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George Bird Grinnell (1849 – 1938) was a famous American hunter, anthropologist, historian, naturalist, and writer. Grinnell graduated from Yale University with a B.A. in 1870 and a Ph.D. in 1880. Originally specializing in zoology, he became a prominent early conservationist and student of Native American life.

Mr. George Bird Grinnell, who has had long experience as a huntsman in the west and elsewhere, has written a valuable manual of "American Duck Shooting". The first part of the book is devoted to descriptions of every species of duck, goose, and swan to be found in North America, each description being accompanied by a carefully drawn portrait of the species. The second part describes different forms of wild-fowl shooting, covering the greatest possible range. In the third part, "The Art of Duck Shooting," practical directions are given as to what guns to use, how to load them, how the beginner should conduct himself in a blind, and how the various types of boats used in duck hunting can be utilized to the best advantage. The work is valuable as a book of reference to the sportsman in every part of the country.

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THE TRUE DUCKS.

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PART II.

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