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ZOOLOGY.***Vespa austriaca.***

Males of *Vespa austriaca* have been about in considerable numbers. I took a dozen in a short space of time, and could have taken as many more. If any reader of the *Irish Naturalist* would care for specimens of this rare male I shall be happy to send them, so far as my supply goes, on receipt of a suitable box for packing.

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Lacerta vivipara.

Some years since I was asked whether I had ever seen green specimens of the Common Lizard in Ireland. I mentioned that I had taken one of brilliant green in Killarney, which is now in the Museum, though of course its colour may have faded in alcohol. I now write to record another seen at Fort Carlisle, one of the two fortified headlands that dominate Queenstown Harbour, Co. Cork.

W. F. DE V. KANE.

Monaghan.

Sea Eagle and Golden Eagle in Donegal.

While passing through Dunfanaghy in N.E. Donegal, on 5th August, I made inquiry whether Eagles were still to be found about Horn Head, and found a young man (Strain), a practised cliff climber (his father climbed the cliffs for eggs for many years), and had a good talk with him. He seemed to have a thorough knowledge of the local birds. He told me that a pair of Sea Eagles had frequented the Horn for a month or two last winter, and that during the past ten years or so he had seen the Eagles occasionally—it might be every third or fourth year—and always in the late autumn or winter. He also told me that he had seen a Golden Eagle at Glen Veagh last spring, which he believed was nesting.

He reported that a pair of Ravens had built and brought out their brood on Horn Head this year.

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Wild Swans in Donegal and Antrim.

On July 25th my land steward at Kilderry, Co. Donegal, saw twelve wild swans flying overhead in a N.E. to S.W. direction. On 28th, being at Portrush, Co. Antrim, a party of five of us saw nine swans coming in also from N.E. to S.W. They were flying at no great elevation, and passed within about two gunshots, or rather less, of the rocks at the Blue