

A Dead Goose Flies Away.

W. E. Nicholls, a well-known sportsman of San Francisco, engaged in busi-ness in the vicinity of Fourth and Townsend streets, sought relief from the cares of traffic last week and hied himself to Benicia with a trusty Parker and a faithful dog. At Benicia he met a number of friends and together they proceeded to the hunting-ground in a wagon. The vehicle was left at a camping place, and the party proceeded on foot over the marshy ground to the tules, where ducks, geese, etc., were found, plentiful. A goodly supply of ducks were soon slaughtered, and the party were about returning to camp when with their loads when a flock of geese was seen approaching. The city sports-men caught sight of them with no little pleasure, and, as they came within range, he brought a big white one to the ground. It dropped with a heavy thud, and the Benicians considered the shot a splendid one. The game, after striking the ground, never moved, and Mr. Nicholls hastily secured the trophy and fastened it to his already heavily laden belt. It was fully two miles to camp, and- after walking a mile or so, our Nimrod found his burden too heavy for further progress, and he was prevailed upon to throw aside the goose, advice previously given but refused. He pro-ceeded to unfasten the silly bird, and flung it away, when to his thorough sur-prise, she fluttered a moment and the next winged her flight to the etherial It took some time to arouse the young hunter from his spell of astonish-ment, but suddenly, as if electrified with the determination to be revenged, he brought the weapon to his shoulder and fired two shots at the marvelous anserine. But it was too late, the bird had recovered her freedom, and Nicholls joined his companions, angry over the thought that a silly goose had outwitted

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strong drink; 12 of the boys were fre-quently troubled with bleeding at the nose; 10 had disturbed sleep; 12 had slight ing, then health and strength were speed-ily restored. Even if it be granted that smoking is not harmful to adults, there is no doubt of its harmfulness to the young. Dr. Ranking, Dr. Richardson and others, who have made a special study of the subject, all agree in declaring that it causes subject, an agree in deciaring that it causes in them impairment of growth, premature virility, physical degradation. One of the worst effects is the provocation of an ap-petite for liquor, which, indeed, is not confined to the young, but which grown persons are better able to manage. Where

