

Mr. Doughty, the head-keeper, has held his position for twenty years and no man stands higher in the estimation of the Lighthouse Board.

One fact worth noting in connection with this tower is the great number of wild fowls that dash themselves to pieces against it during stormy nights. In their migrations, the birds insensibly head for the light, and as the lantern turns on a pivot and flashes every forty-five seconds the extreme glare blinds and bewilders them, and they strike with such force against the reflector that sometimes every bone in their body is smashed. Often in the morning after a storm, over a hundred dead birds have been picked up, and there are more killed in this way than by the sportsmen. The force of the impact of these birds, driving on the pinions of the wind seventy miles an hour, striking the lantern incased in thick glass, was so great that they have been known to shatter a three inch lens.

The Government, taught by experience, now encases the light in a thick wire netting.

#### **HOG ISLAND AS A SPORTING GROUND**

Hog Island is, at certain seasons of the year, ideal ground for the sportsman. Machipongo Inlet and its channels is a famous feeding ground of the wild geese and that king of wild fowl, the brant, and the marshes abound with black duck. In the spring and summer the curlew, willet, and graybacks flock to the oyster shoals and ponds in the meadows. Fine