

Trip No. 5

Party: H Overbeck and J E Waller

1874

Friday 20th November

Started in the Gah Chu from Jessfield at 8pm.

Saturday 21st November

Fair wind. Noticed some splendid snipe ground about six miles on the Shanghai side of Quinsan. Clear of Soochow at 8pm.

Sunday 22nd November

Through Woossee at 7am wind still aft.

Monday the 23rd November

Anchored at 8 am about a mile from Ta you and went on shore about 9 o'clock beastly weather all the time raining hard and at 11 a perfect gale set in from the NE with heavy rain. We saw a good lot of birds but they were very wild and difficult to shoot, the rain and wind interfering with straight powder. Made up our minds to wait patiently till the weather moderates at present it is beastly. The patent canvas shooting stuff is useless in rainy weather, the water goes through it like a sieve.

Tuesday 24th November

At Kintang shot on the right bank between the Pagoda and the City saw any quantity of deer and bagged 8 pheasants, few and far between, this must be on account of the boisterous weather. Strong N.E. wind with snow at 2pm. Went out all day and came back dead beat. Whiskey toddy is a mistake over night, it puts you off for shooting. Cold is no name for it snowing hard and very uncomfortable. Lee jou boat passed on its way home.

Wednesday 25th November

At Kintang still the weather is very bad and the birds few.

Thursday 26th November

Shot on the Pagoda side of Kintang creek lots of birds here. I shot very badly only bagged 9 brace ought to have had 15 at least saw a few deer. Overbeck got 3 I only one. It was a splendid day only the wind was very strong.

Friday 27th November

Beautiful weather went on from where we were Easter Day about five miles and shot over some ground about 8 miles due N. from the Pagoda this is the exact bearing from where we stopped. We went back through the City where we started in the morning and took the first creek to the left called the See lee jou creek any quantity of birds chiefly round the copses.

Saturday 28th November

"See lee jou" creek where we had some very good sport but wasted a lot of time wandering through the long grass. The birds are all near the village where the ground is slightly cultivated, it's no use going through the grass at all. Weather fine no wind nice and warm.

Sunday 29th November

Still about the same place and had splendid sport I was off or should have had at least 20 brace.

Monday 30th November

Moved back a little and had much the same sport as before, this is a very good country indeed and should think it better even than "Touse jou". The Mou san monastery bears SW by S 80 and the highest point on the South side SSW or 45.

Tuesday 1st December

Shot over much the same ground only went a little further back say about 6 li where we stopped at a village called "Lu-Kwa-chong" on the NE. side of the creek. It was a beautiful day warm no wind, the birds are here by thousands, this is about the best ground without exception that I have shot over for years. The natives here are particularly civil, an old woman opened her heart and gave me a magnificent pumpkin.

Wednesday 2nd December

This was an off day did nothing but make the best of our way to the Tah-hou lake via Ga-woo-jou and then straight to "Foong Quey tan"

Thursday 3rd December

Pig shooting at Mosai saw three, bagged none.

Friday 4th December

Brown and Wilson of Foochow turned up and we had another day after pig, saw one which Brown was lucky enough to bag and then had the cheek to ask Overbeck to take it to Shanghai for him.

Saturday 5th December

Had another day after the Porkies on the south side of the island but did not see a bristle. Came across the Taiping boat but did not find out who was on board.

Sunday 6th December

Started home at 6am across the lake to Mootoo where we arrived at 3 pm.

Monday 7th December

Passed Quinsan and hoisted sail at 8:15am with a light breeze aft.

Tuesday 8th December

Arrived at Shanghai at 6am.

Resume

8 days Travelling.

3 days Pig shooting

8 days Pheasant shooting

Total Game bagged

	Pheasants	Deer	Duck	Teal	Total
Overbeck	145	14	1	3	163
Waller	109	7	1	0	117
Total	254	21	2	3	280