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BIG GUN FIRING AND BIRD DESTRUCTION.—The following complaint by "Incubator" appeared in *The Argus* of the 23/11/05:—"On Saturday last I had 100 duck eggs in an incubator; 15 came out, all the rest were tapping and ready. A big gun was fired at Williamstown, causing sudden death to all the tappers. Could not this waste of ammunition be postponed until the season is over, say, end of February?" If the concussion causes such havoc amongst domestic fowls, how will the native birds that breed in the neighbourhood of the coast fare?

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