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For the "Turf, Field & Farm".

New Orleans, Feb'y 17th 1873.

Mr Editor:

Allow me, an old hunter of fifty years standing, to say a word ⁱⁿ ~~at~~ commendation of your excellent journal. I read it with pleasure and profit, and in common with numerous other lovers of field sports in this section of the country, esteem it to be one of the most valuable and interesting sporting papers ever issued in the United States. I would gladly furnish you with some items of information concerning hunting and cognate subjects, but am sorry to say that there is little worth communicating. Deer have been very numerous this season in Louisiana, and thousands of the antlered monarchs of the forest have fallen; but small game have been unprecedentedly scarce in the southern portion of the State. Usually our markets in the winter are glutted with ducks, snipes, woodcock, partridges, etc.; this year there are comparatively few to be found and they are held at such exorbitant prices as to be considered ~~as~~ luxuries at the poor man's table. The truth is, that the prairies contiguous to the Mississippi, Bayou Barataria, Lake Kasha, Lake Maurepas, & the upper Lafouche, which formerly were so noted for being the favorite haunts of innumerable Canvas-backs, Mallards, Teal, & English Snipe, are now almost deserted by those descriptions of birds, much to the sorrow of City amateurs, and the large companies of professional hunters who usually hibernated in those regions. This fact is ascribed by some of our old

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hunters to the frequent crevasses which have occurred during the past few years, admitting the muddy waters of the Mississippi to the bayous & lakes, submerging the prairies and thereby destroying the food upon which the ducks and snipe were wont to luxuriate. On the river Têche, however, where I recently had a fortnight's hunt, game of all kinds were very abundant, and sportsmen were having a glorious time in that "garden spot" of Louisiana. En passant, let me urge you, Mr Editor, should you ever visit this State, to extend your travels to the Têche country; its wild and picturesque scenery will greatly please you, and you will find it to be the abode of opulence, refinement & hospitality, and the very Paradise of hunters.

Noticing that you devote considerable space in your columns to descriptions of improvements in the manufacture of "breach-loaders" I hope you will not deem it out of place for me to make brief mention of one which I recently received from the maker W.C. Scott, London, imported through the ^{well known} house of Messrs Read & Sons, Boston. It weighs $8\frac{1}{2}$ lbs, has barrel 30 inches in length and of 12 bore, first class top snap, side-bar lock with the late improvements of indicator, joint hook or adjuster, central fire and the pistol grip. This gun is finished in the highest style of art, every part is adjusted with the utmost nicety, the whole forming one of the most perfect specimens of workmanship I ever saw, reflecting great credit upon the skill & taste of the manufacturer. For many

years I have spared no pains or expense to provide myself with the best class of guns of the most noted manufacturers of Europe and America was always very particular to have guns of power & concentration in shooting; but never have had one so remarkable for these qualities and which was so completely satisfactory in every particular as this one of Scott's. Though rich in ornamentation, the indispensable requisites of strength and solidity have been closely observed in its fabrication and for convenience of handling it is unsurpassed. In a word, Mr Editor, I pronounce ~~the~~ it the best gun I ever saw or used and confidently recommend it to the American Shooting public.

