left him after a few stoops. "Elsa" and "Marpessa" divided, but the haggard came in and killed after the old hawk had had a few stoops. "Cymba" and "Lucetta" divided: the former caught her rook first stoop, but couldn't hold him, and killed after a long rat hunt round a stack. "Lucetta" took the highest rook of the lot, and went up a good height with him, when she got her eye on a pewit, and after one or two stoops she came in to the other hawk's kill. "Marjorie" and "Lady Wildair" divided but the young hawk came in and killed cleverly, after the old one had had a few stoops. 6 flights 5 rooks.

April 1st. was a gale of wind, and the hawks couldn't go out.

April 2nd. Upavon way. Fine day, with light breeze. "Lucetta" and "Cymba", divided at a big flock, but after a few stoops came in again at the same rook, which "Lucetta" caught. Both flew too keen. We then drove two magpies out of the big gorse, and had a desperate hunt, both tiercels flying right well: at last they divided: "Destiny's" mag. put into a barn and beat him, "Daniels" went on and killed his magpie unassisted. "Elsa" and "Bessie Bedlam" put into a gorse bush, the young hawk catching. "Marjorie" and "Farthingale" were beaten after a very long rat hunt in a big gorse: the young hawk flying very keen, but trying to sit on him: the old hawk flying rather weak. "Elsa" and "Marpessa" were slipped at a crow, which took no notice of them, and which "Elsa" nailed first stoop. "Marjorie" and "Lady Wildair": the young hawk, though slipped last, was first up, and made

a fine stoop with an upward cut at the end: the old hawk then killed. "Lucetta" and "Farthingale" divided: the former killed cleverly, second stoop: the latter put into a big fold, hitting her rook hard once, and then came back to the kill. "Cymba" and "Marpessa" went off a great pace to a tremendous long slip, the haggard leading; she brought the rooks back, but waited too long before she stooped, and the young hawk came in and caught first stoop.

8 flights - 5 rooks - 1 crow - 1 magpie.

Score for the week: (5 days only).

32 flights. 23 rooks - 1 crow - 1 magpie.

April 4th. Beecher's Barn country. Fine with fresh breeze. "Lucetta" and "Farthingale" did not see their rooks for some time after being hooded off, which gave the rooks time to get up a great height. Then they rattled after them in grand form, and dividing, "Farthingale" put into Beecher's Barn and "Lucetta" killed close to the Rookery. A very fine flight. "Marjorie" and "Bessie Bedlam" flew a very pretty flight at a good rook, with lots of stooping, the young hawk going fastest, and killing. "Elsa" and "Cymba" divided, the old one crippling her rook first stoop; the young one put into a fold and killed cleverly, unassisted. "Lucetta" and "Marpessa" put into some premises, and then into a tree. The young hawk wouldn't hunt and raked away: the haggard hunted keen, but was taken down. "Bessie" and "Marjorie" put into the same place, after hitting their rook hard twice. After a rat hunt the old hawk gave up, very blown; the young one ringing up after the rook a good way, was then taken down. "Lady Wildair" rattled up over a flock a great pace: she let them pass under her and made a splendid down wind stoop, which no rook could have shifted from. "Cymba" and "Farthingale" flew a nice flight in the same place, both going very well, and the former killing. "Destiny" and "Daniels" flew a pair of blackbirds out of a gorse: the old tiercel killed one and carried it up into a tree, and we had to sit and watch him eat it, before we could get him. The young tiercel very nearly got the other one.

8 flights - 6 rooks - 1 blackbird.

April 5th. A cold day but calm. "Elsa" killed well near Lower Everley - "Cymba" and "Bessie Bedlam" divided, the latter killed well - the former raked away and was lost for several hours, but at last was found by great luck, by Frost. No more was done.

3 kills 2 flights.

April 6th. An awful gale of wind - almost an impossible day. Col. Ward Bennett, Francis Denison and Sir G. Codrington came up for the day from Lyndhurst and at 3 o'clock an attempt was made. "Elsa" and "Cymba" flown together, both went grandly and killed at second stoop, a right and left, a great performance. "Bessie Badlam" could not face the wind. "Elsa" and "Lucetta" flew a good flight in the teeth of the gale but were beat to Hougoumont farm. Went home at 4.30. The worst day I ever was out hawking.

3 flights, 2 kills.

April 7th. Nearly as bad as yesterday. Flew "Elsa" who went down wind to the Everley rookery. "Lucetta" flew a good flight to the same place. Moved to Hougoumont and flew "Elsa"; killed well second stoop. "Lady Wildair" flew in grand form and killed fourth stoop, in a gale of wind. "Cymba" got well over her rooks, and fetched in to a small covert, after carrying on to Tedworth rookery, where she killed.

(Upon this day there dined with the Club the worthy Rector of Everley. A man well versed in natural history, and full of strange tales about birds and beasts. He told us that the Collingbourne Woods hard by, abounded with snakes, and related to us the following FACT for the truth of which he vouched. A certain woman, being at the time great with child fell asleep in the woods and there lay with her mouth open: A snake was seen to approach her, (and as according to the good priest they invariable custom is,) to dart down her throat! Consternation prevailed, and none knew what t'were best to do. Yet an old greybeard of the company skilled in the habits of these reptiles counselled the others that no word be spoken to the woman, that she be not awaked, lest haply she

might feel some alarm, which in her condition might be injurious. And saith he, at the due time of her delivery she shall bring forth snake and babe together. These councils prevailed and lo! in due course the woman brought forth a snake, which had devoured the greater part, (yet not the whole,) of the babe within her, and the woman knew not of it till she was delivered! And at the relating of this marvel were resent - The Sec. of the Club, W.H. St. Quintin and my Lord Wenlock; this seventh day of April 1887.)

April 8th. Windy but rather better, though very cold. "Elsa" flew near Beaches Barn, a grand flight, stooping down wind in true wild style, catching at the third beautifully, but came with much force to the ground, that she let go and the rook escaped. "Lady Wildair" went well over rooks, put into gorse and gave up. "Lucetta", a fine flight and good ring putting into a farm, where we had a hunt in the midst of which Mr. Brown intervened and saved the rook. "Ragazza" (late "Cymba") put well into a fold and killed. "Marjorie" and "Marpessa". The old hawk flew well and put into a fold where a good deal of hunting took place but a dog put her off. "Farthingale" and "Ragazza" both flew capitably and killed. A long magpie hunt resulted in the death of a very crafty old cock at the foot of "Destiny".

April 9th. Cold, but a nice hawking day. Out round Hougoumont farm etc. "Lucetta" and "Marpessa" had a bad chance, and never got sighted. "Elsa" flew cunning and turned down wind killing a rook which came under her, with a magnificent second stoop from a great height. "Elsa" and "Farthingale" flown together, the young hawk killed. "Marpessa" and "Cymba" flown together, the young hawk killed in a fold, and the haggard crabbed and the rook got away after being fairly caught. "Marjorie" and "Farthingale", the old hawk killed after two splendid stoops. "Lady Wildair" from an awkward slip, got beaten up wind to Hougoumont. "Bessie Bedlam" and "Lucetta" divided, the former killed at the Everleigh Rookery: "Lucetta" was beaten at the same covert after a really fine flight. "Cymba" had a very long slip at a flock, and getting up a great height, knocked her rook first stoop. "Marjorie" and "Lucetta" divided, and each killed second stoop, high in the air, and only about 50 yards apart. "Cymba" was beaten to Hougoumont.

10 flights. 8 rooks.

During week. 34 flights - 24 rooks, 1 magpie, 1 blackbird.

W.H. St. Quintin left on Saturday 9th. The hawks did not go out again till Wednesday 13th., when B.H. Jones returned from the North.

April 12th., the hawks moved from Everleigh to Amesbury.

April 13th. Stonehenge and Longbarrow country. Cold and stormy, but no rain. "Lady Wildair" flown at a flock, crippled her rook first stoop, and killed. "Cymba" killed cleverly in a fold. "Elsa" had two stoops at a rook on passage and then gave up, flying very weak. "Marjorie" and "Marpessa" flown at a crow, near Shrewton X Roads. They both flew very badly and were beaten to covert. "Marjorie" raked away and was not found till 6 o'clock, on a rook. 4 flights - 3 rooks.

April 14th. Beacon Hill. Cold with high wind, but fine. A most unlucky day. "Lucetta" was beaten at a big fold. "Lady Wildair" flew a grand flight, with some fine ringing, and killed with a splendid stoop. "Bessie Bedlam" and "Farthingale" would not face the wind: but after the rooks had got at least half a mile away, "Farthingale" rattled after them very hard and was only just beaten to the Rookery. "Cymba" and "Marpessa", after a few stoops the rook got up high, and the haggard gave up. The young hawk stuck to him, made a grand ring, and then killed with a most beautiful stoop, high in the air. "Lucetta" had two or three stoops and then gave up. "Marjorie" and "Queen of Trumps" never saw the rooks they were slipped at. "Cymba" and "Marpessa" had not room enough,

and put into covert without a stoop. The haggard stayed to hunt, but the young hawk went on to the Rookery and was lost. Ended up with an unsuccessful attempt at a brace of magpies in the covert on the Marlboro Rd. 7 flights 2 rooks.

April 15th. Beacon Hill and Bulford fields. Fine and warm in the morning, windy and cold in the afternoon. "Lucetta" and "Farthingale" had a pretty flight at a good rook, the latter killing. "Elsa" killed first stoop. "Lady Wildair" was beaten up wind to Bulford Rookery. Flown again she was beaten to Covert among the bushes on the track to Everleigh. Both were very bad chances, and she flew her hardest each time. "Marjorie" and "Bessie Bedlam", with very little room, put into one of the clumps at the end of Nine mile water. After a long rat hunt the young hawk killed. From 2.30 to 6.30 only two flights were obtained, though no time was wasted and a lot of ground gone over. Very few rooks about, and what there were, were utterly unapproachable. 5 flights 3 rooks.

April 16th. Porton Firs. Fine. "Lady Wildair", with very little room, ran straight into her rook. The tiercels killed a magpie after a long hunt, both going very well, and the young one killing. "Farthingale" turned down wind at the wrong rooks and was beaten to covert. "Lucetta" was beaten up wind to the gorse by the Salisbury road, but hunted splendidly, and after getting him out without any assistance, she drove into a thorn bush and caught him, but got hung up by a jess and couldn't hold him. "Elsa" and "Queen of Trumps" divided: the old hawk put into a stack and killed and the young one came in to the worry. "Marjorie" and "Marpessa" went up pretty high; the haggard was first up and made a good stoop, the old one then drove him down into a pond, and the haggard killed after a hunt. "Bessie Bedlam" and "Farthingale" turned down wind at the wrong rooks and were beaten to covert. "Lady Wildair" made a couple of good stoops and then gave up. "Lucetta" flew very hard from a very long slip, and killed down by the river. 8 flights 4 rooks 1 magpie.

Killed during week. (4 days only).
24 flights. 12 rooks 1 magpie.

B.H. Jones left on Saturday for Lyndhurst and returned early on Tuesday 19th. O.H. Jones [Oliver,] came on the 18th.

April 19th. Stonehenge. Fine and very hot. "Lucetta" turned off at the wrong rooks, and killed close to the Druid's Head Lodge. "Lady Wildair" flew in very fine form, and killed first stoop. "Marjorie", with "Marpessa", flew her rook hard to covert and put in, after some good stoops. The haggard had turned off at a peewit, but came in and killed in a bush. # "Bessie Bedlam", with "Farthingale", gave up at once. "Farthingale" had a stoop or two and then gave up to. "Elsa", with "Shuttlecock", went up well with a ringing rook, but the young hawk raked away and had to be taken down, and the old one came down with her. "Lucetta" made a couple of good stoops, but gave up when the rook got above her. "Marpessa", with "Marjorie", gave up; the old hawk flew well but was beaten to some trees. "Lucetta" and "Shuttlecock" turned to the wrong rooks, and were beaten to covert: "Lucetta" feathering him before he got in. "Marjorie" and "Queen of Trumps" divided: the old hawk put into gorse and gave up: the young one followed her rooks to near Virgo and then turned back. "Elsa" and "Bessie Bedlam" divided: the old hawk put into a fold and sat on him: the young one killed cleverly. 10 flights 5 rooks.
Scored to "Marjorie", who did all the work.

April 20th. Bulford Fields. Fine. Very hot morning. Strong breeze got up in evening. "Lady Wildair" was beaten up wind to Bulford Rookery. "Lucetta" killed a bad rook first stoop. We beat a pair of magpies out of the belt into the thorn bushes: both tiercels flew capitally and "Destiny" made a brilliant kill in a bush. "Marpessa", flown with "Marjorie", gave up. The old hawk turned away at a flock down wind and killed easily. "Elsa" was flown with "Shuttlecock" at a flock, the

young hawk wouldn't go but the old one flew in her old form and killed cleverly, the young one coming in to the kill. "Lady Wildair" turned down wind at a rook half a mile off, and was beaten to covert. Found two more magpies at the end of Nine mile water, but bungled the drive, and the tiercels never saw them. "Destiny" killed a blackbird that got up under him, and Mr. Brown got severely wounded but was just rescued in time. "Lady Wildair" was beaten again to Bulford Rookery, from a very awkward slip; flying very hard, but too keen.

6 flights 3 rooks 1 magpie 1 blackbird.

April 21st. Netheravon. Cool and cloudy with fresh breeze. "Lady Wildair" took the very farthest rook of a flock, and was beaten up wind to a fold. After a long hunt we got some out and she killed. "Lucetta" killed well, first stoop. "Elsa", (with "Shuttlecock") put into a fold and sat on him. "Destiny" hit a curlew hard, but didn't hold, and the young tiercel wouldn't help. "Bessie Bedlam" flew in very good form near Elbarrow, and killed second stoop. "Elsa", with "Farthingale" flew very hard from an awkward slip, and just managed to nail her rook, first stoop, before he could put into some premises. "Marjorie" and "Marpessa" both flew hard, the former doing most of the work, and one of them killed in a straw yard. "Lady Wildair" again took the farthest rook and flew a very fine flight, killing close to covert.

7 flights 7 rooks.

April 22nd. Druid's Head. Cloudy, with strong wind. An unlucky day. "Lucetta" killed on the ground near the Stones. B.H. Jones' horse was startled by people galloping up, went off with the weight which he twisted round his legs, and broke his knees badly. "Elsa" flew very hard to the Stones, put in and after a long hunt with no one to help her, gave up and raked away. A lot of time wasted getting her, and another horse. Got a couple of magpies out of Normanton gorse, but they beat us up wind to covert, the tiercels never getting a stoop. "Lady Wildair" got well above her rooks and then turned away down wind to some rooks half a mile away, and was beaten to a belt after some good ringing and stooping. "Bessie Bedlam", (with "Farthingale",) flew very well by the Druid's head course, putting in to the gorse and killing after a hunt, in which the other hawk, who till then had done nothing, joined. "Elsa", flown with "Shuttlecock", gave up almost at once. The young hawk never tried. "Shuttlecock" was flown again with "Lucetta", and did exactly the same thing - "Lucetta" flew a grand flight, high in the air, and killed in grand form, second stoop. The tiercels ended up with a desperate hunt at a hen ring-ousel in the bushes below Normanton gorse: the ousel was finally caught and given to them.

6 flights 3 rooks 1 ousel.

April 23rd. Porton Firs. High wind with occasional showers. Calmed down in the evening. "Lady Wildair" killed on the edge of the firs, the rook trying hard to get in up wind, but kept out by bad language. The tiercels each killed a magpie in Princess' gorse, flying splendidly. "Farthingale" and "Bessie Badlam" both flew well to Princess' gorse, the former feathering him once: after a tremendous long hunt, in which they both worked capitally, "Farthingale" sat on him in a bush. "Elsa", with "Shuttlecock", killed brilliantly second stoop, the young hawk getting a stoop in between. "Marjorie" and "Marpessa" had a long rat hunt in the gorse bushes by the Salisbury road, the haggard killing. "Lucetta" put into a big fold, and after a long hunt in which she knocked her rook down once, she gave up, and raked away to Porton Rookery where she killed. O.H. Jones, in hot pursuit of her, took a severe toss over a desperate fence, about 18 inches high or maybe less. "Lady Wildair", flown late in the evening when the light was very bad, never saw her rooks till they got a long start. She then rattled after them a great pace, and killed down by the River. Very good day.

4 flights - 6 rooks 2 magpies.

Killed during week (5 days only) 35 flights. 24 rooks. 3 magpies. 1 blackbird & 1 ring-ousel.

On Sunday 24th. F. Salvin arrived with the Rev. Onslow Parson, also "The Sub-inspector", and the "Artful Dodger".

April 25th. Otter hunting at Pewsey. Blank up till 12 o'clock when we left them. Got out in the afternoon round Porton Firs; flights very hard to get, and rooks as wild as deer. "Bessie Bedlam" and "Farthingale", put into a thick plantation, where the latter went in and hunted in the most extraordinary way, like a terrier at a rabbit, killing unassisted. Got a magpie out of the same place, and had him at our mercy, when Mr. Brown intervened and saved him. "Elsa" and "Shuttlecock" flew a scrambling flight, the old grabbing him in the air: the young hawk flew keen but didn't seem to know where to stoop. No more flights to be got. 2 flights 2 rooks.

April 26th. A gale of wind and terrific storms of rain. "Lady Wildair" flown once in morning and killed - nothing more done the whole day.

C. Tracy came in the morning. G. Lascelles and E.W.B. Portman met the hawks at the Druid's Head.

April 27th. Beacon Hill. Cold, with frequent heavy showers of hail and rain. "Lady Wildair" killed cleverly in the valley near the Andover Road. "Elsa" flew a capital flight in the same place, and killed after putting into a cart, and then making a ring. "Bessie Bedlam", with "Shuttlecock" killed in the same place. "Lucetta" flew at a flock near the Amesbury Road, and killed in capital form. "Farthingale", flown with "Marpessa" at a rook on passage took after pigeons. The haggard flew well, but got beaten to covert. "Elsa", flown with "Marpessa", killed first stoop, in grand form. "Farthingale" flew a curlew into the middle of Porton Firs, and then was lost for a long time, but finally found near the Salisbury Road. 6 flights 5 rooks.

April 28th. Netheravon and Long Barrow. Fine bright day. "Lady Wildair" killed easily near the road. "Elsa" killed in fine form first stoop. "Lucetta" flew well and killed near the Bustard. "Bessie Bedlam" and "Farthingale" put into some premises, and then into a stick-heap: both hawks sat down, and Tracy caught the rook, but threw it up before the hawks saw it, and it escaped. "Marjory" and "Marpessa" flew a very pretty flight, stoop for stoop, the haggard doing most work, and put into some premises, one of them killing- (Scored to "Marpessa".) "Elsa" put into premises, and after a long hunt the rook began ringing, when she left him and raked away. "Farthingale" and "Bessie Bedlam" divided, the former killing cleverly. "Bessie" put into a clump, hitting her rook very hard, and then raked away and killed a rook by the river. Had a capital flight at a magpie, high in the air, stoop for stoop, the young tiercel catching. "Lady Wildair" flew in grand form, killing second stoop. 8 flights - 7 rooks 1 magpie.

April 29th. Druid's Head. E. Portman and G. L. arrived. "Lucetta" killed handsomely at second stoop. "Lady Wildair" ditto at first try. "Farthingale" and "Bessie" flew a long fine flight putting in to a thrashing machine and killing. "Elsa" put into gorse but threw herself over a rook that would not put in and killed him. "Shuttlecock" would not try a bit; later on this flight was repeated almost exactly. "Lucetta" went grandly up over rooks but after one stoop a curlew got up just under her and she nailed him. "Bessie B" killed a rook well, high up over a fold and "Farthingale" put in. The tiercels had a good blackbird hunt, both going well, the quarry being finally taken alive. Great assistance rendered by the new and unique method of expelling, or blasting a blackbird from a bush invented and practised only by S. Mendax. 9 flights - 7 rooks, 1 curlew, 1 blackbird.

April 30th. Porton Firs. Cold east wind. Large field out, and very unlucky day. Flights impossible to find. "Bessie B" and "Farthingale" flown near the firs: the latter, first up made a stoop and missed, when "Bessie", who had gone up very high, killed. "Elsa", with "Shuttlecock", caught first stoop, but came down so hard he broke loose on the ground, and the young hawk collared him. "Lady Wildair" with very little room, was beaten to covert, flying very keen. "Lucetta", flew very shifty,

put rooks in, and then raked away and was lost near Porton. Everyone, having to catch trains, then left. 4 flights 2 rooks.

During the week - 30 flights - 24 rooks, 1 curlew, 1 magpie & 1 blackbird.

"Lucetta" was found by John Frost, just before dark, on a wood pigeon near Porton, close to the place she put the rooks in.

May 2nd. Otter hunting at Porton all morning. Drew from Porton to Salisbury without a touch of an otter. Drizzling rain all the time. Out at Stonehenge in the afternoon: very thick weather, and impossible to see any distance. Flew "Lady Wildair" near the Stones: she was unsighted, which gave the rooks a long start; then she rattled after them and put them into premises where we lost sight of her in the fog. Found her some way off on her rook, close to covert. "Bessie Badlam" put into a stack and killed without assistance. No more done on account of heavy rain coming on.

2 flights 2 rooks.

May 3rd. Druid's Head. Fine warm day. E.W.B. Portman and R. Hargreaves came. "Marjorie" and "Marpessa", flown at a flock in the bottom, near the Stones, came down side by side, and each caught a rook at the same moment. The haggard's rook broke away and put in, and when it was put out she killed in good style, second stoop. "Elsa" put into a stack, after hitting her rook hard, and killed unassisted. "Bessie Bedlam" and "Farthingale" put into the thorn bushes near Druid's Head jumps, "Farthingale" killing. "Lady Wildair" flew in beautiful form near Shrewton X Roads, and killed. "Shuttlecock" was flown at a curlew, but wouldn't look at it, and raked away and was lost near Shrewton. "Lucetta" flew in grand form, putting in to a small belt, and killed after a most determined hunt. "Marpessa" and "Marjorie" divided, the former killing first stoop: the latter put into a big fold, and gave up after a long hunt. A magpie was got out of a covert near Druid's Head, but the tiercels never saw it, and Mr. Brown intervened in time to save it, and got stretched for his trouble.

6 flights 7 rooks.

"Shuttlecock" was found next morning by Ernest.

May 4th. Beacon Hill and Bulford. Flights very bad to get. "Lucetta" flew down to Beaches Barn, rather shifty. "Lady Wildair" a good flight of three stoops and a handsome kill. "Bessie B" and "Farthingale" went well up over a single rook, and killed second stoop. "Marjorie" and "Marpessa" killed a bad rook without difficulty in some gorse. A long hunt for magpies resulted in the death of one by the foot of "good old Daniels" at the first try. "Elsa" got a long slip on Beacon Hill and killed easy in a fold.

5 flights 4 rooks 1 magpie.

May 5th. Very hot indeed. Netheravon. "Lady Wildair" killed after putting in to a stack. "Bessie Badlam", (with "Farthingale",) put into the gorse near Stagg's Rookery and sat on him. "Farthingale" had a long hunt and killed. Beat for a magpie and got one out well, but the tiercels soared. Later on in the day, beat the same covert, and after a good hunt killed a magpie close to Stagg's Rookery. "Lucetta" put into a hedge: took after a woodpigeon, and finally stretched Mr. Brown. "Elsa" had eight or nine stoops at a very good rook, and put him down under a cart, where she tried to sit on him and the rook got up and a long way above her. She took to the soar, and was some time before being taken down. "Marjorie" and "Marpessa" flew well at a ringing rook, the haggard doing most work. When up very high they both turned away at a big flock a long way off, which they put into covert after a long hunt in some gorse, without killing. "Bessie Bedlam" and "Farthingale" divided at a flock, and each flew a pretty flight: "Bessie" put into a pond and killed, and the other hawk came in to help. "Elsa", with "Shuttlecock" killed cleverly over the gorse near Stagg's Rookery. The young hawk went keen, and did her best.

7 flights 5 rooks 1 magpie.

May 6th. Druid's Head. Steady rain all morning - Did not start till 2.30, and then hawks had only weathered for about an hour. "Bessie Bedlam" and "Farthingale" put into premises and had a long hunt, "Bessie" finally killing, the other hawk having gone after woodpigeons. Got a couple of magpies out of the covert near the Druid's Head, and should have killed them easily, but once Mr. Brown took them off, and afterwards the field was too eager and saved the mags. Both tiercels a bit shift. A thick cloud of blasphemy and bad language hung over the spot for long after we had left it. "Marpessa" and "Elsa" had a nice flight at a crow. The haggard fetched him in and caught, but let go, and the old hawk nailed him. Scored to the haggard who did most of the work.

2 flights 1 crow 1 rook.

May 7th. Lovely day. Porton Firs. Rooks desperately scarce. "Lady Wildair" first, a pretty flight with one good ring in it, and killed. "Lucetta" next killed an easy rook first stoop. "Farthingale" and "Bessy B" were slipped at a flock - the first killed first stoop, and "Bessy" killed hers at the third. "Marpessa" and "Marjorie" filled a small gorse chock full of blacks, and while "Marjorie" killed, the haggard fetched a rook away and just got hold in a hedge but was shaken off. The tiercels were flown at a good chance at a blackbird, but Monsieur Brown (of France) must needs interfere at exactly the wrong moment and got the full penalty with no allowances. "Farthingale" had a pretty flight at a curlew and caught him, and "Elsa" killed a rook in splendid form, first stoop.

5 flights 6 rooks.

May 8th. Lovely day. Out towards Nether Avon. "Lady W." flew a grand flight down into Bulford, failing to kill, but stooping and driving like a wild hawk. "Bessie B." and "Farthingale" slipped at a flock, divided, and each killed in splendid style. "Marjorie" and "Marpessa" also divided, the old hawk flying a beautiful flight and killing well away in the open, and the haggard, after putting in had a splendid turn round some stacks, ringing and stooping well and finally killing. "Lucetta" put into the same stacks but flew well and killed. "Elsa" was slipped with "Shuttlecock" but the young one took no part in the performance. "Elsa" had a long and fine flight far away down wind, killing in the open out of sight and was 1st for some time, but at last recovered on her rook. A well organized campaign against the Nether Avon magpies led to the death of the pair after two good hunts, and on the road home, "Bessie B." and "Farthingale" just managed to mop up a rook before he got in to a rookery newly started on the down near Long Barrow. 6 flights 7 rooks - 2 magpies.

May 10th. Druid's Head. On the way flew "Lucetta" who went up over rooks in the very finest form and killed after one ring at second stoop. "Marjorie" and "Marpessa" had a nice little flight and killed well - "Lady W." a fine flight - put into pond near to Druid's Head, and after a good hunt he got away, and down into the rookery with the hawk hard at him. Two magpies were found near the rookery and a most serious campaign took place. First they were driven round a series of clumps and at last one went away over the down towards Druid's Lodge. A long hunt with good stooping ensued - but from time to time "Col. Brown" would have his say, (and suffered accordingly,) and finally the tiercels were clean flown out and Mr. Mag. left in possession of a thick bush. An adjournment for luncheon was ordered which festival mag. watched with more suspicion than esteem. The tiercels being rested and the interiors refurbished, the flight recommenced and again missel thrushes, cuckoos and "My friend Brown" assisted this demon pie. Finally he was driven to a single bush, and the tiercels - took to the soar - A word or two escaped the Cara bineer and E.W.B.P. [Portman] gurgled abjurations in a waistcoat that holds many such - yet all was not lost - Ernest (Podasokus) went at full speed for reinforcements and returned armed with "Marpessa". By this time the soarers had been taken down, and one and all were launched out of the hood at poor Pie - and after a succession of brilliant stoops "Destiny" cut short the most momentous campaign, and the career of the most artful dodger on record.

"Marjorie" and "Marpessa" as usual killed cleverly. "Lady W." was beat to covert by a demon crow after a lovely flight. "Bessie B." and "Farthingale" made another of their clever right and left coups,

and old "Elsa" shifted from rooks and killed a fine old jackdaw after three clinking stoops. A good day.

May 11th. Bulford Field. A good day but showery. "Lady W." a good flight with fine stoops - but no blood owing to some sheep. Exactly the same thing in the afternoon. This brilliant hawk though flying well, is not in killing form. "Elsa" in her usual form cut a rook over first stoop, and "Bessie B." and "Farthingale" killed another right and left as neat as ever - repeating the process near Beaches Barn later in the day. "Lucetta" flew well to a long slip, put into gorse and killed. A foolish old rook waited in the gorse (an old cock he was too - should have learnt better,) till we got up "Marpessa" who killed him in pretty style. Marjorie" got beat handsomely by two good ones and "Elsa" killed again after a put in. "Marpessa" got done from the down pond into Beaches Barn - a good flight - and "Lucetta2 killed grandly at a long slip. Then a magpie was spotted well out on the down in some gorse and after a capital hunt was killed by "Destiny" - a noble old cock. A crow was found in the Nine mile water clumps and after a great deal of manoeuvring was worked on to the down - and after a pretty flight and a desperate hunt he succumbed to "Marpessa" and "Farthingale" who worked him ding dong, stoop for stoop. 12 flights 1 crow, 9 rooks, 1 magpie.

May 12th. The Bustard. Warm and fine. Good days sport. "Elsa" put into premises and after a short hunt raked away and killed near Shrewton. "Bessie Bedlam" put into same place, hunted well, but was at last beaten to covert, doing her best and feathering him once. "Farthingale" was also beaten to covert after hitting her rook hard. "Marjorie", (with "Marpessa",) knocked her rook senseless and sat on him. "Bessie" and "Farthingale", flown at a flock divided: "Farthingale" took a jackdaw, and got beat to covert. "Bessie", who seemed to feel the effects of her hard flight, changed to a peewit. "Marjorie", with "Marpessa", was up first and made a good stoop, when the haggard killed. "Lucetta" nailed her rook first stoop, but came down such a bump she let go, and killed after a short hunt in the Druid's Head bushes. "Wildair" put into a pond, and then into a clump. She then changed on to a flock, put them all into covert except one old bird who wouldn't go. She had several stoops at him round some premises, and then he began ringing. She went up with him to a great height, and then drove him down with a succession of brilliant stoops, but he just beat her to covert. The finest flight wot ever was seen! She went over the hill and killed a rook. We then saw an old crow sitting in a clump, and slipped "Bessie" and "Farthingale" at him. They flew him hard into the next Clump, out of which he was blasted with his wife, who went off her nest like a bullet. "Bessie" took the old cock and killed him first stoop. "Farthingale" put the old hen down into a gorse, out of which, with a little persuasion, she flopped right into the hawk's foot. Both crows were dead in less than two minutes after the hawks were hooded off. Beat a magpie out of Normanton gorse into the bushes, and had both tiercels well placed, but Brown saved him as usual.

9 flights 2 crows, 5 rooks.

May 13th. Stonehenge. Very cold, with strong wind: Good day's sport. "Lucetta" flew a beautiful flight at a jackdaw, with a lot of hard ringing and stooping over a bush, but got beaten to covert at last. "Bessie Bedlam" went high over her rooks and killed first stoop. "Elsa" flew hard down wind to Normanton gorse, feathered him twice in the low bushes, and then caught brilliantly over the covert. "Farthingale" and "Marpessa" divided: the former had two good stoops, when the haggard who had got up very high, left her own rook, and caught the other with a tremendous down wind stoop. "Marjorie" went up to her rooks, and then left them for a flock down wind, and killed. "Lady Wildair" killed first stoop, a real down wind snorter. "Lucetta" was beaten to the rookery by a real good rook, and killed an early youngster. "Farthingale" and "Bessie" divided at a big flock. The former killed third stoop, the latter fetched the whole flock in, and then killed first stoop. "Elsa" put a rook into gorse, and gave up after a hunt. "Marpessa" was beaten up wind to Stagg's rookery. Flew her again almost directly and she killed well, after a long hunt at a fold. "Marjorie" was beaten to covert after a very long hunt in folds and fences, flying very hard and well. If more than one

sportsman had been there to help her, she must have killed. "Elsa" killed cleverly in a big fold, after catching him once and falling among the sheep. 13 flights 10 rooks.

Score during week ending May 14th. 3 crows, 45 rooks, 1 jackdaw, 3 magpies. 59 flights.

May 14th. Porton Firs. Fine with fresh breeze. "Lucetta" killed first stoop. "Bessie" went high up to ringing rooks, made a grand ring and killed first stoop, high in the air. "Farthingale" was beaten to covert by a good rook. "Lady Wildair" never saw her rooks, turned down wind and was beaten to covert. "Marpessa", assisted by "Marjorie" killed in a fold after a long hunt. "Elsa" flew a grand flight to the Beech clump, killing on the very edge. "Lucetta" put into a flock of sheep and then raked right away and wasn't found for some time. "Bessie" with "Farthingale" killed first stoop, the latter beaten to covert. "Elsa" killed cleverly. "Marpessa" and "Marjorie" divided, the former killing after a hunt in a fold, the latter beaten to gorse. "Farthingale" and "Bessie" killed by the Salisbury Road: the latter doing most but the former killing. 8 rooks, 11 flights.

May 16th. Everleigh country. Fine with strong wind. First rate day. "Bessie Bedlam" killed in fine form, first stoop. "Farthingale" and "Marpessa" divided, each hitting her rook hard, and killing second stoop. "Lady Wildair" was beaten to some premises. The rook stayed there, so we brought "Marjorie" and killed him. "Elsa" killed in great form, after a nice flight. "Bessie Bedlam", flying beautifully, killed second stoop. "Lady Wildair" killed a bad rook second stoop. "Marpessa" put into a small fold, but birds got up under her, and led her away. "Bessie", from a very long slip, was beaten to covert, flying hard. "Farthingale" killed after a rat hunt up a fence. "Elsa" did the same. "Marjorie" and "Marpessa" divided, the former putting into a fold, but having no one to serve her, raked away. The haggard turned down wind and killed in a flock. "Bessie Bedlam" killed in fine form, first stoop. "Marpessa", with "Marjorie", again turned down wind, and killed in a flock. "Elsa" and "Farthingale" divided: the old hawk made a brilliant kill after a short hunt: the young one mopped up a very bad rook, apparently wounded. 15 flights 14 rooks.

May 17th. Bulford Fields. Hot and still. Capt. Allfrey came. "Bessie Bedlam" killed a bad rook second stoop. "Marpessa" and "Farthingale", slipped at some crows, caught hold in bushes but crabbed, and let him go: he got a long start when the haggard started after him and killed him cleverly third stoop. "Elsa" killed after a hunt in the bushes in Bulford Fields. "Bessie", assisted by "Farthingale", killed after a hunt in the trees at the end of Nine Mile water. "Marjorie" killed after a long hunt in the same place. "Marpessa" killed cleverly over some gorse. "Lady Wildair" put into some gorse and then took after birds. "Elsa" flew a pretty flight and killed after a lot of stooping down wind. "Lady Wildair" killed in fine form, third stoop. "Bessie Bedlam" killed after some ringing, second stoop. "Marpessa" after a lot of hard ringing, and hunting in two different gorses, was beaten to covert, flying hard and well. "Elsa" and "Farthingale" slipped at a crow, put into a clump. A woodpigeon came out under them, which they both feathered, and then pursued out of sight. The old hawk came back to look for us, but the young one was not found till dark, on a rook near Bulford Rookery. 12 flights 10 rooks.

A good team of hawks. Rooks very scarce.

June. Nests were got, one from the Needles, I.O.W.; two from Brynguy, Wales; three from Handa Island, Sutherlandshire and four from Horn Head. A tiercel was also sent from Sutherlandshire with half his tail out. All these were hacked at Lyndhurst. The nest from Handa Island was well taken and the hawks well grown and healthy. All flew well at hack - two tiercels and a falcon but each one of the three was taken sooner or later with a curious weakness or paralysis apparently across the back which deprived them of their power of flying. One tiercel died, the other and the falcon (which was not seized till after she was taken up from hack,) after being nursed for a few days seemed to

recover and were turned out again, when they gradually got right again. I have never known a similar case to this, nor can I account for it.

Aug. 2nd. "Bessie Bedlam" and "Farthingale" sent to moult at Feltwell.
Returned about Jan., beautifully moulted as usual from Feltwell.

Score of Grouse killed at Langwell 1887.

	Grouse.	Blackgame.	Pheasant.
"Elsa"	28.		
"Vesta"	40.		
"Lady Wildair"	13.		
"Lucetta"	2.		
"Handa"	6.	2.	2.
Welsh tiercel	6.		
Total:	99.		

"Elsa" was lost on Sept. 23rd. and not recovered till Oct. 4th. "Lady Wildair" was amiss a great part of the time.

Seven falcons, i.e. six red hawks and one haggard caught in Holland. A bad passage and rather more demand for passage hawks than usual.

"Bessie B." and "Farthingale" splendidly moulted by F. Newcome. "Elsa" and "Lady Wildair" put up in a loft at Lyndhurst made a fair effort to finish their moult in time for rook hawking.

Return of Game as sent to Field.	
Rooks & Crows.	209.
Magpies.	13.
Grouse.	95.
Blackgame.	2.
Pheasants.	2.
Wild Duck.	1.
Partridges.	114.
Hare.	1.
Rabbits.	112.
Water hens.	13.
Various.	11.
Total:	576.

The partridges killed by St. Quintin's excellent tiercels "Hermes", "Hero" and "Destiny". Rabbits, water hens etc. by the goshawk under his charge, imported by E. Portman in 1883.

Old Hawking Club 1888.

Except the alterations which may have been caused by old age, loss of hair and general deterioration, of morals and otherwise, the Club remains as it was in 1887.

The winter was cold and very late. Hunting was stopped nearly all February and part of March by frost, snow and bitter N.E. gales. Nothing could be done with the hawks except feed them high, and it was not until the 23rd. March that it was of any use to send them to Amesbury. On the 26th. B.H. Jones came down to take command and open the campaign but the weather was still very bad and unsettled.

March 27th. "Bessie B." and "Elsa" killed near Druid's Head. "Elsa" flown with "Farthingale" again killed first stoop.

2 flights.

March 28th. Beacon Hill. Showery and high wind. "Bessie" and "Farthingale": "Bessie" shut up, and "Farthingale" went well up to the rooks but would not persevere. "Elsa" and "Miriam" put in to a fold, flying well. "Bessie" and "Elsa" both killed well first stoop.

4 flights.

March 29th. Heavy rain, out in afternoon. "Bessie" and "Miriam" both flew well and keenly, and the old hawk killed. "Elsa" and "Farthingale"; the old hawk killed first stoop, and after making a stoop or two the other came in to her kill.

March 30th. (Good Friday). A dies moe. Heavy rain came on as we hooded off for the first flight and never ceased till dark. Flew "Farthingale" and "Miriam" who had a bad slip and flew a pretty flight down into Durrington and both were lost. After a spell "Miriam" was recovered but we had to go home wet through without the old falcon.

List of Hawks: March 1888.

	Passage falcons.		
"Elsa"	3 seasons.		
"Lady Wildair"	2 seasons.		
"Bessie Bedlam"	2 seasons.		
"Farthingale"	2 seasons.	Sold.	J. Mann. £7.10.0
"Handmaid"	1 season.	Put away for Blain.	
"Maruja"	1 season.	Lost.	
"Tartine"	1 season.	Killed for the Blain. Apr.	
"Gwendoline"	1 season,	haggard.	
"Dorothy"	1 season.		
"Seaweed"	1 season.		
"Miriam"	1 season.	Injured in wing.	Destroyed.
"Destiny"	Passage tiercel.	5 seasons.	W. St. Quintin.
"Vesta"	Eyass falcon.	6 seasons.	
"Stumpy"	Eyass tiercel.	1 season.	

Female goshawk, 4 yrs. old.

1888. Game killed by each individual hawk.

March/April.	27th.	28th.	29th.	30th.	31st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.
"Elsa"	2	1	1		1	1	1+1	1	1+	1
"Bessie B."		1	1			1	2	1+	1+1	2+
"Miriam"										
"Dorothy"							1			1+
"Lady Wildair"								1+	1	
"Gwendoline"										
"Farthingale"						1+	1	1+		1+
"Seaweed"									1c+	1
"Handmaid"										1+
"Maruja"										
"Destiny"										
"Stumpy"										
Total:	2	2	2	0	1	3	6	4	5	7
Flights:	2	4	2	1	4	5	6	7	7	7

April 1888.	7th.	9th.	10th.	11th.	12th.	13th.	14th.	16th.	17th.
"Elsa"	2+	2	2	1+	1	1	1	1c	1
"Bessie B."	3+	1		1+1	1	1+	1+	1.1+	1
"Miriam"		1+		1					1
"Dorothy"					1+				1
"Lady Wildair"	1+			1+	1+			1*	
"Gwendoline"									
"Farthingale"	1+	1+	1+		1+	1+	1+	1	2
"Seaweed"					1+			1+	
"Handmaid"									
"Maruja"									
"Destiny"								1*	
"Stumpy"									
Total:	7	5	3	5	6	3	3	7	6
Flights:	8	5	6	5	6	5	5	6	4

April 1888.	7th.	9th.	10th.	11th.	12th.	13th.	14th.	16th.	17th.
"Elsa"	2+	2	2	1+	1	1	1	1c	1
"Bessie B."	3+	1		1+1	1	1+	1+	1.1+	1
"Miriam"		1+		1					1
"Dorothy"					1+				1
"Lady Wildair"	1+			1+	1+			1*	
"Gwendoline"									
"Farthingale"	1+	1+	1+		1+	1+	1+	1	2
"Seaweed"					1+			1+	
"Handmaid"									
"Maruja"									
"Destiny"								1*	
"Stumpy"									
Total:	7	5	3	5	6	3	3	7	6
Flights:	8	5	6	5	6	5	5	6	4

April 1888.	18th.	19th.	20th.	21st.	24th.	25th.	26th.	27th.	28th.
"Elsa"	1		1+1	1+1c	2		1+	1	2
"Bessie B."			1		1		2+	1+	1+
"Miriam"									
"Dorothy"	1+		1	1+1					
"Lady Wildair"	1+		2	1			1c+	1+	1+
"Gwendoline"							1		
"Farthingale"	1+	1sc	2	2		1	1sc	1+	1sc
"Seaweed"		1+		1+1	1	1	1	1+1	1
"Handmaid"									
"Maruja"	1+		1		1		1	1	
"Destiny"									
"Stumpy"									
Total:	5	2	9	9	5	2	8	7	6
Flights:	6	2	9	8	7	6	9	8	6

April/May.	30th.	1st.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	7th.	8th.	9th.	10th.	11th.	12th.
"Elsa"	2	1		1	1						
"Bessie B."				1			1	1			
"Miriam"											
"Dorothy"	1+	1+		1+	1+1	1+	1	1	1	1	2
"Lady Wildair"	1+										
"Gwendoline"							1c+				
"Farthingale"	1sc						2sc		1	1sc1	1+1sc
"Seaweed"	1			1	1	2	1	1	2	1.1c	2
"Handmaid"											
"Maruja"	1	1	1								
"Destiny"											
"Stumpy"											
Total:	6	3	1	4	4	3	6	3	5	5	6
Flights:	7	3	1	6	4	6	5	6	9	9	7

May 1888.	14th.	15th.	16th.	18th.	Totals.			
"Elsa"	1	1	1		42.			
"Bessie B."	1+	2+			34.			
"Miriam"					3.			
"Dorothy"	1	2	1	1	25.			
"Lady Wildair"	1	1+			16.		Average:	
"Gwendoline"					2.		Kills:	.75
"Farthingale"					31.		Flights:	5.5
"Seaweed"					26.			
"Handmaid"					1.			
"Maruja"					8.			
"Destiny"					1.			
"Stumpy"								
Total:	4	6	2	1	189.			
Flights:	8	8	2	2	239.			

= = assisted by another hawk. * = magpie. c = crow. sc = stone curlew.

March 31st. Beacon Hill and Porton Firs. Dull. Rain all afternoon. The worst day on record. "Bessie" and "Miriam", (flown down wind,) both give-up directly the rooks began to ring. "Elsa",

with “Dorothy”, killed first stoop, when the young hawk came in and crabbed, and the rook escaped; (scored to “Elsa”.) “Bessie” and “Miriam” beaten to trees, both flying hard. “Elsa” put into the gorse bushes on Salisbury Road: the rook could not be blasted out, so she raked away at a distant flock and put them in: coming back she fell foul of Brown. 4 flights 1 Rook.

April 1st. Sunday. “Farthingale” was found by John Frost at Beecher’s Barn, with a full crop; and was caught without trouble. “Tartine” was executed for the blain.

April 2nd. Stonehenge. Dull with fresh breeze up to 4 p.m. when wind fell, and heavy showers came on till dark. “Bessie” and “Miriam” with a good chance, both gave up at once. “Elsa”, with “Farthingale”, killed first stoop. “Bessie”, with “Dorothy”, killed second stoop, the young hawk making one stoop, but otherwise not helping. “Elsa” and “Miriam” divided: the old hawk beaten to Stag’s Rookery after four rattling stoops: the young one ditto ditto, flying too keen, and trying to grab. “Farthingale”, with “Lady Wildair”, missed her first stoop, when “Wildair” came in a rattler and knocked him down, “Farthingale” catching him as he got up again. 5 flights 3 rooks.

April 3rd. Porton Firs. Very cold. Strong wind, with occasional showers of snow. “Elsa” and “Miriam” divided, the old one killing first stoop. The young hawk put into a fold, and after hunting, was beaten to covert, flying very keen. “Dorothy” with “Bessie”, ran straight into a bad rook. “Farthingale” and “Lady Wildair” divided, the former killing cleverly after three or four stoops. “Wildair” took the farthest and highest rook, and after some good stooping and ringing, was taken down, when it was seen that the rook was bound to get to the Rookery. When “Bessie” and “Miriam” were hooded off to the left of the Salisbury Road, birds got up under them, and the young hawk took after them. “Bessie” put into gorse and killed. “Elsa” and “Wildair” flew a beautiful flight, the latter knocked him down, and “Elsa” sat on him. “Bessie” killed in grand form, first stoop, a real rattler. 6 flights - 6 rooks.

April 4th. Everleigh country. Cold with fresh breeze. Cold storms, with snow showers, in afternoon: calmed down in evening. “Bessie” and “Dorothy”, after a stoop each, put into a hedge where the old one sat on him. “Farthingale” and “Miriam” flew well, the old hawk catching. “Bessie” and “Dorothy” divided, and were both beaten to the same covert, flying hard: a very pretty flight. “Elsa” put into a bush without a stoop, and tried to sit on him, but failed. “Farthingale” and “Wildair” flew hard and well, the latter catching, close to a barn. “Bessie”, with a very long slip, gave up. “Elsa” flew a rattling flight, close to Bulford, finally killing, with a side cut, on the very edge of the Rookery. 7 flights - 4 rooks.

April 5th. Elbarrow country. Bitterly cold, strong wind with snow at intervals. Cleared up in the evening. “Farthingale” and “Dorothy”, flown at rooks on passage, divided. The old hawk was beaten to the river, the young one turned down wind and was beaten to trees. “Bessie” and “Miriam” flew a pretty flight, with some ringing: the young hawk knocked him down, and “Bessie” caught him. “Elsa”, (and “Seaweed”:) the young hawk had never had a bagged rook loose, and didn’t go. “Elsa” fetched them back, after two rattling stoops, and the young hawk came in with a beautiful stoop and killed - A crow - “Farthingale”, with “Dorothy”, gave up at once. The young hawk flew a beautiful flight, ringing and stooping well, but was beaten to the Rookery. “Elsa” and “Handmaid” put into a pond, where the old hawk sat on him. “Farthingale” and “Lady W.” divided: the latter killed first stoop. “Farthingale” hit her rook hard, but was beaten down wind to the Rookery. “Bessie” put into a very big fold, and after a most desperate hunt, she nailed him. 7 flights. 1 crow. 4 rooks.

April 6th. Druid’s Head. Bright and fine, but cold. Fresh breeze. “Dorothy”, with “Farthingale”, got the first stoop, and knocked him senseless, when the old hawk sat on him. (Scored to “Dorothy”).

“Bessie” and “Miriam” flew a pretty flight, both hitting the rook hard, before the old hawk caught. “Elsa” and “Seaweed” divided, and both killed cleverly. “Dorothy”, with “Bessie”, never saw the rooks. The old hawk went hard from a long slip, and put into premises without a stoop. Too strong to dislodge them with only one man and hawk. “Elsa” and “Handmaid”: the old hawk brought them round and made a good stoop, when the young one killed cleverly. (“Handmaid”, like “Seaweed”, had not seen a rook, loose, before the 5th.) “Dorothy”, with “Bessie”, got in first stoop, when the old one killed. In the morning we found a pair of curlew, and put up “Lady Wildair”, but she wouldn’t look at them. 7 flights - 7 rooks.

April 7th. Porton Firs. Fine bright day: fresh breeze. “Miriam” , with “Bessie”, was first up, and made a poor stoop, when the old hawk killed at once. Later on this was repeated almost exactly. “Elsa”, with no assistance from “Handmaid”, flew a pretty flight, with a lot of down wind stooping, killing just outside a fold: the young hawk only came in to the worry. “Dorothy”, with “Farthingale”, made first stoop, and the old one killed. “Elsa” and “Seaweed” flew a beautiful flight, stoop for stoop; and after putting into a hedge, hunted him out and killed unassisted. Another rook had an extraordinary escape from “Wildair” and “Farthingale” in the same hedge, after being knocked down twice, and caught for a moment as well. “Dorothy”, with “Bessie”, made first stoop, when the old hawk killed at once. “Farthingale” and “Wildair” put into a pond, and the latter caught after a short hunt. 8 flights - 7 rooks.

Killed during week. 1 crow. 31 rooks. 40 flights.

April 9th. St. Quintin came. Everleigh country. Cold, fresh breeze: hazy and bad for seeing in the evening. “Bessie” and “Miriam” put into bushes, the latter killing. “Elsa”, with “Seaweed”, did the same and killed. “Dorothy” and “Farthingale” put into a bush, and the old hawk killed. “Bessie” and “Handmaid” divided, the former putting into gorse and killing after a hunt. The young hawk turned down wind and was lost for some time. “Elsa” flew a beautiful flight, killing first stoop in grand form. A hunt at the Beecher’s Barn mags, one of which we should have killed, had not the tiercels divided. 5 flights 5 rooks.

April 10th. Stonehenge. Merry sport indeed and laughable withal to see B.H.J. attach a pigeon by a creance to his pony and then liberate the twain on the open downs. Great cracking of sides to see the pony flying like a dog with a tin kettle tied to its tail, kicking up its heels at the dangling bird, the hawk stooping the while at the pigeon as it trailed behind; and at no great speed for many a mile tracked by odd fragments of pigeon till the frightened beast found a haven in the Druid’s Head by good luck. The pigeon was reserved as a study for a martyred apostle.

Fine: fresh breeze. “Bessy” and “Dorothy” divided and both put into the round covert above the Stones. “Farthingale” and “Wildair” put a lot of rooks into premises, hitting one hard. “Farthingale” went off down wind with a rook, and was followed by “Wildair”, and both were beaten to covert. “Elsa” with “Seaweed”, killed first stoop. “Bessie” and “Miriam” gave up when the rooks got up high. “Farthingale”, with “Dorothy”, caught after a nice flight: crabbed on the ground, and the rook escaped, but so much damaged, that he was caught again by the young hawk. “Elsa”, (with “Handmaid”, who wouldn’t go,) killed cleverly after a put in. 6 flights 3 rooks.

April 11th. Beacon Hill. Dull. Strong wind. “Farthingale” and “Miriam”, with no room, were beaten to covert, both going hard. “Bessie” and “Dorothy” divided: the old hawk flew a good flight, getting up very high, and fetched a rook down and on into a hedge, where “Dorothy” had brought her rook: they both got on the same, and the old one killed. “Elsa” (with “Seaweed”,) flew a pretty flight, putting into the hedge, and killing after a short hunt. “Wildair” and “Farthingale” flew a sensational flight from premises to the right of Salisbury Road. “Wildair” fetched them in from very high, and both hawks flew a rattling flight down wind, with lots of stooping, putting into the gorse the other

side of the Salisbury Road. Both went down in the gorse, and when we got up the rook went away and got a good start before the hawks got up again, but they rattled after him again, and killed over the hill above Winterbourne: above a mile from where we hooded off. "Miriam" and "Bessie" put into a fold, and both killed after a long hunt: the old hawk caught twice and was each time run over by sheep, and obliged to let go. 5 flights 5 rooks.

April 12th. Longbarrow. Drizzling rain all day, and mist so thick that rooks were hard to find. "Farthingale" and "Seaweed" flew a pretty flight, the young hawk killing. "Dorothy", with "Bessie", knocked her rook down twice, and "Bessie" sat on it. (Scored to "Dorothy".) "Elsa" flew a rattling flight, putting into premises after several stoops: after a long hunt she killed. "Wildair", with "Miriam", put into premises and killed. "Farthingale", with "Seaweed", killed a weak rook easily. "Bessie" and "Dorothy" divided, the former killing first stoop. The latter put into premises, and after a short hunt came in to the kill. 6 flights 6 rooks.

April 13th. High wind. Stonehenge. "Farthingale" with "Seaweed", killed first. "Elsa" flew a splendid flight, from a very long slip, fetched them all in and killed third stoop. "Wildair" and "Gwendoline" wouldn't go. "Dorothy", with "Bessie", at a rook on passage, had two cuts at her rook, and "Bessie" killed first stoop. Flew "Elsa", with "Miriam", at an impossible slip, at a fold, and down wind. She very nearly killed but was just beaten to premises. 5 flights 3 rooks.

April 14th. Fine day. Met at Porton. "Farthingale" and "Miriam" flew well, the young a little too keen, the old one killing. "Bessie" and "Dorothy" flew a similar flight at the same place and killed. "Lady W." and "C. Weed" were most rashly flown at a flock of rooks with a large number of pigeons among them. Of course the young hawk rattled off after a pigeon down into Wilbury; was lost for a while, and only secured by B.H. Jones after infinite trouble. The old hawk knocked a rook down twice and lost him after all. "Elsa" killed easy at a fold. "Bessie" and "Dorothy" flew a long flight up to Durnford rookery; unfortunately dividing and both putting in. Last scene of the day as we left for Lyndhurst was B.H.J's mare, the "big and hippy Batsay" disappearing over the sky line in the direction of the North Pole. 5 flights 3 rooks.

April 16th. Bulford Fields. "Bessie" and "Dorothy" divided, the old hawk going high and killing first stoop. "Dorothy" turned down wind and was beaten to covert. "Farthingale" and "Miriam" also divided, the old hawk beaten to trees after catching once. "Miriam" turned down wind and was taken down at Sidbury Hill. "Seaweed" and "Wildair" flew a fine flight with high stooping, the old hawk at last left her rook, and came in to help the young one, hitting her rook hard, when the young one caught. "Elsa", flown at crows in the valley between Sidbury Hill and the square Plantation, went high over them in the finest possible style, and killed after two brilliant down wind stoops. "Farthingale" and "Miriam", flown nearly down wind, divided; the young hawk put into bushes on Sidbury Hill and "Farthingale" killed. "Bessie" and "Dorothy" killed near Beecher's Barn. Finished at mags., "Destiny" killing one unassisted, while we seemed likely to be beaten by the other till "Wildair" was brought and killed him after a desperate hunt.

April 17th. Stonehenge. Windy and showery. "Farthingale" and "Maruja" divided, the old hawk killing, and the young one, beaten to covert, was lost for some time. "Bessie" and "Dorothy" divided. The old hawk got up a tremendous height, and killed first stoop high in the air. The young hawk put into hurdles and killed. "Elsa" flew a pretty flight and killed after some ringing and stooping, close to cover. "Farthingale" and "Miriam" put into premises, the old hawk going on and killing after much blasting. The young hawk flew a tremendous flight to the river, and killed, but could not be found from the darkness. 4 flights 6 rooks.

April 18th. Druid's Head. Strong wind, with heavy showers. (John found "Miriam" on her kill, with a full crop, early in the morning, but could not get her, although she was quite tame. Ernest staid [stayed] with her, and got her with a pigeon at 3.p.m.) "Farthingale" and "Seaweed" flew too keen, the old hawk killing. "Elsa", in a very bad place, put into premises near the Druid's Head. After a short hunt, she went out at a rook in the distance coming in to the Druid's Head, and was only just beaten in a rattling flight. "Dorothy" and "Bessie" had a long flight, putting first into a tree, out of which they hunted him without help, then hunted all down a fence, and put into premises, where "Dorothy" killed him. "Wildair" and "Seaweed" flew a pretty flight at rooks on passage, the old hawk killing cleverly. "Farthingale" and "Maruja" flew a rattling flight, stoop for stoop, the young one going in fine form, and killing. "Elsa", with a very long slip at rooks on passage, went off very low, so that they never saw her till she had them at her mercy, and killed first stoop. Good day's sport. 6 flights 5 rooks.

April 19th. Rain all morning: could not get out till 3 p.m. Stonehenge country. "Lady Wildair" and "Seaweed" were flown at rooks on passage, near the Bustard. The rooks began ringing at once, and got up a great height, the old hawk being up to them first. After five or six rattling stoops, up in the clouds, the young hawk caught, high in the air. The finest flight wot ever was seen. "Farthingale" caught a curlew without much trouble. No more flights could be got, until almost dark, on account of the frequent showers, when we got a bad chance near the Rookery, and "Bessie" and "Dorothy" were beaten without a stoop. 2 flights, 1 rook, 1 curlew.

April 20th. Bulford Fields and Beecher's Barn country. Showery. "Farthingale" and "Miriam" divided, the old hawk killing first, and the young one leaving her rook for the kill. "Bessie" and "Dorothy" also divided, and were both beaten to cover. "Elsa" killed second stoop in rare form. "Wildair" and "Seaweed" divided and both put into bushes; the old hawk killed without help, the young one tried to sit on him but failed. "Maruja", with "Fgale", killed first stoop. "Elsa" and "Gwendoline" flew a pretty flight, the old one killing after a hunt down a hedge. "Bessie" and "Dorothy", (a long slip on passage,) divided, the young hawk put into a stack and sat on him. The old one took the highest rook, and after a long stern chase, killed first stoop. "Wildair", (with "Seaweed",) killed easily after putting into a tree and the young one was carried away by birds which got up under her nose. "Farthingale" and "Miriam" knocked a rook into a gorse bush, and both tried to sit on him: the rook consequently escaped to the belt. The old hawk was bad to take down, and after being lost for some time, killed a rook out on the down, about half a mile off. 9 flights 9 rooks.

April 21st. W.H. St. Quintin left. Porton Firs. Dull, but no rain. Hardly any wind. "Lady Wildair" and "Seaweed" divided, the young hawk killing first stoop. The old hawk put into a big fold, with no one to help her, and had about twenty stoops, catching twice, but unable to hold. At last she went out up wind, at a rook who had got a long start, and flew a hard ringing flight, with a lot of stooping, and ended up with a hunt down a hedge and a kill: a very good performance. "Bessie" and "Dorothy" divided: the old hawk, beaten to covert, came back to help the young one who had put into a fold, and knocked the rook over, when the young one sat on it. "Farthingale", with "Maruja", killed first stoop. "Elsa" and "Gwendoline": the haggard was slipped first and made a good stoop, when "Elsa" killed. "Seaweed", with "Wildair", killed cleverly, after several stoops, the old hawk hitting him hard once. "Farthingale" with "Miriam" ran right into a rook. "Elsa", assisted but little by "Handmaid", killed a crow after a long hustle in the gorse bushes near Salisbury Road. "Bessie" and "Dorothy" at rooks on passage: the young hawk had a bad send off, and sat down, the old hawk never got on terms with them. "Dorothy" afterwards went off and killed in a fold by the river. 8 flights - 8 rooks 1 crow.

April 24th. Stonehenge. Horrible weather; high wind, bitterly cold, and as thick as pea soup. Very hard to find rooks, as it was impossible to see more than 200 yards. "Elsa" put into a fold and killed after a hunt. "Farthingale" was beaten to a hedge, and on into cover. "Wildair" had a hard ringing flight, not high, but having to ring for every stop, and was beaten to some premises, where she feathered him once, but the place was too strong to get him out. "Seaweed" flew in beautiful style and killed first stoop. "Maruja" went in grand form, hit her rook twice, and put into a barn. She waited on well, but would not stoop over the premises, and at last turned off at a rook coming in and killed him. "Elsa" flew a rattling flight with some hard ringing, and killed on a stack.

7 flights 5 rooks.

April 25th. Longbarrow. Gale of wind, and bitterly cold. "Maruja" flew in fine form but was beaten to covert. "Seaweed" put into a fold after a long flight, and sat on him. "Elsa" was beaten to covert, up wind, hitting him hard once. "Bessie" put into gorse a long way down wind, and there being no one to help her, gave up. "Farthingale" put into stacks, raked away and killed a rook at Stagg's Rookery. "Elsa" put into gorse, and when we got him out got beaten down wind to trees. Some time finding her. Home early. Wind too high for sport.

6 flights 2 rooks.

L.H. Jones came.

April 26th. Everleigh Country. High wind, but a little warmer. "Maruja" killed second stoop in good form. "Elsa" was beaten to a belt after several stoops, hitting hard once. "Wildair" and "Dorothy" divided and put into bushes, when the young hawk came to help the old one to kill a crow. "Handmaid", with her stiff wing, was quite unequal to a curlew. "Farthingale" caught the other one after a nice flight. "Elsa" and the Haggard put two rooks into a pond, where the haggard caught at once; "Elsa" flew a hard flight over the pond and finally gave up. "Seaweed" killed in good style first stoop. "Dorothy", with "Bessie", made first stoop, when the old hawk killed at once. "Maruja" never saw her rooks till they were half a mile off, went on after them, and put them into trees, and was taken down at Beecher's Barn Rookery. "Elsa", with "Farthingale", killed cleverly in an awkward place. "Bessie" with "Wildair", killed after a nice flight up wind.

9 flights. 1 crow, 6 rooks, 1 curlew.

April 27th. Druid's Head. Good day. "Bessie" and "Dorothy" flew a short flight and killed. "Wildair" and "Seaweed" much the same. "Maruja", a good slip, went grandly over her rooks and killed third stoop. "Elsa", as usual, flew beautifully and killed. "Gwendoline" and "Farthingale". A capital flight from a fine sporting slip, hunted through a fold then away to a barn and after a good hunt the old hawk got hold, both having flown well. "Bessie" then had a good turn down the valley to Woodford, with seven or eight stoops but got beat. "Seaweed", a fine sporting slip and a long flight with two good rings - finally killed across the Salisbury road. "Dorothy" and "Wildair" a capital flight from a fine slip on passage, both flew well and killed half a mile off in a gorse bush. A great company out and excellent sport.

April 28th. Porton Firs. Warm and cloudy. Light breeze. Otter hunting in the morning at Porton, all blank. "Dorothy" and "Bessie" put into a tree and the old hawk killed. "Elsa" killed in the finest form. "Farthingale" caught a curlew. "Seaweed" went hard from a tremendous long slip, and at last getting on terms, killed third stoop. "Maruja" short of room, was beaten to trees without a stoop. "Elsa" and "Gwendoline" put into a barn and divided; the old hawk killed, but the haggard took after birds. "Wildair" and "Farthingale" put different rooks into a fold and settling to the same, the former killed.

6 flights 5 rooks 1 curlew.

April 30th. Bulford Fields. Fine and warm. Fresh breeze. "Seaweed" killed cleverly third stoop. "Maruja" never saw her rooks. "Elsa" put into trees and killed after a hunt. "Bessie" and "Dorothy" put into gorse, and the young one killed. "Maruja" killed in premises after a long flight.

“Farthingale” killed a curlew. “Wildair” and “Gwendoline” didn’t see their rook, and the former raked away to Beecher’s Barn Rookery, and appeared to have killed there, but could not be found in the high rye grass. “Elsa” killed cleverly after knocking him down twice.

6 rooks, 1 curlew. 7 flights.

May 1st. A real old fashioned May day - bitter cold gale of wind, rain in morning, double gale in afternoon. Only fit for chimney sweeps to be out. Flew thrice and killed each time. “Elsa”, “Dorothy” and “Maruja” all flew well, the latter especially facing the wind well and flying a really good flight, killing with only a few yards to spare. Salvinus Mendax put in his appearance, well, and full of lies, but apparently deep in the moult.

May 2nd. Gale of wind and torrents of rain. Never got out. Ernest found “Wildair” on a rook at Beecher’s Barn, and snared her.

May 3rd. Gale of wind but fine. Bulford Field. “Maruja” would not face the wind, turned away and killed beyond the belt. A long time spent looking for her; and when found, nearly fed up, she carried, and finally went off down wind. Spent the rest of the day looking for her.

May 4th. Stonehenge. “Seaweed” killed seventh stoop after a long flight. “Bessie Bedlam” killed. “Dorothy” and “Farthingale” put into an empty fold, the former killed. “Elsa” killed after a long hunt, between a fold and covert. “Bessie Bedlam” and “Lady Wildair” never had a chance in a long down wind slip at a crow - “Farthingale” and “White Lady” (F. Salvin’s) were beat after a long flight by a bloody wire fence, which the rook kept on threading.

May 5th. Porton Firs. “Dorothy” and “Bessie” killed in a fold. “Seaweed” killed in grand form, first stoop. “Elsa” killed after a put in. “Dorothy” and “Wildair” divided, the former killing. The old hawk flew a grand ringing flight, with seven brilliant stoops, but got beaten to covert.

May 7th. Fine and warm. Light breeze. Longbarrow. “Seaweed” put into covert, went on and killed in a flock. “Elsa” put into premises, and then into a fold, when she gave up. “Bessie” and “Dorothy” had a rat hunt in gorse, and then put into a fold, where the young hawk killed. “Seaweed” put into a clump, and killed cleverly when we got him out. “Wildair” and “Gwendoline” flew badly and were beaten to the Rookery. “Elsa” had a hard flight and was beaten to covert: she turned down wind and was lost. Spent the rest of the evening looping for her, without success. 6 flights 3 rooks.

May 8th. Longbarrow. Fine and hot. E. Portman and W. Bond came. “Seaweed” killed in gorse after a long hunt. “Dorothy” killed cleverly in a fold. “Bessie” put into a hedge, and killed after a hunt. “Seaweed” flew a very fine ringing flight, from a very long slip, and was just beaten to covert, after feathering him once. “Gwendoline”, with “Farthingale”, killed a crow, and “Farthingale” caught two curlews, the next two flights, in quick succession. 5 flights - 3 rooks, 1 crow, 2 curlews.

May 9th. Longbarrow. No news of “Elsa”. “Seaweed” killed cleverly at a fold. “Dorothy” put into a strong clump and after a desperate hunt the rook was blasted into the open and finally killed in some premises. “Bessie B.” flew fairly and caught her rook in some gorse but jumped off him, like an old fool and let him go. “Farthingale” and “Gwendoline” flew together, the former cut it; the latter flew well but was beaten and as the lure string broke she carried and an hour was spent in trying to get her. Eventually she was snared. “Wildair” flew moderately and failed to kill - Old hawks soon feel the effects of a change to hot weather from cold.

May 10th. Marched to Everley, hawking on route. “Dorothy” flew a pretty flight and killed well. Flew later on twice more, both long hard flights but beaten to covert both times. “Seaweed” killed

after a pretty ring or two; killed another rook later very prettily. "Lady Wildair" had a capital flight near Hougoumont, killing on a fence. "Bessie" was not in form and cut it at once, flying slack next time. "Farthingale" flew well and killed.

May 11th. R 7 Mrs. Hargreaves met us at Sidbury Hill. "Dorothy" flew well and killed after a pretty flight. "Seaweed" flew right over her rooks and went on up wind after another lot, fetching in to Hougoumont. "Farthingale" killed beautifully in three stoops. "Lady W." was shifty and only played with her quarry. "Farthingale" mopped up a yellow beak in no time. "Seaweed" killed clever. Then "Bessie B." fairly cut it and "Dorothy" got beat easily because she checked at a pigeon. "Seaweed" then had a grand flight, fetching a crow into gorse, hunting him well and finally after a ring and long stern chase killing a full mile away. "Dorothy" had a very hard flight with many stoops after a demon rook that beat her to Beaches Barn.

May 12th. Everleigh. Very hot and fine. "Seaweed" was drawn away after plovers, and taken down. "Farthingale" caught a curlew without much trouble. "Dorothy" killed a rook in poor form, not giving herself enough time. "Seaweed" flew a fine, high, ringing flight, and killed cleverly, close to bushes. "Dorothy" killed over a fold, hunting too much. "Wildair" played with her rook, and was taken down. "Seaweed" killed after a hunt round a stack; and "Farthingale", with "Bessie", killed in the same place, after several. 5 rooks, 1 curlew. 7 flights.
(“Elsa” was brought back in the morning, by Awford, who snared her on a pigeon near Elbarrow.)

May 14th. Hougoumont and Beacher's Barn. Cloudy and hot. "Dorothy" killed first stoop in a big flock. "Seaweed" had gone amiss, and wouldn't try. "Wildair" played with her rooks, ringing up very high, and took to the soar: found on a rook behind Sidbury Hill. "Dorothy" was beaten to covert, after a put in. "Bessie" killed first stoop, after "Farthingale" had fetched them in for her. "Elsa" killed second stoop, quite in her old form. "Wildair" and "Gwendoline" divided, and were both beaten to covert. "Farthingale" and "Bessie" both gave up. 4 rooks - 8 flights.

May 15th. Enford way. Bright and hot, fresh breeze. "Dorothy" broke her rook's wing, second stoop, after a good ring. "Elsa" wouldn't try. "Dorothy" put into premises, and after a long hunt, got unsighted and sat down. "Bessie" and "Farthingale", put into a stack, and then into a fold, where "Bessie" killed. "Dorothy" flew a nice flight, in good form, and killed first stoop. "Gwendoline" and "Wildair" were slipped at a rook which came out to mob the van: the haggard had first stoop, and "Wildair" caught at once. "Elsa" mopped up a bad rook out of a flock. "Farthingale" and "Bessie" put into gorse near Beecher's Barn, and "Bessie" killed. 8 flights - 6 rooks.

May 16th. Sidbury Hill. Heavy showers of rain. A most unlucky day. "Dorothy" put into a flock of sheep, and killed unassisted. "Elsa" put into gorse and tried to sit on him: the rook got up before her, and she rattled away after him and put him into covert. She went on and had several stoops at rooks going in to Beecher's Barn Rookery, and then went on towards Everleigh and put another lot into a fold, where she hunted till she was tired, and took to the soar, and was lost. Spent the rest of the day looking for her.

2 flights. 1 rook.

H. Lockwood came.

(“Elsa” killed close to Nuth's farm, and sat in a tree all night. She was found there on the next morning, May 17th., and taken with a pigeon about noon.)

May 17th. Gale of wind and continuous rain. H. Lockwood left without having seen a hawk on the wing.

May 18th. Fine. Strong wind. "Dorothy" flew a nice flight in the valley beyond Hougoumont, and killed without assistance after two puts in. Flew her again and she put into gorse, and caught, but he broke loose and beat her down wind to Beecher's Barn. In recovering her, my pony went off, with the weight, to Everleigh, and lost it, so we could do no more.

A very fair season but rooks got more and more scarce and flights more difficult to get. "Maruja" was the best hawk of the team, but all the old ones distinguished themselves highly. Weather was as a rule, bad.

A nest of the curlew (common or long billed,) was found on Beaulieu Heath, New Forest this spring - two eggs in it - do do the Montagu harrier - old birds shot somewhere and young ones starved. Peregrines were rare at the nest this year - probably many eggs were spoiled by the spring frosts. The O.H.C. got the usual nest from Horn Head which contained three tiercels and one falcon. Another nest of two was obtained at Arrochar, N.B. and sent to C.W. Mills to be hacked by Peter Gibbs at Mulgrave.

A moderate season at Langwell where the hawks were flown from Aug. 12th. to Oct. 3rd. Old "Vesta" was in her usual excellent form, 84 grouse and one grey hen being killed.

Scores:	"Vesta"	28.
	"Elsa"	26.
	"Lady Wildair"	21. & 1 greyhen.
	Eyass falcon	5.
	"Bessy Bedlam"	4.

"Bessy" was sold to Sir R.P. Gallwey [Ralph Payne]. None of the eyasses turned out good for much except two tiercels worked by W.H. St. Quintin who had hardy partridges [enough] to give them a fair chance. One of these was lost in Oct.

"Lady Wildair" died while moulting, having been in a failing state for some time.

"Dorothy" and "Seaweed" were splendidly moulted by F. Newcome.

The year was one of the worst breeding seasons for partridges that ever was known. Many people were unable to shoot at all, and there were no young birds at which to enter the hawks.

Scampston Hall,
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March 19th '89.

Dear Jerry,

I have just achieved a great success with the tiercels - They had not had a chance since Friday until this morning, when I drove out to a likely place on the wolds. It was a nice dull morning with a hard cold breeze. As we went along, we saw a flock of ten gulls on a fallow, and got down, and slipped at them. The young hawk fetched them in, and made a good stoop, and then another, the old fellow went hard, and high, and we saw him apparently wait for the young hawk's second stoop, and then came down splendidly right on the gull's back, and the young hawk joined in nicely on the ground. We fed the hawks on a pigeon, and pocketed the gull, a fine old bird (Common gull,) in adult plumage, and about an hour afterwards saw two or three more hunting over a field. As they seemed passing away we took one on the passage, rather high, and not quite in wind, but the tiercels rattled off and fetched him down well. The young one got first stoop, then the old one, and then the young one caught him nicely by stooping straight downwards on to his back. We then fed up on

warm pigeon, and let the gull go. I dare say falcons might enter more readily, but I think there is no doubt that Tiercels can kill gulls, when they go hard and mean business. If we meet the little black headed gulls some day, we shall see if the hawks can account for them. I almost doubt it.

Yours very truly
W.H. St. Quintin

List of Game killed as sent to The Field, Feb. 1889.

Grouse	84.
Greyhen	1.
Partridges	21.
Pheasants	3.
Rabbits	225.
Rooks & crows	180.
Sundries	12.
Total:	526.

225 rabbits, 3 pheasants, 4 moorhens and 1 weasel killed by 6 yr. old Norwegian goshawk.

Old Hawking Club 1889.

<u>Members:</u>	<u>Honary Members:</u>
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B. Heywood Jones	
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Duke of Portland	
Hon. E.W.B. Portman	
Hon. G. Lascelles	

Falconer:	J. Frost
Under do	Joe Stone

Hawks 1889.

"Elsa"	4 seasons	passage falcon.	
"Dorothy"	2 seasons	passage falcon,	dead.
"Seaweed"	2 seasons	passage falcon.	
"Coquette"	1 season	passage falcon,	lost.
"Frailty"	1 season	passage falcon,	dead.
"Castanette"	1 season	passage falcon.	
"Leda"	1 season	passage falcon,	dead.
"Matilda"	1 season	passage falcon.	
"Celia"	1 season	passage falcon,	sold Mr. Mann £7.10.0.

"Petticoat"	1 season	passage falcon,	sold Capt. Watson £5.
"Vesta"	7 season	eyass falcon.	
"Random"	1 season	passage tiercel.	
"Forester"	1 season	passage tiercel,	sold Hon. C. Mills £5.
Female goshawk	5 yrs. old.		

B.H. Jones returned from India, March 1889, bringing two red shaheens, F. Babylonicus, and one black do (F. peregrinator). With one of the red variety he had killed 70 duck during the winter.

W.H. St. Quintin successfully trained and entered to seagulls one of the passage tiercels caught this season, and with him in combination with his old tiercel "Destiny" killed several on the Yorks. wolds.

One passage falcon died of blain during the winter - or rather was destroyed, having contracted that complaint.

Game killed by each individual hawk: 1889.

March/April.	29th.	30th.	2nd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	8th.	9th.	10th.	11th.
"Seaweed"	2+		2	1		1	1+			
"Dorothy"	1+		1							
"Elsa"	1+			1				1*	1+	
"Matilda"		1+	1	1		1+	1+			
"Coquette"			1	1		1+	1		1	1
"Petticoat"				1		1+		1+	1	
"Frailty"						1			1+	
"Castanette"						1+			1	
"Celia"									1	
"Squeaker"										
"Random"										
"Forrester"										
Total:	4	1	5	5	0	6	3	2	6	1
Flights:			7	4	2	7	7	1	6	2

April 1889.	12th.	13th.	15th.	16th.	17th.	18th.	19th.	20th.	22nd.
"Seaweed"			1	1	1+			1	
"Dorothy"	1				1		1		
"Elsa"		2		1					1+
"Matilda"			1	1		1			
"Coquette"	1	1		3	1	1	2	2	2
"Petticoat"				1+					
"Frailty"				1+					1+
"Castanette"	1			1+	1	2	2	3	
"Celia"	1			1+	1	1	1		1
"Squeaker"									
"Random"		1+*							
"Forrester"									
Total:	4	4	2	10	5	5	6	6	5
Flights:	6	3	3	12	5	8	9	7	8

April/May.	23rd.	24th.	25th.	26th.	27th.	29th.	30th.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.
"Seaweed"								1		
"Dorothy"	1								1+	
"Elsa"					2sc			1sc	1	1sc
"Matilda"			1		1					
"Coquette"	1		2	1	1					
"Petticoat"										
"Frailty"	1					1		1+		
"Castanette"			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
"Celia"				1			1	1+		2
"Squeaker"	1*								1*+	
"Random"	1*									
"Forrester"					1*+					
Total:	5	0	4	3	6	2	2	5	4	5
Flights:	2	1	5	4	4	4	4	7	4	6

May 1889.	4th.	6th.	7th.	8th.	9th.	10th.	11th.	Total.
"Seaweed"	1+	1	1					15.
"Dorothy"	1+							8.
"Elsa"							2sc	15.
"Matilda"		1.1+			1	2		15.
"Coquette"								24.
"Petticoat"			1				1+	7.
"Frailty"								7.
"Castanette"	1	2	1	1	1	2		29.
"Celia"	1	1		2	2	2	2	22.
"Squeaker"	1*+						1b+	4.
"Random"			1*+				1b+	4.
"Ferrester"								1.
Total:	5	6	4	3	4	6	7	151.
Flights:	6	7	5	8	5	6	4	179.

Average: Kills. .75 Flights. 4.9

Totals: Rooks - 135. Magpies - 8. Curlews - 6. Blackbirds - 2. = 151.

+ = assisted by another hawk. * = magpie. sc = stone curlew. b = blackbird.

March 29th. Everley. The Sec solus. Out towards Collingbourne - fine day. "Seaweed" and "Matilda" - a nice little flight, the old hawk catching cleverly, but the young one crabbed and let him go again. "Elsa" and "Coquette" a long slip at a moderate rook, ran right into him and caught. "Dorothy" and "Celia" - a long slip and rooks fetched into a fold in front of them. They hunted one about well and caught him on the ground. "Seaweed" and "Petticoat" - a pretty slip, both hawks went well over them high, but the old one killed very cleverly first stoop. "Elsa" and "Frailty" both went beautifully over rooks and had a pretty flight into some stacks etc., where the rook got a start and beat them. The old falcon flew weak and bad. 5 flights - 4 kills. Saw a wild falcon.

March 30th. Towards Upavon. Only had two flights all day - Gorbaling!

April 2nd. Towards Beache's Barn etc. with B.H. Jones. "Seaweed" and "Matilda" divided. Both flew a pretty flight and both killed, the young hawk ringing right well over strong rooks in half a gale, fetching them into a fold and killing clever. "Dorothy" and "Celia" also divided and the old hawk caught in a fold; the young one put into Beache's Barn. "Seaweed" and "Petticoat" nobbled an old cock in quick time. "Dorothy" and "Frailty" flew a rattler into the rookery at Beache's Barn. "Seaweed" and "Coquette" did not fly well but turned down wind; both put in to the rookery, and "Coquette" killed there. "Seaweed" was lost for a while but recovered after a little trouble.

April 3rd. Rain all day. Went out in the afternoon, but the weather was too foggy to fly a hawk in.

April 4th. Rain and high wind. Out towards Beacher's Barn. "Elsa" and "Coquette" divided: the young hawk knocked down a rook by a pond, but it got up again and beat her to covert at the Church. The old hawk had two or three stoops, and then gave up, turned down wind and was lost. Looked for her up the valley North of Everleigh, and flew "Dorothy" and "Matilda" at a flock. The young hawk killed in capital style, the old one put into a strong hedge and was taken down. "Frailty" and "Seaweed", the young hawk was flown first and wouldn't go: when she was on the lure the old hawk was flown, the rooks being very high; but she fetched them all in with the greatest ease, and killed near a stack, a fine performance. "Petticoat" and "Coquette" divided and both killed, the latter after a long hunt down wind. Found old "Elsa" near Nuth's, with a full crop, and got her without any trouble.

"Elsa" was seen on the Collingbourne Road eating a rook, which is scored to her. 4 flights 5 rooks.

April 5th. Showery, with one very heavy hail storm. Light E. Wind. Out towards Upavon. Rooks terribly shy. "Seaweed" and "Castanette" from a very long slip, divided. The old hawk put into a fold and wouldn't hunt. The young one beaten to covert. "Dorothy" and "Matilda" put into gorse and crabbed, the rook escaping. Two flights, 0 kills.

April 6th. Showery. Fresh breeze. Out beyond the river in the Elbarrow country. "Petticoat" and "Coquette" flew a nice flight, the former killing. "Dorothy", with "Matilda", would not go: the young hawk was beaten to covert. "Seaweed" and "Celia" put into a big fold. The old hawk went off after a stock dove, and rang up into the sky, finally driving down into a hedge. The young hawk hunted well but the fold was too big. "Coquette", assisted by "Elsa", caught after a hunt in a fold. "Seaweed" and "Frailty" divided, the old hawk killing easily. The young hawk put into a fold and knocked the rook over dead, with leg and wing broken, and his head laid open. "Matilda" (with "Petticoat",) killed third stoop from a long slip. "Coquette" and "Castanette" put into a fold and the latter killed. 7 flights 6 rooks.

April 8th. Showery. Capt. S.F. Biddulph came. Up the valley towards Pewsey. "Coquette" and "Castanette" divided, the former killing while the latter put into a bush and got hung up. "Seaweed", flown with "Frailty", played the fool and soared: the young hawk went a little way and then gave up. "Petticoat" and "Matilda" flew a long flight up wind and were beaten to cover. "Elsa", with "Celia", would neither of them try. "Petticoat", with "Castanette", was beaten to some premises: the latter put into a bush and again dived in, the rook going off and leaving her. "Coquette" and "Matilda" divided, but the former came back just as "Matilda" had driven down her rook, and killed. (Scored to "Matilda".) "Seaweed", with "Frailty", killed easily, and was knocked over on the ground by the young one. 7 flights 3 rooks.

April 9th. Rain nearly all morning. Foggy and drizzling rain in the afternoon. Out towards Hougoumont. "Petticoat" and "Coquette" made short work of a rook, the former catching. Hunted out a magpie from the round covert below Beacher's Barn, "Elsa" showing the tiercels the way. Unfortunately she picked him up before the tiercels had a chance. 1 flight [2?] 1 rook, 1 magpie.

April 10th. Fine warm day till 6 p.m. when it began raining in torrents. Out past Netheravon, over the river. "Petticoat" and "Castanette" divided: the former killed in a fold, the latter beaten to covert after a ring. "Coquette", (with "Celia",) flew a very pretty flight and killed close to cover fourth stoop: the young hawk never saw the rooks. "Celia" and "Matilda" divided and both put rooks into Newfoundland farm, the former killing. "Castanette" (and "Petticoat",) flew a hard flight up wind from a long slip, put into buildings and killed unassisted: ("Petticoat" would not face the wind and gave up.) "Frailty", assisted by "Dorothy", put into a fold and cut her rook over in good form. "Elsa" and "Seaweed" put into a fold and the old hawk knocked a rook down which "Seaweed" caught. Scored to "Elsa". 6 rooks 6 flights.

April 11th. B.H.J. up to London on leave. "Coquette" flew a good flight to a Rookery and got hold above the trees but couldn't hold him. Flown again she killed first stoop. "Castanette" never saw her rooks. The Shahin, "Squeaker", hit a curlew twice but got beaten in a cover, and was lost for some time. A magpie beat old "Elsa" and both the tiercels. 1 Rook 2 flights.

April 12th. B.H. Jones back, and S.F. Biddulph up to town on leave. Fine but cold, with fresh N.E. breeze. On the Lugershall Rd. "Coquette" caught in a fold after knocking his inside mostly out. "Castanette" and "Petticoat" divided, the former killing at a barn, the latter beaten to covert, going well. "Celia" and "Matilda" divided, the former killing easily, the latter beaten to covert, and went on to Collingbourne Rookery. Some time lost getting her. "Dorothy" and "Frailty" divided, the old hawk killing at a fold, and the young one coming in to the worry, after being beaten to covert. "Coquette", flown at three rooks on passage, (a long slip,) fetched them in in grand style, but unfortunately selected the very farthest, and was beaten to Hougoumont. "Castanette" and "Petticoat" with a very long slip never saw their rooks which slipped away, low down, up wind. 4 rooks - 6 flights.

April 13th. Cold N.E. Wind and showery. "Coquette" killed a rook easily on the Collingbourne Road. "Castanette" and "Petticoat", slipped on a side wind, divided: the former was beaten to gorse. The latter put into a fold and hunted well, but had no one to help her. "Matilda" and "Celia" crabbed at once. A vigorous campaign against the mags on the Enford Road. Got them into the gorse on the hill and flew "Elsa" to keep them down, but she went off and killed a rook. The tiercels worked hard and drove one mag. into a small gorse patch, where it disappeared and couldn't be found again. Beat them out of covert again and got them up the valley: flew "Elsa" at them again; she put them both into a very small gorse bush, and then went off after rooks again. The tiercels had splendid chances at both mags. but were new to the business and soon flown out. At last, (with the

help of old "Dorothy",) "Random" caught close to covert, after a long stern chase in which both tiercels went well. 3 flights 3 rooks 1 magpie.

April 15th. March from Everleigh to Amesbury. Fine. "Coquette" and "Petticoat" put into strong bushes, the former going on with a rook and flying a fine ringing flight, but was beaten to a belt. Had a severe campaign at a pair of mags. with both Shahins and one tiercel, but they beat us. The young shahin made a tremendous stoop at a rabbit and hit him hard. "Matilda" and "Castanette" divided, the former killed the latter beaten to trees. "Elsa" and "Seaweed" divided, the latter knocking her rook down first stoop. "Elsa" was beaten up wind to Bulford Rookery.

3 flights 2 rooks.

April 16th. Longbarrow. Fine. Good day. "Castanette" fetched rooks in, and made a good stoop, when "Petticoat" killed at once. "Coquette" killed, in good form: flown again, she ran into a bad rook, and flown the third time, she put into gorse and killed. "Celia", (with "Matilda",) put into a stack, and killed - "Frailty" and "Dorothy": the young hawk picked him up when the old one fetched him in. "Elsa" and "Seaweed" divided and put into a fold, the former hunting and killing. The other went away with a rook and killed second stoop close to covert after a pretty flight. "Petticoat" and "Castanette" flew a nice flight, stoop for stoop, the latter killing. "Matilda" mopped up a bad rook out of gorse. "Elsa" and "Celia" were beaten to covert, and "Dorothy" and "Frailty" ditto - The latter raked away, and was bad to take down. The old Shahin flew well at a curlew, but put in to some bushes, and had no one to help her. 10 rooks 12 flights.

April 17th. Druid's Head. Fine and cold. On the way there "Castanette" killed easily. "Coquette" killed in nice form. "Celia" and "Frailty" both flew well but crabbed badly. "Seaweed" and "Elsa", a pretty flight and killed well near a fold. Both these old hawks are amiss.

April 18th. Elbarrow. "Castanette" and "Petticoat" put into a barn near Stagg's rookery and killed. "Coquette" put into gorse and then flew a very pretty ringing flight, but though flying well was fairly mobbed off her quarry by a pair of carrion crows. In the middle a wild falcon came out of the clouds and joined in the fray. "Coquette" checked at another rook and put it into trees. "Elsa" and "Seaweed" flew fairly well at a long slip and put into a fold, without killing. "Coquette" refused a good chance and raked away at other rooks and killed.

Capt. S.F. Biddulph, 19th. Bengal Lancers, was proposed by B.H. Jones, seconded by G.W. Lascelles and elected An Honory Member of the O.H.C. April 19th. 1889.

April 19th. Silk Hill. Fine and dull. "Castanette" an easy rook. "Coquette" a clever kill after a severe hunt. Major Fisher (P. Garrulus) and Major Watson arrived. "Matilda" and "Celia", a capital flight, put into farm buildings, fetched a rook away, caught him and crabbed - rook escaped. "Seaweed" and "Petticoat" put well into buildings and both tried, but the rooks escaped. "Dorothy" and "Frailty" both did nothing. "Coquette", "Castanette" and "Celia" all flew excellent flights and all killed. A pretty days sport.

April 20th. Porton Firs. Strong wind. "Coquette" flew a pretty flight near Bulford and killed clever. Flown again she flew a rattling flight with a lot of stoops and killed. "Castanette" put into a tree and caught at once. Flown again she put into a fold after a nice flight, and killed. Flown again she killed first stoop out of a flock. "Seaweed", with "Elsa", put into gorse and sat on him. "Matilda" and "Petticoat" divided: the former knocked her rook into a bush and tried to sit on him, whereby he escaped. "Petticoat" turned away down wind towards Boscombe and was lost. The Shahin was put up over curlew, but Monsieur le Brun intervened, and was stretched. 6 rooks 7 flights.

April 22nd. Longbarrow. Fresh breeze. "Coquette" flew a pretty flight and killed third stoop. Flown again she caught first stoop. "Celia" took the wrong rooks and was beaten to cover, but came back to her own rooks, which were in wind but very high: however she fetched them in to some premises, and caught after a long hunt, but let go again. Flown again she killed cleverly third stoop. "Dorothy" and "Frailty" put into premises, and then into a fold where the young hawk caught, the old one having done all the work. "Castanette" put into premises and had a long hunt, feathering her rook once: finally she turned away to the Rookery where she caught a rook but let him go again. "Matilda" was beaten to buildings flying in good form, but refusing to hunt. "Seaweed" and "Elsa" had a long stern chase, the latter killing. 5 rooks 8 flights.

April 23rd. Very rough day. Strong wind with heavy showers of rain and hail. Couldn't start till 2 p.m. Porton Firs. Drove a pair of mags out of the firs right down past Princess' gorse: flew "Squeaker" and both tiercels at them and got both, the Shahin catching one after a desperate hunt by herself, and "Random" getting the other without help of any kind from the other tiercel or us. "Coquette" caught a very bad rook out of a flock, first stoop. "Dorothy" and "Frailty" were flown at a flock in a fold. The old hawk sat on her rook after a long hunt. The young hawk wouldn't hunt but got up a tremendous height over the rooks, and came with a wonderful stoop, catching high in the air. 3 rooks, 2 magpies - 2 flights.

F.S. Salvin [F.H. Salvin ?] arrived in screaming yarak, but suffering from kecks.

April 24th. Stonehenge. A dreadful day, high wind, and heavy showers of rain. Flew "Elsa" and "Seaweed" at a crow: they never got a stoop at all, and one ring down wind took him to cover. A heavy storm of rain came on and "Seaweed" was lost. Flew "Squeaker" at curlews: they got up very wide, and the light was so bad, we couldn't see what happened, but she came back without killing. 1 flight - blank.

April 25th. All hands out in morning looking for "Seaweed". A fearful morning, blowing and raining hard., Saw nothing of her. Cleared up in afternoon. Bulford Fields. L.R. Wynter and Mrs. out. Flew "Coquette" and "Elsa" at what we thought were crows. The young hawk first up, and made two good stoops, when the old one caught. (Scored to "Coquette".) "Castanette" killed after a most fearful hunt, between farm buildings and a cottage. "Celia" beaten to covert. "Matilda" killed well second stoop, in a road. "Coquette" killed first stoop in grand form. 4 rooks 5 flights.

April 26th. Fine, but thick fog and white frost. Frost recovered "Petticoat" at Bulford Rookery at 4.45 a.m. and B.H. Jones got "Seaweed" above Normanton at 6.30. Out Stonehenge way and into Elbarrow country. "Castanette" caught first stoop out of a flock, showing great cleverness. "Coquette" flew a fine flight at a good rook, getting beaten to a sheep fold, and then to cover. Afterwards she killed first stoop. "Celia" caught after a long hunt in some farm buildings. It came on very bad weather about four, with high wind and rain, and drove us home. 3 rooks 4 flights.

April 27th. Fine. Porton Firs, large field. "Coquette" caught first stoop. "Castanette" killed after a hunt in a fold. "Celia" was beaten to covert. "Matilda" went hard from a long slip and caught first stoop. A magpie was successfully blasted out of Porton Firs, past Empress' gorse, and caught by "Forrester", assisted by "Random" and "Squeaker", who covered herself with glory. "Elsa" had a desperate flight at a curlew, a stern chase of over a mile, and caught. Afterwards put up over another, she turned away at rooks in the distance, and put them all in: she then came back and waited on very high, and knocked the stuffing out of the curlew when we put him up.

3 rooks, 1 magpie, 2 curlew.

April 29th. Porton Firs. E.W.B. Portman, A.P. Sandford, and Rev. Onsklow-Parson arrived. Fine, with fresh breeze. A real bad day. "Coquette" was flown down wind, and could never get on terms

with her rooks, though she made one good ring. She put rooks into the Workhouse Rookery, at Amesbury, and then went on the soar and was lost. "Matilda" put a rook into a tree, and going after him, let him escape. "Castanette" killed first stoop, from a side wind slip. "Dorothy", (with "Frailty",) put into gorse and refused to hunt. The young hawk fooled away to Stagg's Rookery and killed a rook coming in. 2 rooks 4 flights.

April 30th. Didn't get out till 3 p.m. on account of heavy rain. "Castanette" was beaten to cover by a good rook. Flown again, on passage, she killed after a pretty flight. "Celia", flown from a long slip on passage, put into hurdles and got him out without assistance. She then flew him hard down wind into premises and killed after some hunting. "Matilda" was beaten down wind to covert, after a hard flight with some ringing.

May 1st. Longbarrow. "Castanette" killed well first stoop. Wind very high. "Seaweed" put into a fold, refused to hunt and raked down wind and killed. "Elsa" caught a curlew easily. "Celia" flew a grand flight over some premises, with about forty stoops, going in grand style. At the end "Frailty" had to be brought to help her, as it was a very strong place; and with her assistance she killed. "Matilda" was beaten to cover twice. "Castanette" had a long flight, putting in to gorse, a sheepfold, and a wire fence, and was beaten to cover, after having hold twice. "Frailty", with "Dorothy", put into a clump, and caught just as he went in. 7 flights 4 rooks 1 curlew.

May 2nd. Bulford Fields. Drew Tanner's Gorse for a magpie, and two mags were hallooed away; "Forrester", "Random" and "Squeaker" were put up, and after a short hunt "Squeaker" secured the mag -- previous to this the three hawks had an unsuccessful hunt after a cuckoo. "Dorothy" and "Frailty" were flown at the back of Beacon Hill at some rooks in the bottom, and the old 'un killed. "Elsa" was then put up to wait on, and a curlew getting up, the old hawk put the curlew into Tanner's Gorse, the curlew getting up again, the hawk went in pursuit and was beaten; she finally raked away after some rooks and killed. "Celia" was slipped at rooks on the way home, put in, and no assistance being given her, she rattled off after some rooks in the distance, and was taken down beyond Bulford Rookery. We then worked towards Durnford, and waited behind a rick for rooks on the passage, at last "Castanette" was slipped, put in at buildings, and after a hunt, earthed in the eaves and killed. 4 flights - 3 rooks - 1 magpie.

May 3rd. Druid's Head. H. & Lady Ethel Wickham, Miss Kinglake and brother out. "Castanette" killed first flight. "Elsa" put up over a curlew caught easily (curlew released.) "Celia", a pretty flight and desperate rat hunt in a bush and killed. Later on, fetched rooks grandly into a fold and killed. "Castanette" put a crow into a clump and a desperate hunt ensued; finally the hawk was beaten, after catching once, and taken down. Later she killed well from a fine slip. "Matilda" flew fast and well from a bad slip and put into Druid's Head. 4 rooks in 6 flights & 1 curlew.

May 4th. Beacon Hill way. Very fine. "Castanette" flew a fine flight from the side of Beacon Hill past Melsome's premises without a put in, and some fine stooping over the road nearly to the river valley, finally killing close to cover, whether the original rook or not we could not be quite sure, as the wind was high, and they went a great pace. "Celia" killed first stoop close to some oxen ploughing. "Matilda" with a bad chance (again!) got beaten to Tanner's Gorse after flying hard every yard. "Dorothy" and "Frailty" flown at a bad rook which dropped at once into bushes, and was caught on the ground, the old falcon getting badly crabbed. "Celia" flown at a rook which was going high in the air, turned her head, and took after rooks down below on the "March past" ground, and killed a young rook close to Bulford Rookery. A great magpie flight from Tanner's Gorse with the two peregrine tiercels, and the old Shahin, the latter doing most of the work, finally catching him close to Bulford Rookery! "Seaweed" and "Elsa" killed close to Wilbury Belt.

6 flights, 4 rooks & 1 magpie.

May 6th. Bustard and Elbarrow country. Heavy lowering day with thunderstorms all round us. "Castanette" flew a pretty flight near the Stones, catching first stoop. Again she killed in good style later on. "Matilda" caught in a bush flying much too keen; later flown with "Petticoat", she dropped upon a rook in some tall swedes. "Seaweed", for want of room, failed to kill after flying in fine form. Flown again she was very shifty, putting in flock after flock without stooping, finally killing towards Tilshead Lodge. "Celia" killed a rook at some premises, after putting into a fold. Had a desperate flight after a blackbird, the old Shahin working hard and hitting him over once, as did one of the tiercels ("Random"), finally he beat us, the sultry evening tempting the tiercels to fool about.

7 flights. 6 rooks.

May 7th. Dull and thundery. Venue, Beacon Hill. "Castanette" from the top of the hill put in to Bulford rookery after a pretty flight - here she killed and it was a long time before we could find her in the tall hemlocks in the rookery. "Celia" went well up over rooks, but missing her first stoop came plump to the ground, and made dust fly again, however she pulled herself together and made chase again but it was too late. A good campaign after a magpie resulted in an easy capture, when the hawks got at him. "Seaweed" went grandly from a long slip and killed second stoop. "Matilda" and "Elsa" beat after a long hunt in gorse, and "Matilda" and "Petticoat" divided, and the latter killed.

May 8th. Claude Portman out with Mrs. Claud and Miss Ferguson. Fine day and very clear, several hawks soared. "Castanette" put into buildings near Stonehenge and after a desperate hunt gave up and soared. "Celia" killed first stoop. "Matilda" put into the Stones and hunted hard and well then the rook took the air and after a really fine ringing flight she fetched him in to the clump near Amesbury. "Castanette" a pretty little flight and killed. "Seaweed" played the fool - putting in one lot of rooks after another and not stooping at all. "Frailty" and "Dorothy" neither persevered in a fold. "Celia" had a brave hunt round premises, eventually killing, and "Castanette" and "Matilda" slipped at two crows manoeuvred out of Normanton Gorse caught in style and then crabbed and let the brute go! The Club "took with them words"!!

May 9th. Wet morning. Meet Longbarrow. "Celia" killed first stoop. "Castanette" a very pretty flight and killed. "Matilda" caught an easy rook and then "Celia" a very pretty flight and killed in fine style. "Frailty" and "Dorothy" beaten in a fold as usual.

May 10th. Beacon Hill. Fine. "Celia" caught third stoop in the little valley. Second time she never saw her rooks, turned down wind and put in a flock to the clump on Salisbury Road, and caught after a long hunt. "Matilda" caught first stoop, with hardly any room. Flown again with "Petticoat" near a fold, they divided and both put in, "Petticoat" hitting her rook into some high rape, and trying to sit on him. "Matilda" flew a rattling flight at the other rook, hitting him several times and finally catching. "Castanette", with very little room, was beaten to covert, turned down wind and caught a rook out of a big flock. Flown again she put into a strong gorse and caught after a lot of hunting. 6 rooks 6 flights.

May 11th. Fine. Bulford Fields. "Celia" went well from a down wind slip, and killed first stoop in good style. She afterwards killed another after a long rat hunt in a strong gorse. "Matilda" and "Petticoat" were flown at rooks among the little trees in Bulford Field; the former fetched them in and made a fine stoop, when the latter caught as he put in. "Castanette" flew very shifty, and turned down wind after pigeons. "Elsa" caught two curlews, the last one in the middle of the Nine Mile water. "Squeaker" and "Random" killed a couple of blackbirds, the cock giving a capital flight.

3 rooks, 2 curlews, 2 blackbirds.

A moderate lot of hawks and rooks scarcer and scarcer every year. The average good: 135 kills out of 179 flights at rooks.

Langwell Aug. & Sept. 1889.

	Grouse.	Partridge.	Pheasant.	Wryneck.	Total.
"Vesta"	27	1			28.
"Seaweed"	19		1	1	21.
"Leda"	10				10.
The Shahin	8				8.
Eyass falcon	3				3.
"Elsa"	38				38.
Total:	105.	1.	1.	1.	108.

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List of Hawks: April 1890.

"Elsa"	5 yrs.	passage falcon.	
"Seaweed"	3 yrs.	passage falcon.	Sold Major Watson £5.
"Castanette"	2 yrs.	passage falcon.	do do do do
"Matilda"	2 yrs.	passage falcon.	do A. Newall do
"Burlesque"	1 yr.	passage falcon.	Died, frounce.
"Evadne"	1 yr.	passage falcon.	
"Jasmine"	1 yr.	passage falcon.	
"Ursula"	1 yr.	passage falcon.	
"Glaucā"	1 yr.	passage falcon.	
"Ustane"	1 yr.	passage falcon.	Dead.
"Vesta"	8 yrs.	eyass falcon.	
"Dagonet"	1 yr.	passage tiercel.	
"Bollinger"	1 yr.	passage tiercel.	Died.

List of Quarry killed: April 1890.

March/April.	26th.	28th.	29th.	31st.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	7th.
"Elsa"	1	2+	1+	2+	1+	1+	11+			1
"Seaweed"	1	1		1+	1+	2+				
"Matilda"							1			
"Burlesque"			1+	1+	1+	11+	1	1+	11+	1
"Jasmine"			1+	1	1	2	1		11+	1+
"Evadne"				1+		1+			1+	1
"Ursula"						1	1+	1+	1+	1
"Glaucā"										
"Ustane"										
Total:	2	3	3	6	4	9	6	2	6	5
Flights:	1	4	6	7	4	8	7	9	7	6

April; 1890.	8th.	9th.	10th.	11th.	12th.	14th.	15th.	16th.	17th.
"Elsa"	1	1		1	1	2		1	2
"Seaweed"									
"Matilda"									
"Burlesque"	2	1	1+	2	2	1	2	1	2
"Jasmine"	1	1+	1	1	2	1			1j+
"Evadne"		1	1	1	1	1	1		1
"Ursula"	2	1		1	1	1	1		2
"Glaucā"	1+			1			1+		
"Ustane"		1+		1+			1+	1+	1+
"Dagonet"							1*+		1sc
Total:	7	6	3	8	7	7	6	3	10
Flights:	8	7	5	8	10	10	7	6	10

April: 1890.	18th.	19th.	21st.	22nd.	23rd.	24th.	25th.	26th.	28th.
"Elsa"	2	1		2	1	1	1sc	1+	1
"Seaweed"									
"Matilda"									
"Burlesque"	1	2	1	2	2	2		2	2
"Jasmine"				1				1	1
"Evadne"	1	1		2	1	2	1	2	1
"Ursula"	2	2		1	2	1	1	1	
"Glaucā"	1+				1c+			1	1
"Ustane"		1+		1+		1+1	1	1	2
"Dagonet"		1b+							
Shahin				1b+			1*+		
Total:	7	8	1	9	6	9	5	9	8
Flights:	7	8	1	9	9	10	5	9	11

April/May.	29th.	30th.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	5th.	6th.	7th.	8th.	10th.	Total
"Elsa"				1	1	1	1		1		35.
"Seaweed"											6.
"Matilda"											1.
"Burlesque"	2	2	1	2	3	2	2	3	2	1	57.
"Jasmine"		1		1							22.
"Evadne"	2	1	2	3	3	2	2	3	2	1	43.
"Ursula"	2	1	2	2	3	2	2	3	1	1	43.
"Glaucā"	1	1	1	2	3	2	1	2	1		21.
"Ustane"	1v1	1		1	Dead						17.
"Dagonet"										1*+	4.
"Bollinger"						1b+				2b+	3.
Shahin									1b+	1b+	5.
Total:	10	7	6	12	13	10	8	11	8	7	257.
Flights:	11	10	11	14	14	12	11	12	8	3	293.

Average: Kills. .83 Flights. 7.7

Totals: Rooks 242, Jackdaws 1, Crow 1, Stone curlew 2, Blackbird 8, Magpie 3.

+ = assisted by another hawk. * = magpie. j = jackdaw. c = crow. sc = stone curlew.
b = blackbird. v = various.

1890. March 27th. St. Quintin came down. A day or two before this Frost took old "Elsa" and "Seaweed" out close to home, and the old hawks began the season well by killing a right and left out of a flock by Nuth's farm. 1 flight. 2 rooks.

March 28th. By Hougoumont Farm. "Elsa" killed twice flying with "Burlesque" and "Evadne". She is in the grandest form. "Seaweed" too flew well, killing once with "Jasmine", who flew hard, and getting beaten by rooks later on with "Ursula". 4 flights 3 rooks.

March 29th. By Beache's Barn and Upavon Clump. Fine. "Burlesque" rattled away hard over a flock, and killed first stoop, before "Matilda", who was flown with her, could get up. "Elsa" flown with "Jasmine" went well over high mounting rooks, the old hawk put in a fine stoop, and the young one following quickly killed high in the air. Later on "Elsa" was flown in a cramped place with "Ursula". Both went well, and stooped hard, and the old hawk killed, "Ursula" showing very good form. "Seaweed" and "Evadne" were hooded off no less than three times without success,

pigeons and plover taking off the young one's attention, and the old hawk getting beat to cover twice. Once she was ringing away in fine style, but the lure had to be shown, which brought her down.
6 flights 3 rooks.

March 31st. Hougoumont Farm. "Elsa" flew a fine flight with "Evadne", the former killing; the young falcon putting in to a stack, and then getting beat to cover after showing great form. Second time flown with "Ursula" at a rook on passage, the young one turned round; but "Elsa" killed third or fourth stoop. Third time flown with "Glaucā". The young one never got sighted, and "Elsa" after flying high mounting rooks some time gave up. "Seaweed" flown with "Jasmine" killed easily, both going well. Second time with "Burlesque" the young one scored. "Matilda" and "Jasmine" hooded off together. The young one was up first, and killed first stoop. Later on, "Matilda" flown with "Evadne". The latter turned round, and the old falcon gave up after three stoops. The rook had got a long way, making off up wind, when "Evadne" saw him, and flying a tremendous pace, overhauled him, and ran into him.
7 flights, 6 rooks.

April 1st. H. Jones came. Fine. Towards Upavon. "Elsa" flown with "Ursula" killed first stoop, the young hawk turning round. "Jasmine" killed first stoop, "Matilda" being thrown off with her hood on ! "Seaweed" flown with "Evadne" killed. "Burlesque" and "Ursula" together killed, the former catching; these two falcons go in great form.
4 flights. 4 rooks.

April 2nd. "Burlesque" and "Ursula" flown together killed a right and left, as we went for the Easton Valley. Later on "Burlesque" killed flown with "Matilda". "Elsa" flown with "Evadne" near a fold. The old one fetched him in, and "Evadne" knocked him over stone dead. Later on, "Elsa" was flown with "Glaucā", the young hawk put in to a stack, and "Elsa" who had been flying another rook well, left him, and joining in killed. "Seaweed" flown with "Ursula" killed, and again with "Evadne", in their flight knocking the rook over dead. "Jasmine" flown with "Matilda" killed first stoop before the old hawk could get up. We finished a good day by flying "Jasmine" near home at a couple of rooks on passage, and she killed first stoop.
8 flights, 9 rooks.

April 3rd. Beacher Barn etc. Fine. G. Lascelles came. "Burlesque" with "Ursula" flew a beautiful flight near the Square. The former killing. Later, the same two flown together at a rook on passage killed, the latter scoring. "Elsa" and "Glaucā" flown in a cramped place under Sidbury Hill, caught a rook after a rat hunt, but crabbed and he escaped. Later, they hunted a rook down a valley stooping hard, but were beaten, the old hawk raked off, and killed a rook near Beacher's Barn. "Matilda" flown with "Evadne" got beaten. Again the young hawk did not get sighted, but "Matilda" flew a gallant flight up the slope towards Beacher's Barn and killed. "Jasmine" flown with "Seaweed" killed first stoop (she has killed first stoop five consecutive flights.)
7 flights . 6 rooks.

April 4th. Upavon and Chisenbury to Rushall Down. "Burlesque" and "Ursula", a good chance, flew well together and killed - honours easy - "Jasmine" had a fine sporting slip over the valley near Upavon, and across a plantation, flew well but was bothered by rooks in too great numbers. "Matilda" and "Evadne", a short dash to covert. "Seaweed" and "Glaucā", the old hawk went grandly over rooks without assistance from "Glaucā", but did not ding in at them and let them escape. "Burlesque" and "Ursula" mopped up a good rook as if he was a bad one. "Elsa" went nobly up over rooks in a fine place and then shut up and soared. "Jasmine" had a bad chance; flew well but could not catch. "Evadne" and "Seaweed" also had a real good try, divided and hammered both rooks hard but without blood and "Elsa" and "Matilda" worked well, the former flying a grand flight to gorses and after a desperate struggle was beat.

9 flights, 2 kills - a very poor average but there have been worse day's sport.

April 5th. Splendid day, no wind. In Easton direction. "Jasmine" killed before "Evadne" got there. "Matilda" and "Ursula" both flew well especially the young one, but were beaten to a fold. "Burlesque" killed beautifully, "Ustane" turning off at a pigeon. "Jasmine" and "Evadne" a beautiful flight both ding-dong all the way, kill uncertain. "Ursula" and "Matilda", the first reached over her rooks grandly and the old hawk came in to help when the work was done. "Burlesque" and "Ustane" both went well, but "B" fetched them grandly, and the kill was out of sight. "Jasmine" from a long slip ran right into a rook, "Glauc" flying badly.

April 7th. Rain in morning. Fine with strong wind in afternoon. Beacher's Barn way. "Jasmine" and "Evadne" flown in half a gale; the latter couldn't make much way, but "Jasmine" got up high and fetched them in, "Evadne" catching after several stoops. Scored to "Jasmine". "Burlesque" and "Ursula" at rooks on passage, the former knocking a rook down first stoop. "Ursula" flew a grand flight to a sheep-fold where she showed great generalship, and finally got him out and killed him some way down wind. "Elsa", at a rook on passage, knocked him into one of the fences on the gallop, second stoop and tried to sit on him: he got up and away down wind but she easily overhauled him, and caught him in a barn. "Jasmine" and "Evadne" divided, the former flew a long flight down wind, and was beaten to Hougoumont after a lot of stooping. "Evadne" killed second stoop.
5 rooks 6 flights.

April 8th. Beacher's Barn. Very high wind from N. with occasional hailstorms. Fine day's sport. All the flights but the last on passage, all good flights, and the first six without moving the van. "Ursula" killed in grand form. "Burlesque", with "Ustane", killed cleverly; "Jasmine", with "Glauc", took the very farthest rook, so "Glauc" didn't follow her and was taken down. "Jasmine" put into a tree out of which volleys of clods and curses didn't dislodge the rook for a good ten minutes, the hawk hunting him all the time. At last C. Frost shinned up and dislodged him, and she killed him first stoop, half a mile down wind and high in the air. "Elsa" and "Matilda" divided, the old hawk met a real good rook, and flew a desperate flight down wind with no end of stooping, getting beaten to covert a good mile away. As she was coming back she met a rook. "Matilda" put into a fold, and having no one to help her, gave up. "Ursula" caught first stoop, but came down such a crack that he broke loose, but was soon caught again. "Burlesque" flew a beautiful flight and caught first stoop. "Elsa" was beaten to Beacher's Barn Rookery, from a very long awkward slip, doing her best. "Matilda" and "Glauc": the old hawk fetched him in and made a good stoop, the young one came in with a rattle and caught cleverly.
7 rooks 8 flights.

April 9th. Netheravon and Elbarrow. Fresh breeze in the morning, died away in the evening. "Burlesque" killed a bad rook first stoop. "Ursula" put into gorse and then went off after a rook down wind, which beat her to cover. "Evadne" and "Matilda" had a very long slip: the old hawk put into Newfoundland Farm and gave up. The young hawk flew a good flight up wind to the Rookery, going hard, and killed within twenty yards of the trees. "Jasmine", (with "Glauc",) fetched a rook, and made a good stoop, putting him into a stack, where "Glauc" caught him. "Burlesque" and "Ustane" divided and both flew hard till near the Rookery, when they got on the same rook, which "Ustane" caught. "Elsa" and "Matilda" divided, the old hawk catching first stoop: "Matilda" put into gorse and after some hunting tried to sit on him, and the rook escaped. "Ursula" flew a pretty flight from the Beacher's Barn pond, and killed fifth stoop.
6 rooks. 7 flights.

April 10th. Sidbury Hill. Strong N. Wind and bitterly cold, with showers of rain. Rooks scarce and wild as deer. "Burlesque" flew a rattling flight at a crow, getting beaten down wind to the square cover after some beautiful stoops. "Jasmie" caught first stoop, without any assistance from "Glauc" who was flown with her. "Ursula" put a whole flock into a tree, but refused to hunt.

“Evadne” went hard from a long slip, put into a tree, hunted well and killed. “Burlesque” and “Ustane” both went hard, the former catching. 3 rooks - 5 flights.

April 11th. Fine. Light breeze. Easton valley. “Jasmine” and “Glaucā” divided, the former killing first stoop: “Glaucā” flew keen but met a good ringing rook and was taken down. “Burlesque” killed cleverly second stoop. “Ustane”, (with “Matilda”,) went like a shot out of a gun, and put into premises: the old hawk turned off at a down wind rook, and made a good stoop, when the young one came in and killed. “Evadne” was flown at a rook in a fold which began ringing at once: she went ringing up in great form and fetched him down into the fold, but didn’t care about hunting, and getting her eye on rooks down wind, went off and killed at the Rookery. “Glaucā” and “Jasmine” divided, the latter going well and killing nicely: the other hawk put into bushes and went in to the kill. “Ursula” cracked over a rook first stoop. “Elsa” did the same; and “Burlesque”, going in rare form caught high in the air first stoop. A good day’s sport. Every hawk flown, and every one, (except “Matilda” scoring. 8 rooks - 8 flights.

April 12th. Enford way. S.F. Biddulph came in the morning. Large field of farmers out. Fine with little wind. “Jasmine” caught easily, without assistance from “Glaucā”, who was going hard. “Ustane” and “Matilda” put into gorse, and no one could get to their assistance on account of wire netting. “Evadne” was flown at a real good rook who went ringing up directly. She got up to him, very high, and then gave up. “Burlesque” killed in good form, second stoop. “Ursula” hit her rook hard, and caught second stoop. “Elsa” caught third stoop easily. “Jasmine” was hooded off at a crow among bushes, and never saw him: she went off at a rook half a mile off, got up to him, put him into cover and caught without assistance. “Burlesque” had a hunt round Mr. Riddle’s stockyard and killed. “Evadne” put into a fold and killed. “Ursula” was beaten to Beacher’s Barn by a good rook, after a pretty flight. 7 rooks - 10 flights.

April 14th. Strong wind. Bulford Fields. Large field out. A. Newall, Dr. Fowler, and three Miss Pinckneys. “Glaucā” and “Jasmine” flew well, the former catching. “Burlesque” flew a pretty flight and killed cleverly. Unfortunately she came down heavily on a hard fallow, and broke most of her tail. “Ursula” put into a hedge, and refused to hunt. “Elsa” killed a Bulford rook in fine form. “Evadne” flew terribly shifty, and left the rook she was flown at for a big flock half a mile down wind, out of which she killed one. “Ustane”, without much assistance from “Matilda”, was beaten to the Workhouse Rookery at Amesbury, after a hunt down a hedge. “Elsa” flew a most beautiful flight, near Porton Firs, and caught just on the edge of cover, but came down so hard that the rook broke loose and escaped. “Matilda” and “Ustane” flew indifferently and never got up to their rooks in the strong wind that was blowing. “Ursula” flew a grand flight to Princess’ gorse, and came down such a bang with her rook that everyone thought she was killed. The hawk was knocked out of time, and the rook was stone dead. “Elsa” caught cleverly first stoop, in the Boscombe valley, and “Jasmine” (in the same place,) put into a fold and caught easily. 7 rooks. 10 flights.

April 15th. G. Lascelles arrived: also Dr. Fowler. Fresh breeze. Beacher’s Barn. First six flights at rooks on passage in the valley leading down to the River from the Rookery. “Ustane” and “Glaucā” both went well and keen, the former killing. “Burlesque” made a baddish stoop, and the rook got above her: she made a couple of short rings down wind, and then came in and caught him close to cover. “Ursula” flew a beautiful flight, up wind, and caught after several stoops. “Jasmine” gave up a ringing rook. “Evadne” flew a grand flight up wind to the Rookery, and caught fifth stoop. “Elsa” went hard, put into stacks and tried to sit on him: the rook got a long start and just beat her to a fold. “Burlesque” put into a fold near Hougoumont, and secured one out of a large flock after a long hunt. A pair of mags were harried out of the Beacher’s Barn cover, and the hen was cleverly caught by “Dagonet” assisted by “Squeaker”. 5 rooks, 1 mag. 7 flights.

April 16th. Fine day, light breeze. L.H. Jones came. Dr. Fowler left. Towards Netheravon. "Ustane" and "Glauca" declined to fly. "Elsa" killed in grand form first stoop. "Jasmine" put her rook into a fold but gave up - her foot is inflamed and probably makes her feel amiss. "Burlesque" near Staggs' rookery killed third stoop grandly. "Ustane" and "Glauca" flew too keenly but killed. Neither hawk distinguished itself, and this ended a most moderate day - for not another flight could be got though we traipsed a lot of country and saw rooks - from their demeanour there was a loose falcon about.

April 17th. Fresh breeze and showery. Easton Valley and Hougoumont. "Burlesque" flew a beautiful flight from a long slip and killed in a fold. "Elsa" flew a very hard flight down a double hedge and put into a big cover, where she caught a rook in a tree in some extraordinary way. C. Frost had to be sent up the tree to extricate her. "Ursula" flew a grand flight, after putting into a stack and killing cleverly. "Jasmine" and "Burlesque" flew a desperate flight at a jackdaw, among bushes; the former catching. "Squeaker" and "Dagonet" were flown at a curlew, which the tiercel caught, the old shahin refusing to help. "Evadne" took the wrong rooks, and was beaten to cover: she went on and killed in a fold. A good passage was found in the valley on the Collingbourne Road, W. of Hougoumont. "Ustane" and "Glauca" both went hard at rooks on passage: the former fetched them in and went in best form, "Glauca" knocked him over and "Ystane" caught. "Ursula" killed a bad rook first stoop. "Burlesque" flew a grand flight on passage, and killed in the finest style. "Elsa" had a very hard flight all down the fence towards Hougoumont putting into two different stacks, a fence, a shepherd's hut, and a fold; in which she sat on him. "Jasmine" flew a pretty flight but was beaten to Nuth's farm. 8 rooks. 1 jackdaw. 1 curlew - 10 flights. L.H. Jones left by 2.56 train after seeing the first four flights.

April 18th. Wild, wet and cold. Out to Upavon and Rushall down. "Burlesque" killed first stoop, as clever as clockwork. "Ursula" next in similar form. Then "Elsa" picked one off a stack in Maskelyne and Cooke form. "Evadne" flew a fine dashing flight and killed grandly. "Glauca" and "Ustane" flew very well indeed, heads and tails all the way - style scored to "Ustane", blood to "Glauca" "Ursula" again scored after a bit of a rat hunt, and "Elsa" whipped up a rook out of a very bad place like a professor.

April 19th. Beacher's Barn to Hougoumont. Cold with fresh breeze. Proceedings began with a campaign against the mags. in the Square: the old cock was driven out, but went away very high into Everleigh. A blackbird came out, and was killed by "Dragonet", assisted by "Billinger" and "Squeaker". The tiercel carried and it took us a good hour to get hold of him. "Burlesque" killed by a side cut from her first stoop. "Ursula" killed in splendid style. "Evadne" started hard, but pigeons got up right under her, and she followed them. "Ustane" and "Glauca" flew a good flight on passage; the latter fetched him in, and "Ustane" caught high up, the other binding on in the air. "Elsa" killed a rook on passage first stoop. "Burlesque" ran straight into a rook which never saw her coming. "Ursula", (at a rook on passage,) killed beautifully, third stoop. "Evadne" mopped up a weak rook on a stack. 7 rooks, 1 blackbird. 8 flights. G. Lascelles left in the evening.

April 21st. Gale of wind from S.W. with steady rain. No one present but S.F. Biddulph. Beacher's Barn. "Burlesque" never saw her rooks, turned down wind and killed at Everleigh Rookery.

April 22nd. Very high wind till the evening when it moderated. Beacher's Barn. "Burlesque" put into a gorse, and took off after Brown who got up under her. "Ursula" flew beautifully, put into a barn and killed. "Elsa", from a long slip, could never get on terms with her rooks, which got into a gorse: she went off and killed a rook going in to Beacher's Barn. "Jasmine" made a couple of good stoops, and then turned away at a crippled rook which got up under her. "Evadne" put a rook into a barn, where he was caught and the hawk taken down. "Ustane" and "Glauca" divided and both flew

very pretty flights, "Glauca" eventually left her rook and came in to help the other, who killed. "Burlesque" flew a very clever flight and killed second stoop. "Evadne" killed well first stoop. "Elsa", with a very long slip, turned away and killed down wind. A blackbird was successfully hustled out of the Beacher's Barn cover and caught by "Squeaker", assisted by "Bollinger".

9 flights. 8 rooks, 1 blackbird.

April 23rd. Netheravon and Longbarrow. Strong wind up till. about 3 p.m. when the wind dropped and it came on to rain. "Burlesque" killed cleverly, third stoop. "Evadne" killed in good form. "Ursula" put into a fence, and made an unsuccessful attempt to sit on him: she got above him with a small ring, and put into gorse, catching him as he was put out for her. "Ustane" flew a hard flight, into premises, down a hedge, (where she knocked him down,) and into a stack, where she was flown out, and gave up. "Glauca" went hard, and was beaten to the river, having put into stacks, which saved the rook. "Burlesque" knocked her rook head over heels, third stoop and sat on him. "Elsa" put into gorse and killed after a hunt. "Ursula" killed first stoop out of a flock a long way off. "Evadne" put into gorse, and got hold of a rabbit by mistake; he knocked her off and the rook escaped.

6 rooks 9 flights.

April 24th. Enford Downs and Elbarrow. Strong wind which dropped towards evening. "Glauca" and "Ustane" were slipped at some rooks close to Everleigh. They divided; the former was beaten to cover and the latter killed near the fold. "Glauca" and "Elsa" were slipped at a crow in a cramped place. "Elsa" put in the first stoop and "Glauca" came in with one and caught the crow cleverly. "Burlesque" was flown at a large flock which put in a sheep fold and after a short rat hunt killed. "Ursula" was flown at a flock which also made for a fold, but she waited on until they were driven away and picked one up cleverly some way from the fold. After this flight B.H. J. left to catch the 5 p.m. train. "Evadne" cut her rook down which was apparently killed on reaching the fold. "Glauca" and "Ustane" were flown at a bad slip and the latter killed at the second stoop. "Elsa" was flown at a flock and picked one out cleverly in a fold. "Burlesque" flew a rook "on passage", a long slip and after an excellent flight of five or six stoops killed just over some gorse, the rook refusing to put in. "Ursula" was flown at a crow out of some rye grass, but he turned down wind and got to some premises and eventually beat the hawk by ringing up. "Evadne" killed out of a flock and flew in first rate style. She knocked one over which got up and she rattled after another and caught him just before reaching a fold.

8 rooks, 1 crow. 10 flights.

April 25th. Raining hard all the morning and could not get out till about 2 p.m. Was unable to go to Nine Mile Water as advertised so had a "home Meet". Hooded off "Ustane" and "Glauca" at a rook on passage; the latter was first up and got him cleverly first stoop. A curlew was then spotted and "Elsa" was flown and after a desperate flight the old hawk caught him on the ground. The curlew evaded two or three stoops most dexterously! Flew "Burlesque" at some rooks and she singled out one which eventually turned out to be a crow. He beat her to cover. Flew "Evadne" at rooks on passage, a long slip; and she caught second stoop. "Ursula" was flown at some rooks near ricks and killed second stoop. We then drew "Beacher's Barn cover for a Mag., and on coming away we saw one making towards Everleigh. He rested on a small thorn bush but was off to the small cover near the track on our approaching him. "Squeaker" and "Bollinger" were then hooded off and after a desperate hunt he was cleverly taken by "Squeaker".

3 rooks, 1 curlew, 1 magpie - 5 flights.

April 26th. Easton Valley and Collingbourne country. Scarcely any birds. "Ustane" flown close to Everleigh showed very good form and took her rook second stoop. "Glauca" flew a very poor flight at rooks and killed. "Evadne" flew and killed first stoop. So did "Burlesque". "Jasmine" was then slipped across the valley at some rooks near a fold and the rooks putting in, she raked away after a flock of jackdaws which put in to a thorn bush. Then she rattled off over the hill and it was difficult to follow her on account of the country enclosed by wire. The rain which came on hard lasted three

quarters of an hour, also hindered us. She was eventually found on a rook gorged. A wild falcon assisted and stooped at the Jackdaws. On coming back and making towards Collingbourne, "Elsa" and "Ustane" were slipped, (at what was at the time considered,) a crow. He turned out to be a rook. The old hawk killed after a hunt round some premises. "Ursula" killed her rook without difficulty. "Burlesque" was flown at a rook which made towards a small cover. The quarry kept dropping on to the ground to evade the stoop like a magpie. At last the hawk dropped on him. "Evadne" was flown at some rooks near Hougoumont, a very long slip. She never got up to her rook until he gained the shelter of a fold and here he was hunted and killed. 9 flights ; 9 killed.

April 28th. Nine Mile Water and Poreton Firs. Slight breeze and cloudy. E.W.B. Portman met us on the old Salisbury Road after the first flight. Flew "Ustane" and "Glaucā" at two crows but the hawks were beat to Beacher's Barn Clump. "Ustane" then saw some rooks at the bottom, had a stoop at them, "Glaucā" joined in, "Ustane" killed. "Burlesque" flown at rooks and mopped one up easily. "Evadne" flown at rooks but the rooks gained the shelter of the first belt of firs near Nine Mile water. "Ursula" flew a very pretty flight at a rook and had four or five stoops at him but he beat the hawk by putting in, in the same belt. "Elsa" flown at a flock picked one out in her usual brilliant style. "Ustane" flew well and killed. "Burlesque" flew a good rook, had several stoops and killed cleverly. "Evadne" from a very long slip, was flown at a flock near Porton Firs, and in splendid style got up to them and killed. "Jasmine" flown at a rook. Knocked him on the ground twice and then mopped him up. "Ursula" flown near Bulford rookery was beaten and rattled after some others over Nine Mile water; came back to the original place she was flown from, stooped several times at a peewit and was taken down. "Glaucā" flew in excellent form and from a long slip killed. We ended up beating the first belt by Nine Mile water for a mag. but found none. Flew "Bollinger" and "Squeaker" at a Blackbird - both hawks flew like hell - the blackbird got into a sticky place and it getting dark we called the hawks down. Major Watson and Capt. Crabbe came out and were highly pleased at what they had seen. 11 flights 8 killed.

April 29th. Beacher's Barn way. Beautiful day with slight breeze. Mr. Staniland and his son came from Lincolnshire to see a day's hawking, also Major Watson and Crabbe present. E.W.B. Portman left in the morning. "Ustane" was flown close to Everleigh but she gave up on the rook approaching the trees, and "le Brun" getting up and flying underneath her was cut over. "Ursula" flown on the Downs, flew a pretty flight right amongst us and killed. "Burlesque" was flown at a flock which got up from some ploughed land and she caught one high up in the air in an extraordinary manner. "Evadne" from a long slip, fetched a rook into a fold and after a long hunt he was killed. "Jasmine" flew also from a long slip and finally the rooks put in in a fold. She rattled off at some rooks in the distance which put into a tree. She was taken down from a great height with a pigeon. "Glaucā" flown near Beacher's Barn, a long slip at a single rook on passage. She flew him well but he kept zigglng about over the gorse and finding she could not kill, gave up. "Ursula" flown at a flock and killed easily. "Ustane" was flown from a long slip, knocked down her rook, which got up and finally killed him in an elder bush. "Burlesque" flew a pretty flight and killed her rook at the bottom of a stack. "Evadne" was flown at some rooks near a rick; a very long slip. They made up wind, but on her gaining all then turned down wind and all put in at the stacks. She had a terrific hunt here and kept on checking, and at last killed. "Glaucā" had also a desperate hunt after her rooks who kept dodging about some hurdles - she killed. "Squeaker" and "Bollinger" were flown at a blackbird in a very strong place and both sat down in an exhausted condition. "Dogonet" then came to the rescue, the others gaining their wind the blackbird was again hustled. "Dagonet" made a beautiful stoop at him and knocked some feathers out of his tail. "Squeaker" then ran him down and caught. The usual cursing went on. 11 flights - 8 rooks, 1 various & 1 blackbird.

April 30th. Netheravon Downs. "Burlesque" killed on passage from Beacher's Barn pond easily. A ringing rook. "Evadne" flown at a flock soon got over them and killed first stoop. "Ursula" the

same. Then flew "Burlesque". The rook gained some gorse and then got into a small fir cover. Here she left her rook and flew one in the open which got into the Rookery on Netheravon Downs. Flew "Evadne" at rooks. They gained the shelter of some trees near a house and here being hustled they began to ring. "Evadne" followed, and then she rattled off towards the rookery and the other side flew another ringing rook which beat her to cover. "Burlesque" flown again at a couple of rooks. She followed for about 50 yds., suddenly whipped round and went after rooks down wind, drove them into a cover on the downs and took one apparently in a tree! Crossed the river. Flew "Glauca" near first sheep fold. The rook went off towards the river, down wind. There was some lovely stooping, "Glauca" keeping command of her rook the whole time - she caught high up. "Ustane" flown the same place killed first stoop. "Jasmine" was flown at a single rook a little higher up. The Rook took towards the river and after several rattling good stoops, killed her rook about 100 yds. this side of where "Glauca" killed and in the same field. 10 flights - 7 rooks.
N.B. Hussey and young lady - also Alexanders were out. Day fine, with a slight breeze.

May 1st. Enford. Very hot. B.H. J. arrived in the morning, E. Portman later. Large field out. "Ursula" killed cleverly after a good ring. "Evadne" flew in fine form, and killed in a fence, after knocking feathers out of another rook. "Burlesque" put into a fold and killed easily. "Ustane" put into a fold, and then into trees when she gave up. "Ursula" put into premises and killed unassisted. "Evadne" killed after a hunt round hurdles. "Glauca" killed first stoop in the very finest style. "Burlesque" flew a grand flight with a lot of ringing and stooping, catching close to cover, but she came down such a bang that the rook broke loose and escaped. "Jasmine" flew a high ringing flight and was beaten to cover. "Glauca" flew a fine ringing flight, but was beaten by a field of high corn, over which she wouldn't stoop. "Ustane" from a long slip, put into high crops and came back. 6 rooks - 11 flights.

L.H. Jones arrived by 5 p.m. train.

May 2nd. Nine Mile Water. Large field out. Warm with fresh breeze. "Evadne" killed after a hustle in gorse. "Burlesque" knocked a rook stone dead first stoop. "Ursula" put into gorse and gave up. "Glauca" killed easily. "Evadne" had a nice flight and killed close to cover. "Ustane" was beaten to cover. "Burlesque" flew in fine form, hitting her rook every stoop and killed, close to Nine Mile water. "Ursula" killed first stoop close to Bulford Rookery. "Evadne", (from a very long slip,) was beaten to cover without a stoop. "Glauca" killed easily, second stoop near Princess' gorse. "Elsa" killed in the same place after a hunt down a hedge. "Ursula" did the same. "Evadne" killed in a fold. "Ustane" sat on one, and "Jasmine" flew a pretty ringing flight and killed cleverly. 12 rooks. 14 flights.

May 3rd. Collingbourne country. Large field out. "Burlesque" killed first stoop, a grand one. "Ursula" killed first stoop. "Evadne" never saw her rooks till they got too far: she put them in and then went off and killed a rook at Hougoumont. "Glauca" flew a beautiful flight at a real good rook, ringing and stooping in the same place, over our heads, and killed. "Burlesque" killed easily first stoop. "Evadne" killed cleverly third stoop. "Ursula" was flown on passage, and killed after a short hustle among premises. "Glauca" killed after a hunt in a fold. "Burlesque" did the same, and "Evadne" caught another in the same place. "Glauca" put into a stack, and then changed on to another rook, which she hunted up a hedge and killed. "Ursula" picked up a rook cleverly in a fold, and "Ustane" was beaten to cover from the same fold by two different rooks. 13 rooks. 14 flights.
A RECORD DAY. Four young passage hawks killing 12 rooks among them, in 12 flights.

May 5th. Two hours rain in the morning. Fine day, cooler, with fresh breeze. Sidbury Hill and Beacher's Barn. "Ursula" put into a pond, and tried to sit on him: the rook got a start, and they went ringing up into the clouds, the hawk catching him third stoop, when they looked no bigger than sparrows. Frost said he had never seen anything caught so high up before. "Burlesque" flew a pretty

flight and killed. "Glaucā" , (with very little room,) caught close to cover, but came down such a bump that he escaped. "Evadne" ran straight into a one-eyed rook that never saw her. "Glaucā" killed in a fold. "Jasmine" knocked over a rook in the same place and then fooled off after a flock which beat her to cover. "Ursula" killed third stoop, on passage. "Burlesque" put into a barn, and the rook escaped without her seeing it. "Evadne" flew a rattling flight, up wind, killing close to cover. "Burlesque" hunted up a fold, and killed on the very edge of cover. "Glaucā" ran right into another one-eyed rook. "Elsa" cracked over a B. Barn rook several times, finally breaking his wing and sitting on him. A desperate blackbird hunt with "Bollinger" and the shahin; the tiercel, waiting on high, and stooping beautifully, finally knocked over the blackbird, which was retrieved by C. Frost.

9 rooks 1 blackbird - 12 flights.

May 6th. Cloudy, a few drops of rain. Upavon clump. "Ursula" killed easily. "Burlesque" and "Dagonet" flew hard at a jackdaw, the tiercel not seeing it until it was into cover. We got it out but it beat them into another cover. "Evadne" ran straight into a bad rook; about five minutes after we flew her again at a rook on passage, which she knocked over first stoop, and caught. "Glaucā" was beaten to Upavon Clump. "Ursula" caught beautifully first stoop. "Burlesque" killed in a fold. "Evadne" was flown at rooks in a fold, and after several stoops, changed on to a jackdaw, which got above her after some rattling stooping. "Glaucā" killed easily in the same fold. "Elsa" flew beautifully at a flock, killing first stoop, after half a dozen feints. "Burlesque" killed a bad rook first stoop.

8 rooks 11 flights.

C. Tracy arrived in the morning.

May 7th. Fine warm day - beat the Square for a magpie without success. Then had a beautiful flight with "Ursula" on the open down, killing second stoop after a fine ring. "Burlesque" killed three times; easily each time. "Evadne", a good flight, playing with her rook, and killing him in a stack. Second time much the same; a third time a fine long slip, good flight and killed. "Elsa" had a very difficult slip and refused to ring. "Glaucā" flew well each time and killed and "Ursula" killed very easily each of her two chances.

11 kills out of 12 flights.

May 8th. Rather windy, and some rain. "Evadne" killed a bad rook in a good place. Then "Ursula" flew a beautiful ringing flight, cutting her rook on to the ground when he beat her into a small tree and the agony was prolonged by a hunt in covert ending in blood. "Burlesque" killed in beautiful form third stoop, and later on had a pretty flight putting her rook into a well before killing. "Elsa" harried a large flock horribly, killing first stoop in the most artistic fashion. "Jasmine" flew very well putting in to a hedge and getting beat in the end. A blackbird hustle in a very strong place ended by "Squeaker" knocking him out with a terrible scalp. "Bollinger" flying well.

8 flights at rooks, 7 killed.

May 9th. Pouring rain - never got out. Words failed, though the supply was large, and lasted the Club till late in the day.

May 10th. A rough morning, but fine evening. Still owing to rough weather flights were as hard to get as if it were March. "Burlesque" killed a bad rook very easily. "Ursula" and "Evadne" much the same performance. The old hens are out and it is time we left off. A blackbird hustle resulted in the death of a hen, and then the young brood showed themselves and fell victims one after the other. Two magpies found on the Andover Road, came well away and after a good hunt one fell to "Dagonet" - The other was pursued with the other two hawks and gained high trees and a double hedge. A terrible hunt ensued and at length he was captured by "Dagonet", freshly hooded off. Unluckily in some long wheat, the tiercel let him go again and a yet more terrible hunt followed. Mag. being cut over again and again but never caught. In the end, men and hawks were clean flown and run to a standstill - and magpie still able to crawl, but no more, saved his life. A moderate day

for a finish to the best season yet recorded. Not a single hawk was left out for a day or a night. The number killed was the largest on record and the average of kills about 85 per cent. (83./.) B.H.J..

“Bollinger” died during the summer, (which was very cold and wet,). An epidemic of frounce set in amongst the hawks and they all had it except “Ursula” and “Vesta”. “Burlesque” unhappily died from it just as she was beginning to wait on well.

One nest was hacked, taken on Handa Island - a falcon and tiercel were taken, the tiercel was sold to Col. Watson, the falcon kept by the Club.

On Aug. 9th the hawks left for Langwell and between Aug. 12th. and Sept. 6th. killed the following score of game:

“Elsa”	31.
“Vesta”	18.
“Ursula”	31.
“Handa”	15.
Total:	95.

“Elsa” flew as well as ever. “Vesta” was in no condition when she went north, but was fast getting back to her old superb form. “Ursula” flew splendidly, and was pronounced by Frost to be the best game hawk he had ever trained. Weather very bad and rough. The performance of these four hawks is a remarkable one., and is well worthy of record.

“Vesta” died on Jan.19th /91, after having flown nine consecutive seasons at grouse and killing 297 grouse, (an average of 33,) besides much other game and sundries.

1890. August / September.

	12th.	13th.	14th.	16th.	18th.	19th.	20th.	22nd.	23rd.	25th.
“Elsa”	3	4	2	2	3	1	3	.	3	1
“Vesta”		1	1	2	1	.	1	2	1	.
“Ursula”				2	3	2	4	.	2	.
“Handa”		1	1	1	.	.	1	1	.	1
Total:	3	6	4	7	7	3	9	3	6	2

	27th.	28th.	29th.	30th.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	Total.
“Elsa”	4	.	1	.	1	1	.	2	.	31.
“Vesta”	2	1	1	2	.	1	.	.	2	18.
“Ursula”	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	.	31.
“Handa”	1	1	1	.	1	1	2#	1	1	15.
Total:	9	4	5	4	4	5	5	6	3	95.

1890.

On Sept. 17th. the Club sustained the severest loss it has yet had to undergo in the death of its falconer John Frost. He died from heart complaint after a brief illness. He had been continuously in the service of the Club since 1872, first as under falconer - then - since autumn 1873 as head falconer. To his skill and energy most of the success and good sport recorded in the journals of the Club is due. His keenness was unfailing and caused him frequently to over exert himself - His early death at the age of thirty six is to some extent attributable to the manner in which he worked, never sparing himself and always anxious to show sport. His loss is very deeply regretted by every Member of the Club.

1891.

The passage hawks were trained in Yorks. at Scampston, George Oxe having succeeded John Frost as falconer, but remaining in W. St. Quintin's service till Dec.

The winter was the coldest recorded since 1873. A very severe frost set in about Nov. 20th. then broke on Dec. 1st. for one week; and set in again on the 8th., when it continued practically without a break till Jan. 20th. Heavy snow fell about Christmas time, and the frosts at night were very intense, the thermo. in Hants falling as low as 10 degrees.

In Dec. 1890 the Duke of St. Albans retired from the Club, his Grace having commuted the pension of £1,200 which he drew as Hereditary Grand Falconer.

Col. Watson, late 11th Hussars, and A. Newall Esq. Wilsford House, Salisbury, were both unanimously elected members of the Club. Oct. 1890.

A very cold rough March. About the 15th. a terrific snowstorm with drifts which closed the whole country for traffic. Up to April 1st. there was hardly a day fit for hawking - On the 2nd. B.H. Jones, and on the 3rd. G. Lascelles came down - hawks all rather fat and of course only partially entered.

1891. April.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.	8th.	9th.	10th.	11th.	13th.	14th.
"Glaucā"	1+					1		1+		
"Evadne"		1	1+		1			1		1+
"Ursula"				1	1	1	1			1
"Elsa"	Not flown at rooks.									
"Clinkerina"		1	1+	1+	1	1	2	2		1
"Letty Lind"				1+	1+	1			1	1
"Phyllis"					1	1+				
"Mermaid"										
"Fleetwing"										
Total:	1	2	2	3	5	5	3	4	1	4
Flights:	2	1	4	4	7	6	6	5	1	5

April 1891.	15th.	16th.	17th.	18th.	20th.	21st.	22nd.	23rd.	24th.
"Glaucā"	1+			1	2		1	1	1
"Evadne"		1+			1				
"Ursula"		1			3	1	2	2	2.1+
"Clinkerina"	2		2		1	Lost.			
"Letty Lind"	1		1	1			1+		
"Phyllis"	1+	1			1		1+		2
"Mermaid"				1+		1+	1+	1+1	1
"Fleetwing"							1+		
Total:	5	3	3	3	8	2	6	5	7
Flights:	7	8	6	7	11	4	9	7	8

April/May.	25th.	27th.	28th.	29th.	30th.	2nd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.
"Glaucā"		1				1	1		1+	
"Evadne"	1						1		1+	1
"Ursula"	1c1		1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2
"Clinkerina"										
"Letty Lind"	1	1	1		1					1
"Phyllis"	1+	1	2+			1	2	1		
"Mermaid"	2+	1+			1+					
"Fleetwing"										
Total:	7	4	4	1	4	4	5	2	4	4
Flights:	8	6	8	3	5	7	8	5	9	7

May 1891.	8th.	9th.	11th.	12th.	13th.	14th.	15th.	16th.	Total.
"Glaucā"		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	21.
"Evadne"	Shot by a male factor on 8th. Died on 9th. 11.								11.
"Ursula"	1c2	2	4		1r1	2	3	3	50.
"Clinkerina"									15.
"Letty Lind"	1	1			1	1	1		18.
"Phyllis"	1			1					18.
"Mermaid"			1+	1+			1	1	14.
"Fleetwing"						1			2.
Total:	5	4	6	3	4	5	6	5	149.
Flights:	6	5	11	8	6	7	6	6	229.

Average: Kills .64 Flights 6.1

Totals: 146 rooks, 2 crows & 1 sundrt.

+ = assisted by another hawk. c = crow. r = landrail.

April 4th. Cold rain from S.E. B.H.J. and G.L. out towards Beaches Barn. Flew "Ursula" and "Clinkerina" who unluckily divided, the old one going well over rooks and stooping hard, but giving up, the young one a good hard flight to covert. "Glaucā" and "Letty Lind" - a pretty flight. The old one fetched the rooks finely. "Letty" cut him on to the ground with a fine stoop, and the other caught - both hawks very awkward to take up. Trouble in store unless they mend. Got some mags out finely in to the open, but the hawks did nothing at them - fat - fat - but weather too doubtful to try much discipline.

April 5th. Showery morning. Steady rain with cold wind all afternoon. Only got one flight. Beacher's Barn valley. "Evadne" and "Clinkerina" both went keen: the old hawk put one rook into a fold, which the young one hunted and killed unassisted, while the old one went on after the flock and killed first stoop, going in quite her old form.

April 6th. Fine with fresh breeze. Elbarrow. "Evadne" and "Phyllis": the old hawk killed, the young one flying too keen. "Ursula" with "Clinkerina": the old hawk had two good stoops when the young one came in and killed. "Glaucā" and "Mermaid" divided: and both putting in to premises, declined to hunt. "Evadne" and "Letty Lind" divided and put into the same gorse, where the young hawk caught her rook in a tree: but the old one crabbing her the rook escaped.

2 rooks 4 flights.

April 7th. Cold N.E. wind and rough. "Ursula" and "Phyllis" had a bad slip, but flew well, a longish flight down wind, the old hawk just catching for a moment but getting beaten to a tree. "Evadne" and "Clinkerina" flew well, the old hawk dodging the wind, the young one going high over rooks and killing with a splendid stoop - unluckily they crabbed and let the rook go. "Glauc" and "Letty Lind" neither flew very well, but fetched a rook into the "blasted elm", near Beache's Barn which was got out and killed - but both hawks misbehaved on the ground - fat - fat, internal fat. "Ursula" and "Mermaid" hooded off together, but only the old hawk got sighted, and flying in her old form fetched her rook to a stack, got him away and killed him alone. H. W. arrived in morning.

April 8th. Very cold. One or two showers of sleet. Upavon Clumps. "Clinkerina" killed cleverly first stoop. "Ursula" and "Letty Lind" divided, the young hawk putting in several good stoops before the old one left her own rook, and killed for her. "Evadne" and "Phyllis", from a bad slip beaten to cover up wind. Flown again they divided and the young hawk killed creditably; while the old one killed a good rook after a lot of stooping over an empty fold. "Glauc", (with "Mermaid"), from a long slip was beaten up wind to covert. The young hawk was unsighted. "Ursula" flew a rattling flight on passage, and killed second stoop. "Elsa" put a flock into a fold and refused to hunt.
5 rooks 7 flights.

April 9th. Cold with fresh N.E. wind. Thick and drizzly all afternoon. Bulford Fields. "Clinkerina" killed cleverly third stoop, with very little room. "Ursula" and "Mermaid" had an awkward side wind slip; the old hawk killed first stoop on the edge of covert: the young one beaten into trees. "Phyllis" and "Evadne": the young hawk showed pace and did most of the work, the old one killing. "Glauc" killed cleverly second stoop. "Letty Lind" killed third stoop in nice form. "Ursula" was beaten up wind to Bulford Rookery.
5 rooks 6 flights.

April 10th. Fine day - no wind. Hawks rather inclined to soar. "Clinkerina" killed very cleverly in two stoops. "Evadne" and "Mermaid" put into some premises, and while the old hawk would not hunt, the young one kept high over the rooks, so that they could not get away but would not stoop. "Phyllis" flew slack, only half stooping, but fetched her rooks in well. "Ursula" killed beautifully first stoop, and "Clinkerina", after putting in to a stack, tore away over her rook and killed very cleverly just as he reached covert.

April 11th. Fine. Easton Valley and Collingbourne Road. "Ursula" put unto a fold and wouldn't hunt. "Clinkerina" killed third stoop cleverly, on the edge of covert. "Evadne" and "Phyllis" never saw the rooks they were slipped at, and the old hawk went off and killed. "Glauc" and "Phyllis" had a hard flight in the Easton Valley, with a lot of hunting and flying, the old one catching. "Clinkerina" put into a fence, then into premises, and then into gorse where she killed. A long hunt.
4 rooks 5 flights.

G. Lascelles, H. Watson and B. Jones all left by 5.21 train.

April 13th. Mr. George Simonds and Arthur Newall arrived. Fine hawking day. Walked out towards Collingbourne with "Letty Lind" and got a nice slip at two rooks. "Letty" went straight and coolly at them and caught one in her second stoop close to the ground. B. Jones arrived in time for dinner.

April 14th. Dull and hazy. Out by Netheravon and round by Bustard and Enford Farm. "Clinkerina", with very little room, killed first stoop. "Ursula" killed third stoop, and "Letty Lind" did the same. "Glauc" and "Phyllis" had a terribly long slip, but the old hawk would have fetched them into a fold, if Col. Brown hadn't intervened. "Evadne" and "Mermaid" were flown at a flock, and after dividing they joined in and the old hawk caught.
4 rooks 5 flights.

April 15th. Everleigh to Porton Firs. Mr. Newall and Mr. Simonds out. "Letty Lind" flew hard up wind, from a desperate long slip, killing within 10 yards of Beacher's Barn Rookery. She was bad to take up and gave us a lot of trouble. "Clinkerina" killed in fine form fourth stoop. "Ursula" put into a fold and wouldn't hunt. "Evadne", (with "Phyllis",) took after a pigeon. The young hawk flew well, and put into a hedge, where the old one came in and caught. Scored to "Phyllis". "Glauc" and "Mermaid": the old hawk caught when they crabbed and let go the rook. "Mermaid" gave a deal of trouble to take down, and was very nearly lost. "Clinkerina" killed beautifully first stoop. "Letty Lind" flew a hard flight up wind to Bulford Rookery, and was beaten, after cutting his tail out.

5 rooks 7 flights.

G. Simonds left.

April 16th. Col. Watson came in morning. Stormy. Strong S.W. Wind. Upavon Road. An unlucky day. "Letty Lind" was beaten up wind to covert, after some highish ringing over a fold. "Clinkerina" was twice beaten to covert: the first time with very little room, she only got in two stoops. The second time, she never saw him, (a crow,) till too late, and never got a stoop at all. "Ursula" went hard and killed near gorse. "Evadne" and "Mermaid" had one stoop each, the old hawk catching. "Glauc" met a good rook, and wouldn't ring after him. She went off and put a rook into a barn, and would have killed, but she was unfortunately taken down from a distance. "Phyllis" killed a moderate rook after some hunting in folds, going rather slack. (Flown before in the morning she took after pigeons.)

3 rooks 8 flights.

April 17th. G. Lascelles arrived. L. Jones in evening. Fine day, and the first hot one this year, consequently hawks gave us a real DIES IROE. "Letty" had a splendid chance and never saw her rooks. "Clinkerina" killed very clever second stoop, then "Letty" did the like at the first try. "Evadne" and "Mermaid" put in to a barn, the young one cut the rook over twice, but never got hold, hunting and coursing him in a ridiculous way, while the old one took after the lot at once, and gave us no little trouble to get her as she soared and went some miles. Then "Clinkerina", at a good slip, went over her rooks well, then stooped at a peewit - then at the lord-knows-what (a rare bird,) and finally raked off at a lot of rooks and was utterly and completely lost. The Club parades for search party at a.m.

April 18th. Absent from parade, B.H.J., A. Newall - sentence deferred.

"Clinkerina" was caught by a Tedworth keeper soon after she killed and put into a hen coop. None the worse we hope. Fine day. "Letty" killed well second stoop. "Ursula" a good flight, cut her rook down twice, but a good rook beat her to Beache's Barn. "Phyllis" and "Mermaid" had a rare sporting slip; the first went up well and fetched her rooks in, but the other joined and after a great hunt nailed the rook. Scored to "Mermaid", but the other did the work. "Glauc" had a good long chance but checked and got beat to covert. A rook was driven out to bushes and "Evadne" and "Fleetwing" essayed a hunt in which the young hawk did best but neither killed. "Latty Lind" checked at one rook after another in a flock but flew well in the end, cracking her rook down, but he scrambled into covert in front of her. And at the end of a disastrous day as to blood, "Glauc" went grandly over rooks at a long slip and killed first stoop as a first class falcon should do. All the hawks flew well - flights were very bad to come at and hardly a good chance all day. A. Newall left.

Rooks are worse to get at than I ever knew them to be. I believe that all the first lot of eggs were addled by the cold storm in late March. Thus there are no sitting hens, but all the rooks are out together in flocks, as in early March. There are no regular passengers, no single rooks, but only large wild flocks that cannot be approached and I believe the cause is that all the hens are now out, instead of, as usual in the breeding season, in the rookeries, and the downs full of single cocks wandering in all directions.

Sunday 19th. G. L. left.

A. Newall and H. Watson arrived early 20th.

April 20th. Fine. Fresh breeze from S.E. to N.E. Collingbourne Road to Easton valley. Good day. "Letty Lind" was flown three times: first time never saw her rooks: second put into a fold and refused to hunt. Third time, never tried a yard, though she made several stoops. "Clinkerina" got up very high, and never got a stoop at her rook which went up wind, low, to covert. She turned off and killed some way off. "Ursula" was flown three times, and went in grand form. First time she killed second stoop. Second time, (with "Fleetwing",) she killed first stoop, without assistance from the young hawk. Third time, she flew a beautiful flight in the Easton Valley, killing near an empty fold. "Glauc" flew three times: she was beaten to covert first time, through trying to sit on her rook in a sheep fold. Then she killed first stoop in fine style, and the third trial she put into a bush, and mopped him up directly he was put out. "Evadne" flew hard up wind, taking the farthest rook of a big flock, and killed in a fold without help. "Phyllis" and "Mermaid" went well at a rook on passage, and put him into a fold at Hougoumont, where one of them cracked him over as dead as a stone. 8 rooks 11 flights.

G. Lodge arrived.

April 21st. Dull day. E. Wind. Very terrible days sport. "Clinkerina" checked twice and raked all over the place, tearing at every rook she saw and was lost near Netheravon. "Glauc" slipped at a terrific distance at two crows, fetched them in fine form and after three beautiful stoops gave up. "Ursula", another long slip, went finely over rooks and killed first stoop. "Phyllis" and "Mermaid" had another almost absurd slip but got well over their rook and nailed him in some gorse. Trailed over a vast lot of country for four flights!! Heavy rain in evening from N.E.

[Some notes from the diaries of George Lodge - 1891 April 20th. Went down to Everleigh for a short time hawking on Salisbury Plain, with the Old Hawking Club. B. Jones, W. Jones, A. Newall, Col. Watson there. They had good sport today killing eight rooks, out of twelve flights.

April 21st. Salisbury Plain. Lascelles came today. The first flight we got, "Clinkerina" refused her rook, and went down wind after a lot, and was lost; this being the best young hawk they have. "Glauc", an intermewed hawk, killed first stoop. "Mermaid" and "Phyllis", flying together killed their rook. We only had one other flight, with, I think, "Ursula", an intermewed hawk, who put in two or three stoops and then gave up.]

April 22nd. Strong wind from N.E. "Ursula" put in her rooks up wind, raked off and killed. "Glauc" put into the railway, cracked her rook down, but he started ringing, and though she got over him, he beat her to covert. "Ursula" and "Fleetwing": the old one for the first time in her life behaved badly - raked down wind and killed. "Fleetwing" put in to Hougoumont. "Phyllis" and "Mermaid" divided; one put in to the same place, the other to some stacks where we had a good hunt and both coming in well, killed. "Evadne" refused to fly once, and was very shifty second time with "Mermaid", who fetched her rook and killed. "Phyllis" and "Fleetwing" hammered the rooks round a fold well, and the latter collared him. "Glauc" flew keenly and killed a bad rook in no time. "Letty" had a real good chance, the only one all day, but flew weak and is reduced too low to do any good at present. 6 rooks.

[April 22nd. Had better sport today, killing 6 rooks out of 9 flights. G. Lodge.]

April 23rd. Collingbourne Road. Cold, with high wind from N.E. Bad day: all the hawks except old "Ursula" flew badly, and wouldn't face the wind. "Ursula" fetched her rook in grand form, and killed fourth stoop. "Glauc" wouldn't face the wind: flown again she refused a rook altogether, went on up wind and killed for herself. "Mermaid" and "Phyllis" both played the fool, the latter

declining to go at all. "Mermaid" put into covert, went on down wind and killed out of a flock. Flown again together, "Phyllis" once more declined, until "Mermaid" had fetched him into a fence, when she came in and caught. "Ursula" and "Letty Lind": the old hawk fetched him in fine style and cracked him down before the young one got a chance. "Evadne", with "Fleetwing", refused an up wind rook, and turned down wind to a fold, where she caught, but falling among sheep she let him go. 5 rooks - 7 flights.

G. Lascelles and G. Lodge left, 5.30 p.m.

[April 23rd. By lunch time we had killed two rooks. One a very good flight with "Ursula", who showed very good form, fetching her rooks well, two or three times, and throwing up well after each stoop, so that she was always well above her quarry. "Mermaid" and "Phyllis" flying together did not do well. The latter taking no notice of the rooks while the former flew her rook fairly well, but lost it in a plantation, and then went down wind and killed another rook, which was a pity as she is sure to get lost if she keeps on being successful at this game, like "Clinkerina" two days ago; and Mann's "Vic" in Cambridgeshire. After lunch another rook was killed before I left to catch my train. Blowing half a gale of wind today.]

April 24th. Fine, with fresh N. Wind, cold. Bulford Fields. "Mermaid" and "Phyllis" divided and both flew hard. "Phyllis" fetched a rook into gorse and killed after a hunt. "Mermaid" fetched her rooks from a great height into gorse, and hunted a bit; but not getting helped in time they got above her, and she refused to ring. "Ursula" flew a beautiful flight, and killed fourth stoop. Flown again, she killed beautifully second stoop. Flown again, with "Letty Lind", she fetched them in, and knocked one down which "Letty" caught. "Mermaid" and "Phyllis" divided, the former catching first stoop. The latter put into a fold, and then flew a hard flight down wind, catching after a lot of stooping. "Glaucā" went up to high rooks in the finest form, and made four rattling stoops, but refused to ring when the rook got above her. Flown again she put into a fold, and then on into a hedge where she killed unassisted. "Evadne" had a very easy chance, but took the furthest rook, and was beaten up wind to a hedge. 7 rooks 8 flights.

April 25th. Cold with Fresh N. Wind. Upavon round to Netheravon. "Mermaid" and "Phyllis", (a down wind slip,) put into stacks where the former caught. Flown again they put into buildings and "Mermaid" again caught. Flown again "Mermaid" went very cunning and waited till "Phyllis" fetched them into some gorse, when she caught at once. (Scored to "Phyllis".) "Ursula" killed a crow cleverly out of a flock. Flown again she had a pretty flight at a good rook in a deep valley, showing great sense and killing with a grand stoop. "Glaucā" put into premises and refused to hunt. Flown again she went much too keen and was beaten to covert after making a fine ring. "Evadne" and "Letty Lind" divided and each killed in good form, the young hawk hitting her rook every stoop. 7 rooks 8 flights.

A. Newall left in the evening - B.H. Jones and Capt. Jones Sunday.

April 27th. Fine, sunny, S. Wind. Bulford Fields. "Letty Lind" at a single rook, she flew quite in her old form and cut him over first stoop. "Phyllis", who fetched her rooks well and after three or four excellent stoops struck her rook down to the ground so he could not rise and killed. Then met Newall and a vast herd of people and seven vehicles, full of women and children and ten to twelve horsemen. Flew "Ursula", she put two stoops in at a single rook when another came under her. She flew in the grandest form and made six or seven rattling stoops, but the rook was a veritable demon rook (one of the best George has ever seen,) and he just escaped to covert after being feathered. Then "Glaucā" who flew in the finest form; she also met a clinking rook and after some hard flying and a good ring, and six to seven brilliant stoops, killed in the open. Then "Ursula" again; she made one stoop at her rook which would fly close to the horses and carriages, endeavouring to fly under them which so upset "Ursula" that she went down wind to a flock of rooks, put them in, and George

after a great gallop got her as she had just feathered a wood pigeon. "Phyllis" and "Mermaid": the former fetched her rooks in fine style when "Mwemaide", who had gone a little way down wind, drew up, and "Phyllis", after stooping at her rook three to four times, and finding him harder than she expected, went to assist "Mermaid" flying another rook below her. "Mermaid" caught third stoop. The great number of vehicles and horsemen and the shouting greatly interfered with the number of flights and kills. 4 rooks 6 flights.

April 28th. Strong wind blowing. B.H. Jones arrived noon. Beach's Barn. "Phyllis" had a grand chance but declined. "Letty" went over a rook, and then sat on a scarecrow. "Phyllis" and "Mermaid" mopped up a very bad rook at once. "Glauc" wouldn't face the wind. "Ursula" flew as well as usual and killed without assistance after putting into a bush. "Evadne" made a baddish stoop, and never got another chance as the rook went down wind to covert like a snipe. "Phyllis" and "Mermaid" caught after a hunt down a little fence. "Letty" killed very cleverly close to Collingbourne after several stoops. 4 rooks 8 flights.

A. Newall arrived p.m.

April 29th. Upavon Road. A dreadful morning, blowing a gale, with drizzling rain and as thick as pea soup. "Phyllis" went well over rooks, and made a goodish stoop, but then turned off at a rook down wind and was beaten to covert. "Ursula" flew in extraordinary style at a rook on passage, throwing herself up into the clouds over him, and catching first stoop. The day was so bad that we gave it up till evening, when we went out with the three young hawks. It had cleared up, but was still blowing pretty hard, and rooks were all packed in large flocks and as shy as deer. Flew "Letty Lind" in a very awkward place; she went well over them, and made a fine stoop, which would have killed but for a bush: the rook got over her and she would not ring after him. 1 rook 3 flights.

E.W.B. Portman came in evening.

April 30th. Collongbourne Road. Gale of wind from S. "Ursula" flew two beautiful flights at rooks on passage, killing each time, the second flight after hunting him out of two lots of stacks. "Glauc" made three or four good stoops, knocking her rook down once; but then seemed flown out, and wouldn't ring after him. "Letty" went high into the wind and killed cleverly, first stoop. "Phyllis" and "Mermaid" were flown with hardly any room, but they hustled him into a stack where the latter caught. "Evadne" never saw her rook, a long slip on passage. 4 rooks 5 flights.

E.W.B.P. left by afternoon train.

May 1st. A full gale all day and impossible to go out. B.H. Jones left 9 a.m.

May 2nd. Heavy rain in a.m. and showers until after lunch about 2 p.m., a perfect evening. "Phyllis" was slipped at a low going rook which she did not see at first; she raked off down wind by Hougoumont rookery and played the fool. "Ursula" killed a rook going up wind well, with one stoop. "Letty" was next slipped at a good rook on passage but saw one coming up wind behind her, which she flew hard into Hougoumont farm trees. "Glauc" met a strong rook and hunted him well and killed. "Ursula" again killed a rook in good style and after her third slip she killed her rook at her first stoop. "Letty" flew a rook well and put in and lost him. All the above was done between Everleigh and Hougoumont. 7 flights 4 kills. Col. Watson and A. Newall left at 5 p.m. (A. Newall in describing the above omitted a flight at a rook on passage which after a lot of stooping by "Phyllis" was killed by her unassisted.

May 4th. Upavon Road. Cloudy and hot: little or no wind. "Ursula" put into a pond and killed. "Phyllis" killed after a long hunt round premises. "Letty Lind" flew badly and wouldn't persevere. "Mermaid" wouldn't try at all, took to the soar and was lost. "Ursula" had a very difficult chance at a high rook on passage, and never got on terms with him. "Glauc" put into a fold and caught.

"Evadne" went high over rooks, but wouldn't stoop for a long time, ringing over them till they were close to covert, when she caught, third stoop, within a yard of the hedge. "Phyllis" caught very neatly in a most awkward place. 5 rooks 8 flights.

May 5th. E. wind. Fine and warm. G.L. arrived 12 o'clock. Out towards Beaches Barn. Only one flight before luncheon, with "Ursula" who fetched her rook well into some stacks and gave up - probably owing to the heat. "Glauc" flew well at a crow, putting in some fine stoops but getting beat to covert. Then raked away at a flock, and probably killed in a sheep fold and got frightened off - 0 was found sitting by the fold with a terrified rook in it. "Ursula" then flew a very pretty flight and killed well, in the valley near Upavon clump. "Letty L." and "Phyllis" slipped at a crow put him into gorse with a rattle and killed - but the "gormless" "Letty" released him on application (of the beak) and he never was brought to bag. "Phyllis" hunted a rook into a fold right well and killed - an improving hawk.

May 6th. Fine and VERY hot. Hardly any wind. Collingbourne. "Phyllis" was flown at a rook which kept ringing round some bushes, and though she flew nicely she finally let him get to covert. "Fleetwing" had a nice chance at a curlew, which she hit hard, but wouldn't persevere. "Ursula", flown at a rook on passage, turned away and killed an easy one we hadn't seen. Flown again she killed after a hunt up a fence. "Phyllis" was again beaten to covert, went on and put a flock into a hedge, and though she hunted hard he got into a clump. "Glauc", (without much assistance from "Fleetwing",) caught close to covert; the young one crabbed her and she let it go, but it is scored to her. Flown again, in a very cramped place, she was beaten to Collingbourne Rookery, after knocking her rook into a hedge, where she would have caught him if any one had been near enough to help her. "Letty" declined a rook on passage. "Evadne" knocked over an easy rook, and then let it get up and escape, refusing to hunt. Flown again with "Phyllis" she killed in a fold. H. Watson arrived noon. 4 rooks 9 flights.

G. Lascelles left 5.21 p.m.

May 7th. Very hot. Light S.W. Wind. Nine Mile water. "Ursula" killed a couple of rooks in her usual masterly style, the second one with very little room. "Glauc" made a fine stoop at a rook, but was so long recovering herself, that the rook got into covert. Flown again she wouldn't try at all. "Phyllis" wouldn't go at all: flown again with "Letty", she again refused, while "Letty" went on and killed a poorish rook first stoop. "Evadne" got up over a big flock, and shepherded them, making feints, for a long time: when she did stoop she knocked all the stuffing out of one of them.

4 rooks 7 flights.

Saw a pair of Hobbies: also a flock of 13 carrion crows. They came close past me, and were all crows. B.H.J.

"Mermaid" was brought in at night by Axford, having been taken down to a pigeon at Wivelsford, [Wilsford?] above Upavon.

The old Shahin, "Squeaker" died.

May 8th. Nice day: cool, with fresh N. breeze. Easton Valley. Large field: Mr. & Mrs. Birbeck, Mrs. Anderson and three children, and a brace of Agricultural cards. "Ursula" killed second stoop within five yards of Hougoumont Farm, very clever. "Letty" and "Phyllis" divided, the former killing first stoop. The other hawk put into a strong gorse, and hunted keen but it was too big a place. "Glauc" was given too long a slip, and never got a stoop. "Ursula" hunted down a hedge and killed. "Phyllis" and "Evadne" put a lot of rooks into a high hedge and fold, and while all hands were engaged "Blasting" out numberless rooks, both hawks were found to have disappeared. "Phyllis" killed a rook a mile over the Rail beyond Collingbourne Kingston, and was taken up by George, but "Evadne" was left out. "Ursula" was flown at a crow, which had been most artistically

manoeuvred out of a sheep fold: he never saw her but sat on a stack until she was high over him, when he paid the penalty of inattention, first stoop. 1 crow, 4 rooks 6 flights.

“Evadne” was found by George Oker in the morning of the 9th., having been shot by some malefactor in the Easton Valley. Wing broken(?) and other injuries. Shot by Mills, (Keeper) Easton.

May 9th. Cold wind from N., rather strong. “Ursula” killed out of a flock near Sadler’s pit, second stoop, and in the afternoon killed near Hougoumont. “Glaucā” went well first time and killed first stoop, but in the afternoon declined altogether. “Letty” went hard but stooped clumsily. However she fetched her rook in near Brigmerston, and then went on and killed. On going in to her she let the rook go - of course - and would not take him again. Trained over no end of country for five moderate chances. Not one day that I have been out this year has it been a real good hawking day, favourable for getting flights.

May 11th. Very hot and bright. Stiff breeze from N. Netheravon. “Ursula” was flown four times, three of them very moderate rooks which she mopped up easily: the fourth a goodish rook on passage, which she nailed second stoop, throwing herself up steeple-high after her first stoop. “Glaucā” flew twice: the first time (a good chance,) she gave up after three or four stoops. The second time, on a side wind, she put a whole flock into some sticks, and sat on one. “Phyllis” and “Mermaid” the first flight, took off after woodpigeons. Flown again “Phyllis” fetched them in goodish form, and made a good stoop, when “Mermaid” came in and caught. Bad crab on the ground and the rook escaped, but is scored to “Mermaid”. “Letty Lind” was flown three times. First she put into gorse and wouldn’t hunt. Second she put into a small covert, and took off after birds. Third, she hardly tried at all and was beaten up wind to premises. 6 rooks 11 flights.

May 12th. C. Tracy and Mr. Carrick, (Otter hunters,) arrived after breakfast. Blazing hot. Light breeze S. to S.W. Nine Mile water. “Fleetwing” was put up over a curlew, in a grand place, but it was unfortunately flushed when her head was away from it, and she never saw it. “Phyllis” went up over a flock and wouldn’t stoop. (Much too hot to fly any hawk.) “Ursula” was beaten to covert. Flown again, she played with her rook until he was close to covert, when she put on steam and caught him; but he broke loose and got home. Flown again she made a couple of good stoops and gave up. It was much too hot for a hawk so fat as she now is. “Letty Lind” and “Mermaid” wouldn’t try, and fooled about Bulford Rookery. Flown again they flew a scrambling flight down wind to covert, both in too great a hurry, “Mermaid” catching within five yards of a belt of trees. “Glaucā” mopped up a bad rook at a pond. “Phyllis” flew a capital flight, down wind a good mile to covert, with close on twenty stoops, catching him at last, when he was only twenty yards from safety. The best form she has shown this season. 3 rooks 8 flights.

About the hottest day I ever was out hawking, in England. B.H.J.

May 13th. Just as hot as the 12th. but more breeze. Upavon Road. Didn’t start out till after 2 p.m. “Ursula” was flown at a rook on passage, but a lot of pigeons got up right under her. Flown again, she killed second stoop in her usual brilliant form. Flown again, she met a good rook, and after four or five stoops had to go for a ring; when unfortunately a landrail got up under her and she took it. Very bad luck as she was ringing hard, the rook was high up, and the country was perfectly open for two miles down wind. “Phyllis” went over a flock in good form, but as usual wouldn’t stoop till she had separated one: she then flew a hard flight down wind, with lots of stooping, to some premises; where she gave up, after a long hunt, thoroughly blown. She flies in beautiful form, but is as bad a footer as you will often meet. “Glaucā” went keen, put into a stack, and ran right into him when put out. “Letty” and “Mermaid” had an awkward, long slip on a side wind: “Letty” went hard and well, and caught second stoop, before the other hawk got in at all.

3 rooks, 1 landrail. 6 flights.

May 14th. Fine and warm but a nice breeze from N.W. "Ursula" flown at a jackdaw near Netheravon, put in three fine stoops and fairly mastered him err he escaped to covert. With this exception we traipsed the plain till four o'clock before we got another flight. It is so hard and dry that rooks can't feed anywhere and are in few places and all together. Then "Glauc" was flown at a shocking slip, raked off and got a better chance for herself killing cleverly close to Stagg's rookery. "Ursula" killed prettily first stoop, and then "Phyllis" flew a long hard flight to covert, flying hard and ringing well but stooping as clumsily as a hawk could. "Letty" went hard and killed cleverly. "Fleetwing" was put up over a curlew, but seeing rooks in the distance, slipped off and killed first stoop. "Ursula" finished the day with a pretty flight, catching her rook second stoop and after letting him go, ringing well over him and killing him, secundem artem.

May 15th,. Collingbourne side. Very stormy and heavy showers from N.W. "Ursula" flew three times - each time in beautiful style, killing with her second stoop, after running under the wind and throwing herself high over the rooks. "Letty" flew hard but clumsily, put her rook in after a long flight, and full of go, rattled into a flock and killed. "Glauc" at a long slip went grandly over a flock and killed with two of the finest stoops possible. "Phyllis" and "Mermaid" divided, the first flew a long hard flight of a mile into Hougoumont, stooping well and throwing herself well away, but never getting near her rook. "Mermaid" chased her rook into covert and caught him in a tree.

May 16th. Collingbourne. Cold, snow showers with hail! "Ursula" killed three rooks in fine style but they were easy quarry. "Glauc" also killed first stoop, a young rook. "Mermaid" put an easy rook into a fold and killed him. "Letty Lind" flew a good ringing flight up wind to covert at Everleigh, flying hard but stooping badly.

A very moderate season, though the tally of rooks killed was up to average. One hawk however killed a third of the total. The young falcons were very moderate and did not get flying enough to bring them on. The best was lost early in the season. There was not a single day of warm rain and showers to bring the rooks well out, and flights were almost impossible to get.

July 1891. A pretty good nest was obtained this year from the cliffs above the Needles, I.W. Two others from Horn Head - whence came that good eyass "Parachute". One hawk from Sutherlandshire. Very bad luck with the hack hawks - four out of nine being lost. When first the young hawks were tied out, the jesses and leashes of three were gnawed through by foxes! being newly greased and the hawks got away before they knew the country.

To Langwell were sent: "Elsa"
"Ursula"
"Phyllis"
"Fleetwing"
Eyass falcon from Needles nest.
Eyass falcon from Irish nest.
A haggard of Col. Watson's.

Col. Watson took an Irish falcon and I.W. tiercel. Mr. Waldo the Scotch falcon (on loan.)

Game killed Aug. and Sept. 1891 at Langwell and at Lilford.

	Grouse.	Partridges.	Gulls.	Sundries.	Total.
"Ursula"	25	7	14	4	50.
"Phyllis"	11	9	1	2	23.
"Fleetwing"	10		2		12.
"Elsa"	3				3.
Irish eyass	4				4.
Total:	53.	16.	17.	6.	92.

Poor old "Elsa" was lost at Langwell and so ended a glorious career which few hawks have rivalled, for three seasons she was our best rook hawk and for two as good at grouse as a falcon can be.

The Irish eyass got injured early in the season and had to be destroyed just when she promised very well.