

The image shows the front cover of an antique book. The cover is decorated with a complex marbled paper pattern, often referred to as a 'stone' or 'shell' pattern, featuring irregular, cell-like shapes in various shades of grey, black, and white. A central, rectangular white label is pasted onto the cover, containing the title 'Pigeon Shoots' written in a flowing, cursive script. The book's spine is visible on the left side, showing a dark, possibly leather or cloth, binding. The overall appearance is that of a well-used, historical volume.

Pigeon Shoots

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of
PIGEON SHOOTS



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William Brewster



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Dorchester Mass. Dec. 2 - 1871¹

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | Total |
|-------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|-------|
| H. Gardner | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | 5 |
| W. Brewster | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | | 4 |
| Perrin | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | | 7 |
| H. Morse | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | 8 |
| G. H. Morse | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | 3 |
| Everitt | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | | | 4 |
| C. Pierce | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 2 |

Clear but very cold a high N.W. wind prevailing. I shot Gardner's 14 g. ~~Wills~~ Muzzle loader (afterwards purchase of him.)

Waverley Mass. April 4-1872

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | Total |
|--------------|---|----|----|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| G. Linder | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 00 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 8 |
| W. Brewster | 1 | 01 | 00 | 1 | 00 | 1 | 01 | 1 | 00 | 1 | 5 |
| D. Nesbitt | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 00 | 4 |
| C. Carter | 1 | 00 | 1 | 1 | 00 | 01 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | 5 |
| J. C. Melvin | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 00 | 01 | | 5 |

Clear with rather high wind. Shot
only Greener 10g. br. loader.

(Wild pigeons)

Concord Junction, Mass. June 17-1872

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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | Total |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|-------|
| E. Simmons | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| H. Pierce | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 5 |
| B. O. Morse | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 7 |
| E. M. Carter | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 7 |
| G. Mackey | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 |
| C. E. Aldin | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| W. Richardson | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| J. C. Melvin | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 10 |
| G. Messer | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 7 |
| Bush | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| R. Deam | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| E. Nealey | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| E. Lombard | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| W. Brewster | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 9 |

Day fine with little wind. W. Battersick of Concord came in at the 8th sound and finished Mr. Lombard's score from that point - I shot my Larks 12 g. br. loach.

Reidville Mass. June 29 - 1872

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | Total |
|-------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|-------|
| W. Brewster | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| H. Pierce | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| G. Linder | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| N. Wales | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 9 |
| Train | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Merriman | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| Cleaves | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Sanborn | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 |

A very hot day with moderate breeze. I shot my Tonks 12g. br. loader. Birds very poor, quite a large proportion of them being "Squalers."

Watertown Mass. Dec. 25 - 1872⁵

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | Total |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| G. C. Melin | 01 | 01 | 1 | 00 | 1 | 1 | 00 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| E. S. Carr | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 01 | 1 | 01 | 00 | | | 1 |
| E. M. Carter | 00 | 1 | 1 | 00 | 00 | 1 | 00 | 1 | 1 | 00 | 5 |
| R. Nesbitt | 1 | 1 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 1 | 01 | | | 3 |
| R. Deane | 1 | 1 | 1 | 00 | 00 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| J. Nesbitt | 1 | 1 | 00 | 1 | 00 | 1 | 00 | 1 | | | 5 |
| W. Brewster | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| Hatfield | 1 | 1 | 00 | 01 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 1 | | | 3 |
| A. Tucker | 00 | 00 | 1 | 1 | 00 | 1 | 1 | 00 | 00 | 1 | 5 |
| Wilson | 1 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | | | 1 |
| E. Carr | 00 | 00 | 00 | 1 | 00 | 1 | 01 | 00 | | | 2 |

Day clear with little wind. Snow about 1 ft. deep. I used my Yonks 12g. and came very near making a clean row, my 7th bird dropping apparently dead at the shot like the rest, but when approached, struggled on wing and getting just one bound.

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Concord Mass. July 4th 1873

B. M. Carter
W. B. Brewster
E. Reid
N. Dean
W. H. Jackson
A. Smith
J. Dodge
W. Kelley
W. Brewster

Watertown Mass. Dec. 25th 1873

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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | Total |
|---------------|----|---|------|------|----|----|----|----|---|----|-------|
| E. M. Carter | 1 | 1 | 1 | 00 | 1 | 00 | 1 | 01 | 1 | | 6 |
| C. F. Bartons | 0 | 1 | 0 | 00 | 1 | 00 | 00 | 0 | 0 | | 2 |
| E. Reid | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 2 |
| R. Deane | 1 | 1 | miss | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | 6 |
| A. M. Tucker | 00 | 1 | 00 | 1 | 01 | 00 | 00 | 1 | | | 3 |
| A. Smith | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 00 | 0 | 00 | 1 | | | 5 |
| F. Dodge | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 0 |
| Corblish | 0 | 1 | miss | miss | 1 | 0 | 0 | 00 | | | 2 |
| W. Brewster | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | | | 7 |

The day was a remarkably good one for shooting, cloudy and with absolutely no wind. I used my Gault's 12g. as usual.

Cambridge Mass. Feb. 23 - 1874

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | Total |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|-------|
| C. W. Carter | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| C. F. Barstow | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 3 |
| R. Dean | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | 2 |
| W. Brewster | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| E. Reid | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

Morning dark and cloudy with a mist so thick that it was nearly impossible to see the more darkly colored birds.

Watertown Mass. Dec. 25-1874

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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | Total |
|--------------|---|---|---|--------------------|---|--------------------|---|---|---|----|-------|
| C. M. Carter | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | 5 |
| J. Nesbitt | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | | | 3 |
| A. Smith | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | | | 3 |
| H. Norton | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | | 3 |
| J. C. Melvin | 1 | 1 | 1 | ^{on f.} 0 | 1 | ^{on f.} 0 | 1 | | | | 5 |
| C. F. Burton | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | | | 1 |
| E. S. Carr | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | | | 3 |
| R. Deam | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | | 3 |
| R. Nesbitt | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | 1 |
| W. Brewster | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | | | 4 |

Clear cool and bracing with very little wind. Birds very strong and good flyers. Shot my Goshawks as usual and loaded my shells (brass) with 4 dr. $1\frac{1}{4}$ oz an 8.

Watertown Mass. Jan 12 - 1875

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | Total |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|-------|
| G. Sinder | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 7 (8) |
| W. Brewster | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 7 (8) |
| G. C. Melvin | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 (4) |
| E. M. Curtis | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 8 (9) |
| E. L. Carr | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 (8) |
| W. Nesbitt | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 (6) |
| W. C. Moxim | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 (4) |
| R. B. Nesbitt | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 (3) |

The day was clear and still, about two inches of snow covering the ground. Commenced shooting at 2 P.M. and finished by 4.30. I used my Honks 12 g. and loaded with 4 dr. x $1\frac{1}{4}$ of No. 8+. Mr. Melvin loaded with $3\frac{3}{4}$ dr. of Curtis & Harvey and his poor shooting was doubtless owing in great part to the same recoil.

Watertown Mass. Feb. 22 - 1875

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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | Total |
|--------------|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|----|----|----|-------|
| W. Brewster | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| G. Farley | 1 | 00 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| J.C. Melvin | 0 | 1 | 00 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 00 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| R. Dland | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| C. M. Carter | 1 | 1 | 0* | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| E. S. Carr. | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 00 | 00 | 0 | 1 | 00 | 00 | 1 | 4 |
| H. Mortimer | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Rollins | 0 | 1 | 0 | 00 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 |

Riverside Mass. June 12 - 1875

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | Total |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|--------------------------|
| H. Pierce | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | 5 out of 10; 6 out of 12 |
| F. Raymond | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 9 " " " 11 " " " |
| Geo. Mifflin | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | | 5 " " " 6 " " 11 |
| Wm Brewster | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 6 " " " 8 " " 12 |
| J. C. Melvin | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 6 " " " 7 " " " |
| C. M. Carter | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | | 4 " " " 5 " " 11 |
| Geo. Linder | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 8 " " " 8 " " " |
| Barnes | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | 6 " " " 7 " " " |

The day was clear with very high W. wind.
 We shot at wild birds, usual rules.
 I used my York's with paper shells,
 load 4 dr. x $1\frac{1}{8}$ oz No 8 shot. The birds
 were in remarkably good condition and
 flew well.

Belmont Mass. Feb. 22 - 1876.

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | Total | Doubt birds | | Total | Grand total |
|---------------|-----|---|-----|----|----|---|---|---|-----|----|-------|-------------|-----|-------|-------------|
| S. Holt | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 00 | 2 | x | | | 2 |
| W. Brewster | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 00 | 6 | 0.1 | 1.1 | 3 | 9 |
| J. C. Melvin | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 1 | 7 |
| R. Deane | 0 | 1 | 0.1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 3 | 6 |
| J. Nesbitt | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | | | | |
| J. D. Thomas | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | | | |
| W. Todd | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | | | |
| R. B. Nesbitt | 00 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | | | | |
| G. Linder | 1 | 1 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0.1 | 00 | 4 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 3 | 7 |
| C. M. Carter | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 4 | 11 |
| B. Morse | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 | | | | |
| F. H. Raymond | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 3 | 9 |
| J. R. Reed | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | | | | |
| Bullock | 0.1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | | | | |

The day was clear and fine with steady & rather strong N. wind. About 6 in. of snow. Farm birds, very strong swift flyers. I used my Hawks & loaded 4 dec. x 1 1/8 oz. no. 8 Batham's shot.









