

ENGLISH FALCONERS

THEY STILL KEEP ALIVE, IN A WAY, THE ANCIENT SPORT.

The Lordly Gyrfalcon They Have Not, but the Peregrine and Other Birds Take Its Place—Hawks, Magpies and Partridges the Quarry.

Those who share the now very common belief that the ancient sport of falconry has died out in England would see reason to alter their opinion if they happened to be in Wiltshire at the right time of year, says the London Chronicle, and to have the opportunity of going out with some of the amateurs who there fly their hawks annually at various kinds of quarry.

If they could gain admission to the rather select reunions of these latter day falconers they would find that several of the birds most distinguished in the chase in the middle ages are still employed in the selfsame way, wearing bells and jesses and having their heads adorned with those bright colored hoods and waving plumes which are now mostly known to us only as represented in old world pictures. They would hear in actual use such words as "bagards" and "eyeseece," "lures" and "pelts" and many more which now convey to most readers but a vague and hazy meaning when encountered in the pages of Shakespeare or Spenser or Walter Scott.

It is true, no doubt, that there are many changes. No more can the lordly gyrfalcon be thrown off at the heron on passage, for this splendid bird—bravest and fleetest of all that fly—has long been exterminated in these islands, and in the snow capped mountains where she still has her home no trappers go on a prince's errand to ensnare her for his service. No longer does a Danish king send a cast of these noble creatures as a specially welcome present to his royal brothers.

But the peregrine we still have, though, alas, in ever decreasing numbers. The goshawk, though extinct in England, is still sometimes sent over from the forests of France or Germany or Norway to be trained and flown in the British Isles. And then we have, though it will not be for long, the tiny merlin, the much enduring and much maligned sparrow hawk, and rarer still, though not entirely unknown, the long winged hobby. Occasionally a lanner from Africa or a shabheen from India is imported by some enthusiast, and even the fine shaped barbury and some of the desert falcons have been seen within recent years to wear the hood in England.

All these hawks and possibly a few others have been trained and flown by Englishmen who are now living. But of the whole number only four species are now commonly used in England. Each of them has its own special part or parts to play in the business for which they are intended. But of the very large number of wild creatures in the pursuit of which nature has fitted each of them to excel only a few now survive in sufficient numbers or are to be found in sufficiently open places to serve as suitable quarry for them.

Thus, as far as Wiltshire is concerned, the flights for which the peregrine is habitually reserved are only three—rooks, magpies and partridges. It is in the earlier part of the year that the two first named quarry—much detested by farmers as well as game preservers—are pursued, the rooks by female peregrines, especially dignified by the name of "falcons," and the magpies by their smaller brothers, called "tiercels." The falcon is flown singly at rooks, which, when it is a matter of life or death for them, acquit themselves with great ability in the air, flying at a high rate of speed, especially down wind, and avoiding the hawk's swoops with much adroitness. The falconers in attendance must gallop fast if they mean to keep up with the flight until the quarry either falls a victim to some specially well aimed blow or makes his way successfully, often after flying some miles, to a plantation or shelter where he is safe.

At the magpie the tiercels are flown in casts, two together, and each assists the other in trying to counteract and defeat the crafty maneuvers with which this knowing quarry endeavors to elude their active pursuit. It is an animated scene as the horsemen attempt with loud cries and other noises to rout out from some thicket or hiding place the reluctant fugitive, while the hawks circle about in the air above, ready to deliver quickly their headlong stoops as soon as ever the patch of bright black and white feathers has been forced to emerge into the open.

In September the whole plan of operations and many of the performers in them are changed. Instead of being thrown off from the fist as soon as a rook or magpie is found in a suitable place the hawks, one at a time, are put on the wing before any quarry at all is in sight. The falconer has satisfied himself that a partridge or a covey is squatting or running somewhere not far in front of him, and the hawk, knowing by long practice what is expected of him, mounts steadily, often to a very great height, and then circles about, waiting until the men below have flushed the game, when he comes down with almost incredible speed in a long stoop, which often, indeed, misses its mark, but if the hawk is a good one, often succeeds. All peregrines can be used for partridge hawking, whether they are of one sex or the other and whether they have been taken as eyesses from the aerie or have been captured in the adult state in Holland and already used in the spring for rooks or magpies.

Partridges may also be taken with goshawks when these are exceptionally quick on the wing, but in their

flight is more or less of a stern chase, with none of those lightninglike descents from out of the sky which are considered the chief merit of the flight with the nobler falcons. The quarry for which the female goshawk is most suitable and most often used is ground game, either rabbits or hares. This kind of hawk, like the sparrow hawk, can be flown a great many times in succession on the same day, and quite a big bag of rabbits has been made with even one goshawk when in first rate fettle. But it requires an unusually strong and bold one to tackle and hold on to so large and vigorous an animal as a full grown down hare of the Wiltshire plain.

September sees also in full swing the campaign with the two kinds of small hawks which are now trained for the field. Of these the sparrow hawk is the larger and the more difficult to reclaim and keep in condition. Both sexes are usually employed at blackbirds, although no bird of about the same size seems to come much amiss to them, and they can be flown at several sorts of quarry in the same day, whereas the long winged hawk, and especially eyess peregrines, should be kept exclusively—at least in any one season of the year—at one flight. The female sparrow hawk is usually very much bigger than her brothers, and occasionally one will be found so strong and courageous as to be able to take a few partridges in the early part of the game season.

The mode of flying is very similar to that of the goshawk, and each of these "short winged" hawks is more properly trained to come back to the fist after unsuccessful flights instead of being brought back to the "lure," like the high flying falcons. In the pursuit of blackbirds, as in that of the magpie, the beaters have a great deal to do with the success of the operations in finding and dislodging the tunning quarry when he has got to shelter in a hedge or bush. Blackbirds can also be taken by merlins of both sexes, and the flight presents no great differences from that in which the larger hawk is employed.

Many other small birds can be taken by merlins, although many are too fast of flight and too tricky to be overtaken by any hawk that flies. The wheatear, which may sometimes be found on the downs in a tolerably open spot, is notable for his trickiness, and it will take a very good merlin or even a cast of them to touch him. But the best quarry for merlins are those birds which take the air and go up in spiral rings with a view to keeping all the time above the pursuing hawk or hawks. In this case the merlins employed must be in the pink of condition. Often they have to fly miles, rising upward all the time, before they can even get above their quarry, and then they must begin a long series of stoops, each made with the utmost energy and skill, before either of them aims a stroke which finishes the well matched contest or until the fugitive has saved himself in some one of the many refuges which are big and thick enough to shield him from further pursuit.

There are, of course, other counties besides Wiltshire where hawks are flown, and there are many other quarry birds besides those mentioned. There are, for instance, the flight at grouse and the very fine and difficult flights at gulls. But the very existence of falconry in England is menaced with speedy extinction by the mania for destroying all of the rarer birds. And those who wish to see it in actual practice must make haste or they will be too late.

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