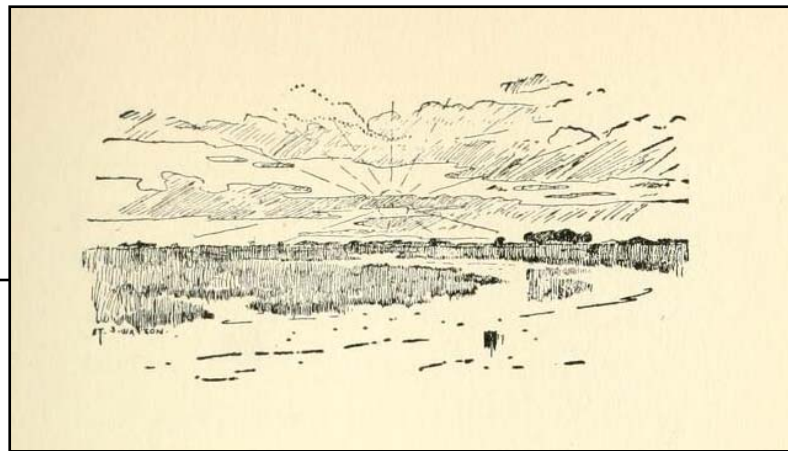


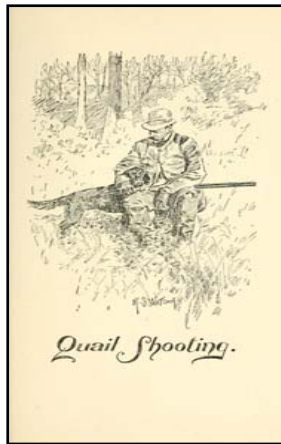
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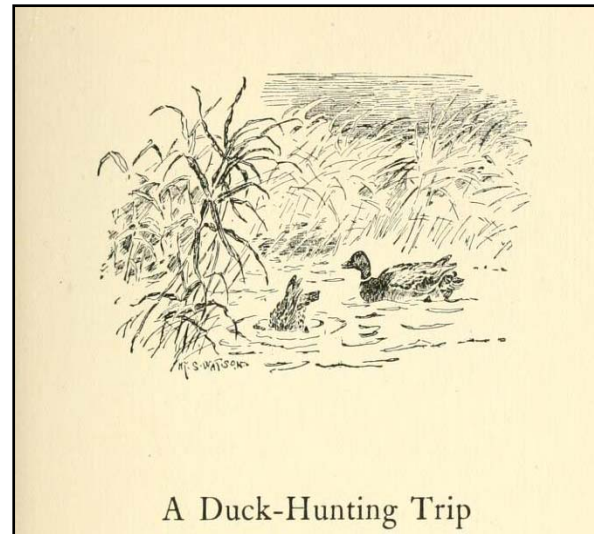
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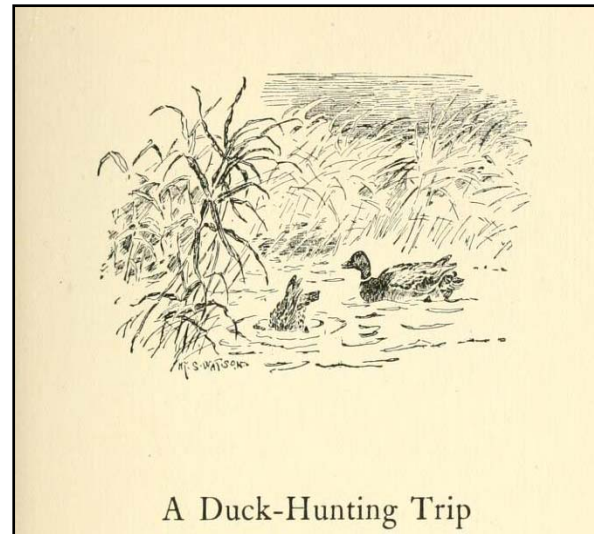
Grover Cleveland, sportsman



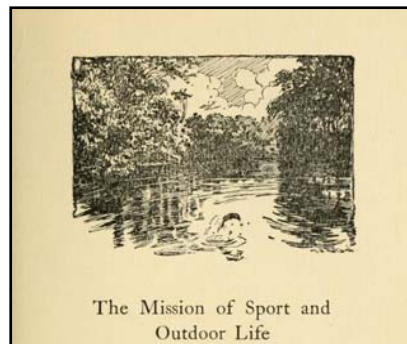
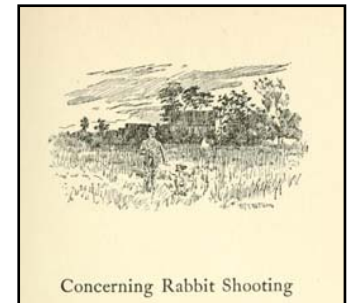
Quail Shooting.



Concerning Rabbit Shooting

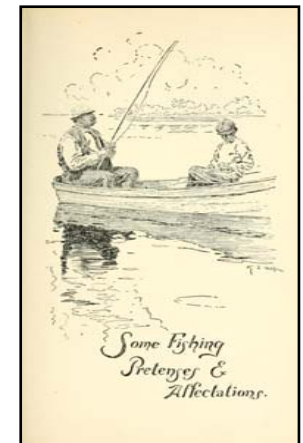


A Duck-Hunting Trip



The Mission of Sport and
Outdoor Life

**Illustrations from
the book,
Fishing and
Shooting Sketches
by Grover
Cleveland, 1906**



*Some Fishing
Pretenses &
Affections.*

Fishing and Shooting Sketches by Grover Cleveland, 1906

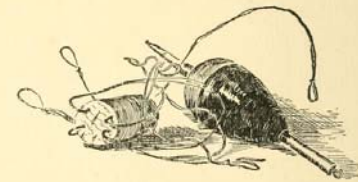


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The beginning

Stephen Grover Cleveland born in Caldwell, NJ

- 1841- Reverend Cleveland moved his family to Fayetteville, NY. Grover attended local schools and was described by many as “chuck full of fun”. He enjoyed outdoor sports, especially fishing.
- 1853- He prepared to enter Hamilton College, but his father’s death changed these plans. Instead of college, Cleveland at age 16, worked to help support his mother and 8 siblings.
- 1859- After working as a law clerk, Cleveland was admitted to the bar, fulfilling his long-held goal of becoming a lawyer.

In three years...

- 1882- Mayor of Buffalo
- 1883 - Governor of New York
- 1885 - President of the United States



President # 22 and 24

- **Dates of Presidency:**
3/4/1885 - 3/3/1889
& 3/4/1893 - 3/3/1897
- **Party:** Democratic
- **Vice Presidents:**
Thomas Hendricks,
Adalai Stevenson



Grover Cleveland

- ❑ **First Lady:**
Frances Folsom
Cleveland
- ❑ **Number of Children:**
5
- ❑ **Education Level:** No
College
- ❑ **Favorite pastimes:**
Hunting and Fishing



Baby Ruth



Legislation for the outdoors

- 1886 – Expands the territory of the Northern Piute
- 1886 Dedicates the Statue of Liberty and island as a park



Legislation for the outdoors

- 1894 - Made it illegal to kill buffalo, saving them from probable extinction
- 1894 - Signed Yellowstone Protection Act making it the first wildlife refuge; providing funding and administration



Legislation for the outdoors

- ❑ 1897 - Establishes the Bitter Root Forest Reserve, inc. much of northern Idaho
- ❑ 1897 – Proclamation of the Olympic Forest Reserve. 2,188,800 acres, forerunner of the Olympic National Park



“Leave me alone, boys, I’m going to Back Bay!”

MR. CLEVELAND WANTS DUCKS.

“Left Politics at Home,” He Says, When Starting for Virginia Shooting Preserves.

Special to The New York Times.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 14.—Ex-President Grover Cleveland in company with Ernest Gittings of Baltimore, Andrew D. Jones, and Dr. Paul Van Dyke of Princeton, started this morning from the Virginia Beach Station for a week's shooting with the Back Bay Gup Club of Princess Anne County, Va., to which a number of Baltimore sportsmen belong. For several seasons Mr. Cleveland has been the guest of the club.

A dispatch from Virginia Beach says that Mr. Cleveland declined to discuss politics.

Mr. Cleveland seems to be in much better health than when here last year. He would not talk about the Presidential campaign.

“I left politics at home,” he declared, “and am here for ducks.”

“Will you say who you think will receive the nomination, Mr. Cleveland?”

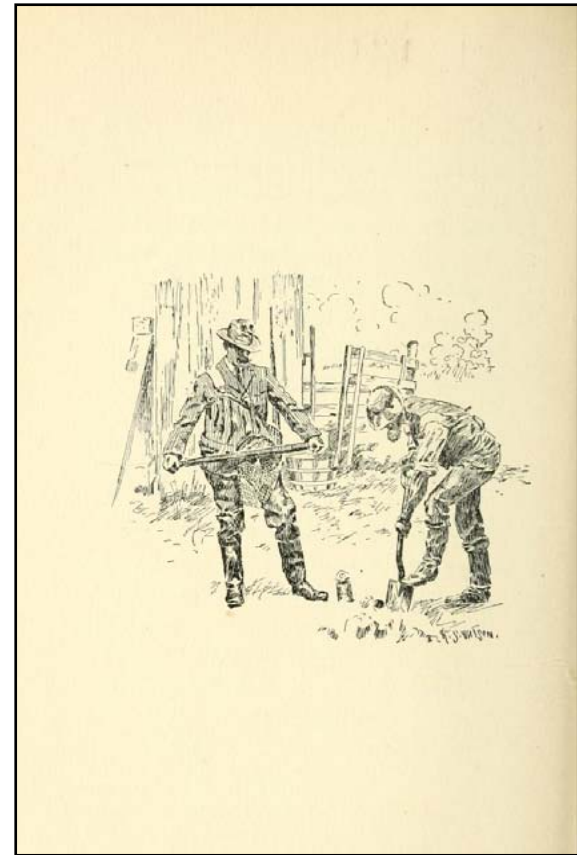
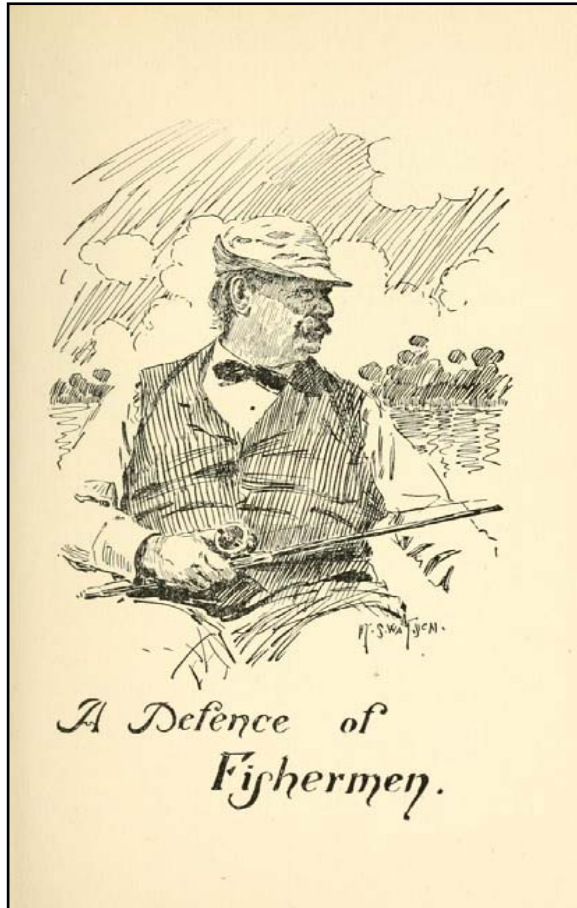
“Not a bit of it,” was his quick reply, as he turned to ask Mr. Gittings how the game was. The weather is perfect for gunning, and the first start through the marshes was made this afternoon.

The New York Times

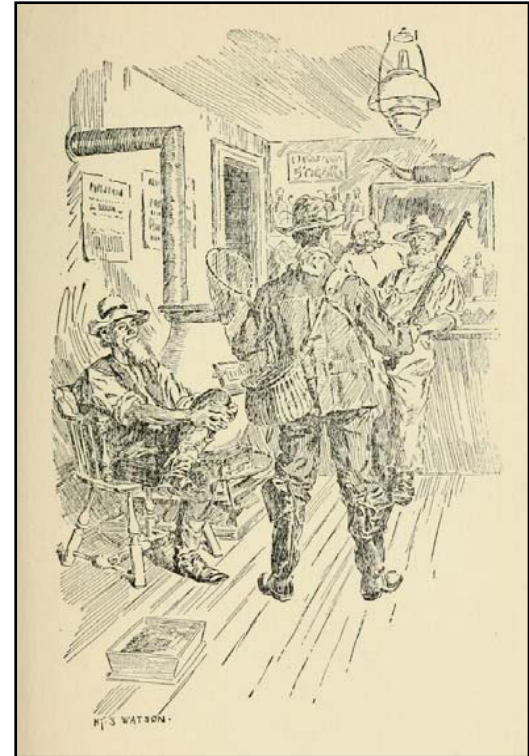
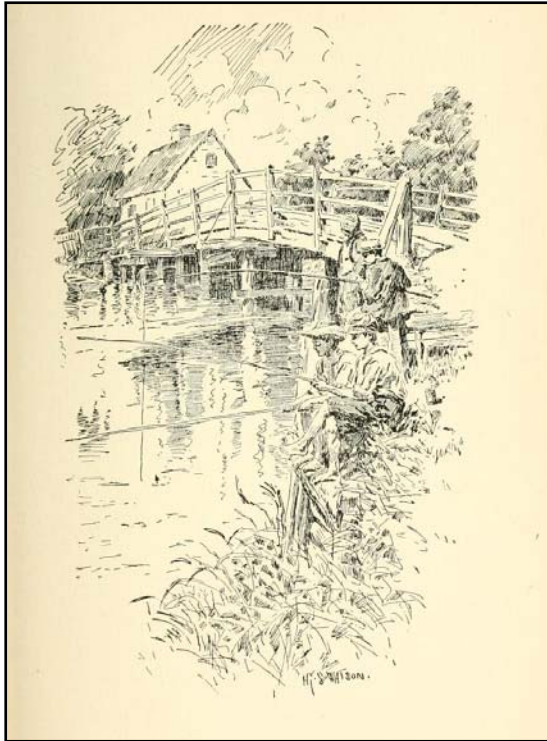
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Virginia duck hunting and fishing

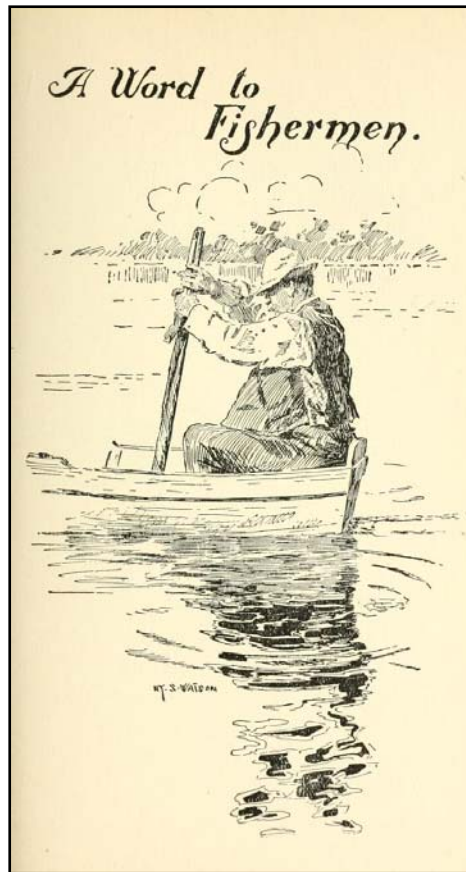


Cleveland on fishing



**“...with a hook at one end
and a fool at the other...”**

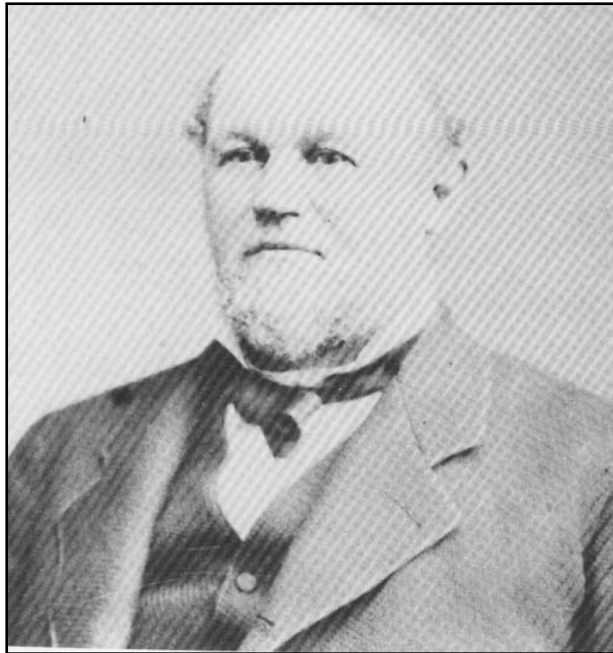
Cleveland on bass fishing...



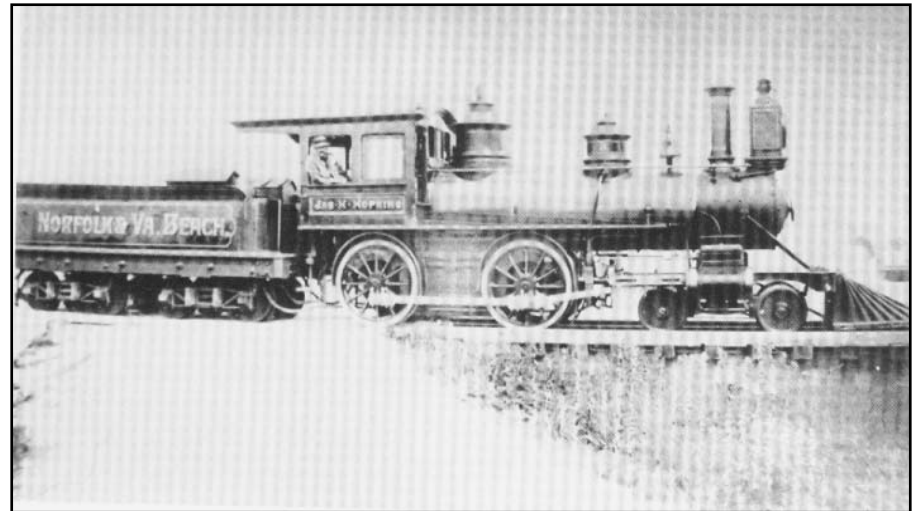
Bass- “the most aggravating
and profanity producing
animal that swims in freshwater.”

~ Grover Cleveland

Getting to Back Bay

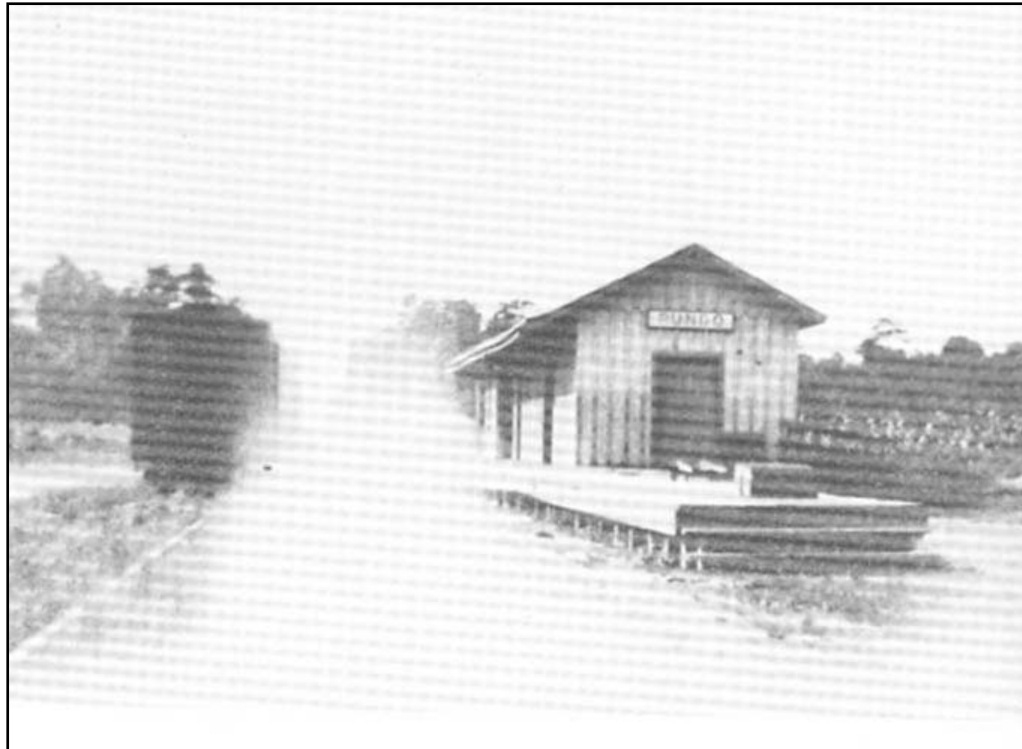


Marshall Parks over-saw the laying of the first rail lines to Virginia Beach. Parks Street in VB is named for him.



March 1885, the steam locomotive named the James H. Hopkins, made its way to Virginia Beach. The engine was constructed in Norfolk. On its return trip to Norfolk, the time was 45 minutes which included 4 stops.

Getting to Back Bay



Pungo Station

By 1898, the rail line extended to
Munden Point.

Cleveland at Back Bay



Circa 1900

Back Bay Gunning Club



**Back Bay Gunning Club in
1899**

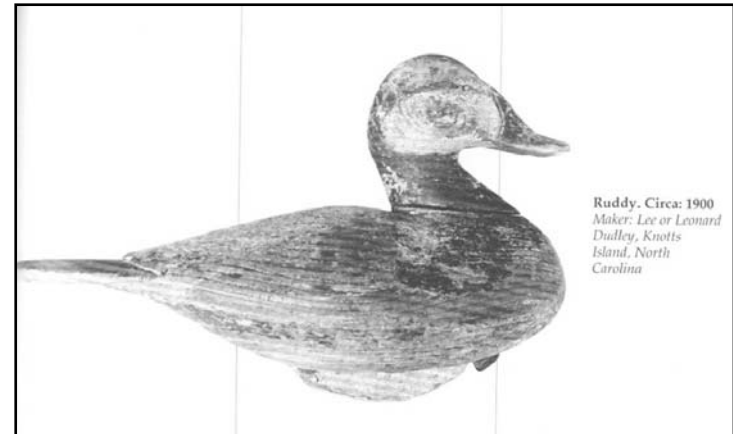


**Grover Cleveland in route
on a ducking holiday**

Back Bay Gunning Club



Dining room, circa 1900

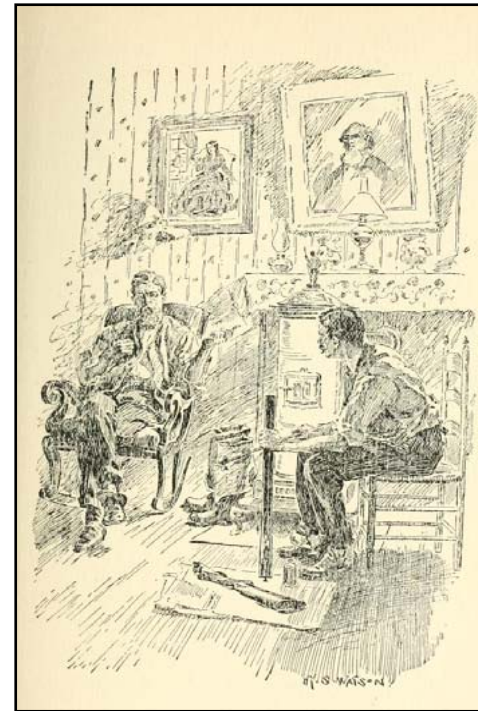


Ruddy Duck Decoy, circa 1900

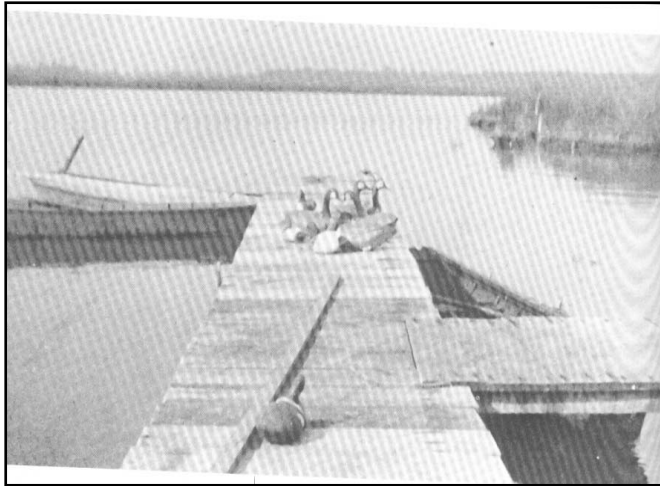
Cleveland at Back Bay, 1889?-1903



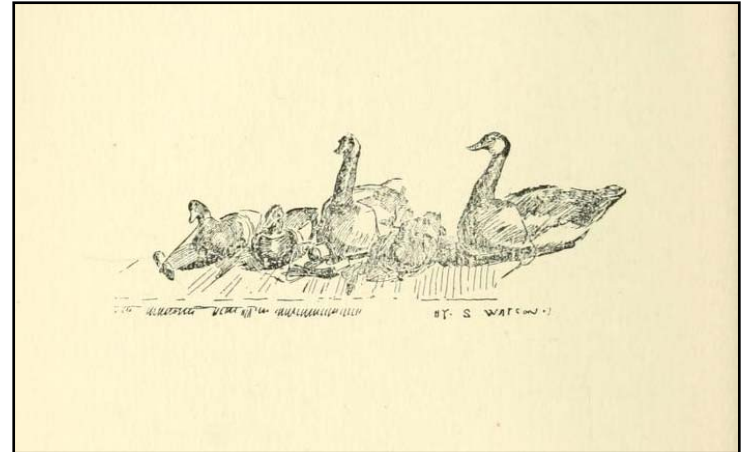
Back Bay Gunning Club 1903



Back Bay 1903



**The Dock at Back Bay Gunning Club
1903**

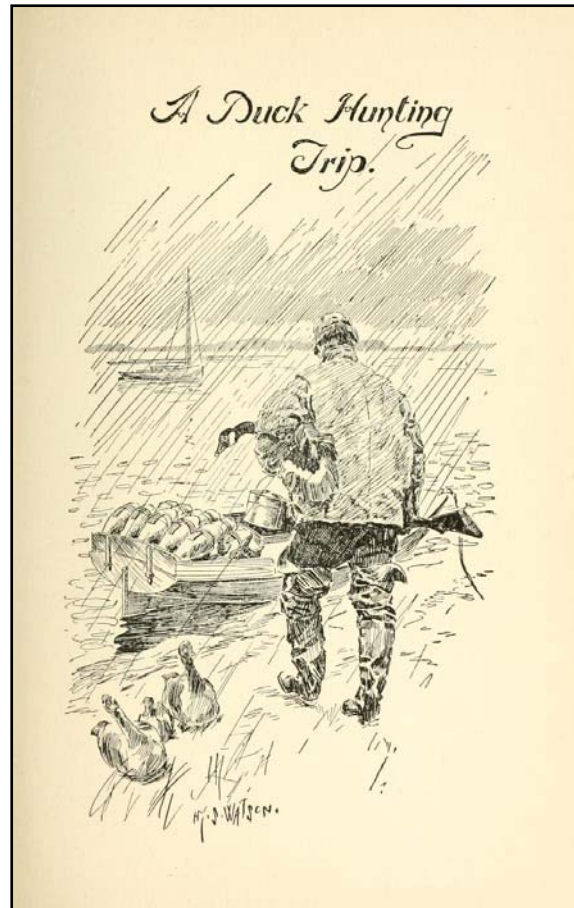


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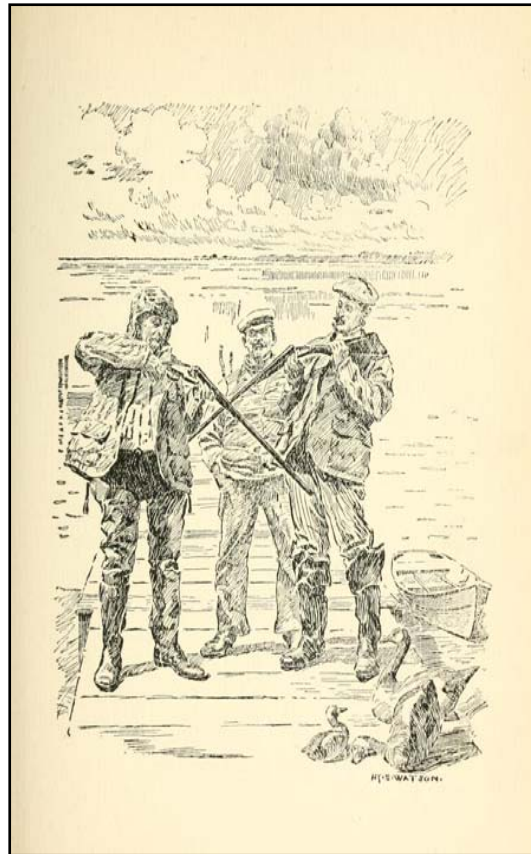
Cleveland's favorite hunting gun



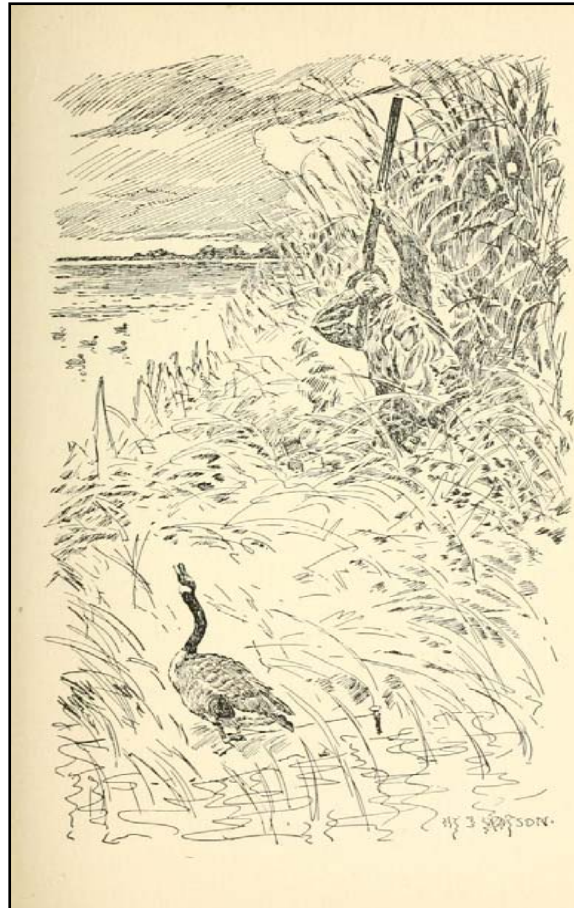
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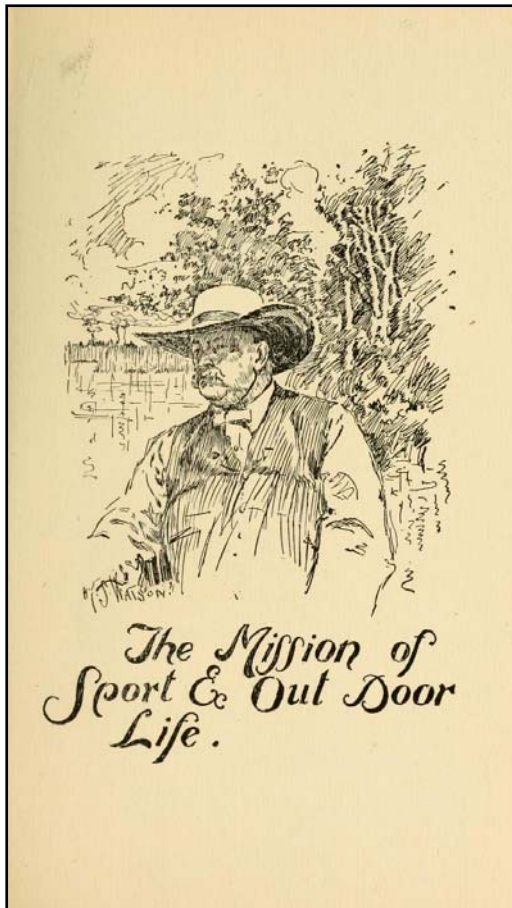
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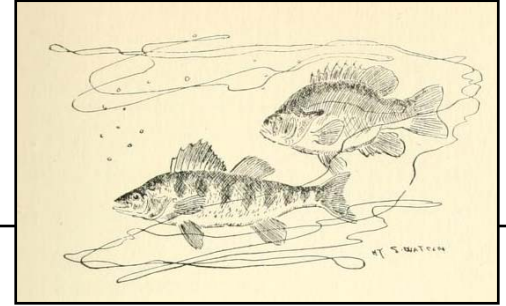
The genuine sportsman



“Genuine sportsmanship is based on honor, generosity, obedience to law and a scrupulous willingness to perpetuate, for those who come after them, the recreation they enjoy.”

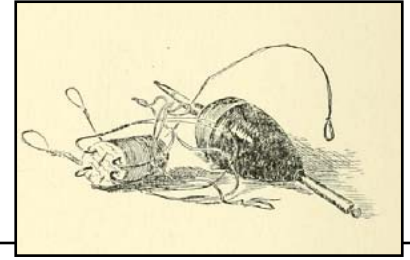
~ Grover Cleveland,
*United States President: 1885-89
and 1893-97*

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