

Primary Source Set: Protection for the Birds

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She's Wearing a Dead Bird on Her Head Story by Kathryn Lasky
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DEAD BIRD ON HER HEAD| KIDS READING WITH ENGLISH
SUBTITLES (YouTube video)

After watching women go from having bird feathers in their hats to wearing whole dead birds, the Massachusetts Audubon Society is founded in 1896 to take a stand against what they consider an incredibly appalling practice.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H47mesCpF-w>

PERIL OF THE BIRDS

Extirpation Threatened by the
Prevailing Fashions.

IF THE WOMEN ONLY REALIZED

That the Slaughter of Birds that they May
Ornament Their Bodies is Taking From
Mankind One of Its Greatest Blessings
They would Cry Down the Fashion--An
Interesting Article that Every Woman
Should Read.

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The Wheeling daily intelligencer. (Wheeling, W. Va.), 21 Dec.
1896. Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers. Lib. of
Congress.

<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn84026844/1896-12-21/ed-1/seq-6/>

HE MADE A FORTUNE IN FEATHERS

HUNTING EGRETS
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David L. Bennett Sup-
plies Plumes to Bon
Ton Milliners.

HAS MADE A FORTUNE AT IT.

Highest Degree of Skill and Artifice
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Range--Soon Be Extirpated.

and skill of duck or egret hunting! Why, both are boy's play by the side of shooting egrets or herons for a living. These birds are the most cautious and wary of any I have ever known or heard of. I have known herons to even desert a whole nest of young because they saw an old hat lying near the roost, where the nest had been made and their suspicions were thereby aroused. Egrets seem to almost smell the presence of a man with a gun. I know of no decoy that could be used for egrets or herons, but even if it could, once he found that would be the last of that trick in that locality, for by some sort of phenomenon all the bird's family and cousins for miles around would be warned of the decoy.

"When we go out for a fortnight or a month's shoot we never leave our heads even for an hour. We get our birds either at early evening or at the first break of day. We seldom get birds at evening and then at the following dawn, for at the report of a gun every egret or heron in the region flies straight away and will not come back to that particular spot for four or five days. Even then they return with wonderful caution. As we move from one part of a bay or lagoon at midday, when the birds are off feeding at the shoals along the shore. We get our craft in position, one man in a boat, before 4 p. m. and conceal ourselves with brush and foliage, not to speak of the ducks."

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Highest Degree of Skill and Artifice Necessary to Bring the Birds
Within Range. Soon to Be Extirpated

The Seattle post-intelligencer. (Seattle, Wash. Terr. [Wash.]), 11
March 1900. Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers.
Lib. of Congress.

<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn83045604/1900-03-11/ed-1/seq-25/>

Slaughter of the Innocents

The Duchess of Roxburgh, formerly
May Goelt, of New York, has a hat
decorated with 200 egret feathers.
The hat was bought in London for
\$500.

These feathers are found in finest
quality on mother herons on the nest,
and the thoughtless cruelty of woman
practically means the extinction of
one of the prettiest of all birds.




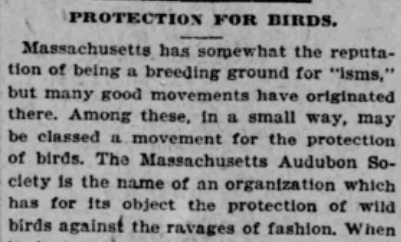

The dealer who sold the Roxburgh
hat said that it made him ashamed to
think that his sales of egrets meant
the death of "many thousands of
young birds by starvation," but that
he had to sell the feathers to live
and to keep in business.



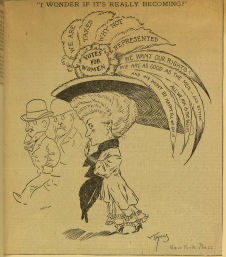

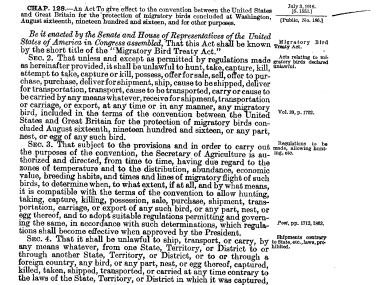
Women are credited with being ten-
der hearted, still they are barbaric in
their hardness when it comes to fash-
ions.

Slaughter of the Innocents

The Ocala banner. (Ocala, Marion County, Fla.), 12 Nov.
1909. Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers. Lib. of
Congress.

<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn88074815/1909-11-12/ed-1/seq-4/>

	<p>Head and shoulders of model wearing "Chanticleer" hat of bird feathers. , ca. 1912. Photograph.</p> <p>Caption card tracings: Birds; Hats; Fashion ca. 1912</p> <p>https://www.loc.gov/item/2005691560/</p>
	<p>Biggest Thing About This Paris Creation is the Price Tag</p> <p>The day book. (Chicago, Ill.), 06 June 1914. <i>Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers</i>. Lib. of Congress. http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn83045487/1914-06-06/ed-2/seq-3/</p>
	<p>How Two Women Ended the Deadly Feather Trade Birds like the snowy egret were on the brink of extinction, all because of their sought-after plumage (A secondary source from the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History) https://www.smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/how-two-women-ended-the-deadly-feather-trade-23187277/?no-ist</p>
	<p>8. Massachusetts Audubon Society Formed</p> <p>The Indianapolis journal. (Indianapolis [Ind.]), 14 June 1896. <i>Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers</i>. Lib. of Congress. http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn82015679/1896-06-14/ed-1/seq-12/</p>
	<p>Women Move in the Work of Stopping Revival of a Cruel Fashion The Audubon Society Again The Wheeling daily intelligencer. (Wheeling, W. Va.), 24 March 1897. <i>Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers</i>. Lib. of Congress. http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn84026844/1897-03-24/ed-1/seq-6/</p>

	<p>The woman behind the gun. Ross, Gordon, Artist. 1911. N.Y.: Published by Keppler & Schwarzmann, Puck Building. Photograph. https://www.loc.gov/item/2011648990/</p> <p>Summary Illustration shows a woman, possibly Coco Chanel, wearing a large hat with feathers, shooting at large white birds with a rifle; two dogs labeled "French Milliner" place the dead birds on a pile at her feet.</p>
	<p>When women vote. What will happen if the polling place is in a millinery shop. , ca. 1909. Photograph.</p> <p>Summary - Caricature showing women trying on hats and insert showing women going into hat shop.</p> <p>https://www.loc.gov/item/2002720349/ .</p>
	<p>I wonder if it's really becoming? Suffrage Cartoon. United States, . New York Press, New York City, New York, n. d. Photograph.</p> <p>Notes- Suffrage cartoon: stylish woman with "Votes for women" hat with suffrage message on feathers Source Collection Miller NAWSA Suffrage Scrapbooks, 1897-1911 https://www.loc.gov/item/rbcmiller001148/</p>
	<p>Massachusetts Law to prohibit sale of migratory game The Bennington evening banner. (Bennington, Vt.), 23 May 1912. Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers. Lib. of Congress. <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn95066012/1912-05-23/ed-1/seq-7/></p>
	<p>Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918, which implements a 1916 Convention (between the U.S. and Britain, acting for Canada) for the Protection of Migratory Birds, and establishes responsibility for international migratory bird protection. http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/ampage?collId=amrvl&fileName=v1028/amrvl1028.db&recNum=0</p>