

CAPTURED AN OTTER.

H. Walter Chidsey of East Haven Captures a Rare Animal.

H. Walter Chidsey of East Haven, formerly a New Haven merchant, was out on the meadows near East Haven river recently and saw tracks which he determined to be those of an otter. Next morning he was out bright and early and started on track of the animal with his dogs. The animal's retreat was finally located in a hole in the bank of the river. Mr. Chidsey's dogs started the animal out of the hole and Mr. Chidsey shot at him and fatally wounded him. The dogs after that set on him and the otter nearly whipped them even after it was thus wounded. The animal finally was captured. It measured four feet from the end of its nose to the tip of its tail. Its body was three feet long. It had a dark brown fur, which is very valuable. It has been on exhibition for several days at Mr. Chidsey's home near East Haven green.

For a hunter to capture an otter as near civilization as this is quite a rare occurrence nowadays.