Canary Breeding

To the beginner I would say let fancy aristocrats alone; start with their humble cousins. You will stand a greater chance of success by so doing, for plainer birds are hardier and more prolific than their pedigreed relatives. Get all the information you can on the subject, but remember that experience will be your best teacher.

You will undoubtedly make many mistakes and suffer many heart-breaking disappointments, but all the time you will be learning. Perhaps the first year you will raise only three or four birds, but don't become discouraged. Remember the birds you didn't raise were traded for experience, so they are not a total loss after all.

By observation and patience you will slowly but surely grasp those many fundamentals that experience alone can bring forth and that point to success.

Canaries breed practically any time of the year with proper environment and handling, but the regular breeding season runs from February up until July. The easiest and the most profitable way for the beginner to raise birds is to mate one male with three females. Get as large a cage as you can. A cage the size of an orange or lemon-box is about the right size. Always put your male in the breeding cage a week or so before the females. You will find that by so doing there will be less fighting and you will obtain quicker and better results.

After your birds have been together long enough to become acquainted, start placing an occasional piece of cotton in the cage. If they pick it up and carry it around, you will then know that it is time to give them material to construct a nest. I would suggest that you construct the first few nests for the birds.

Use medium-weight cardboard and make your nest about four inches square and two inches deep. Fill it about level-full of cotton, making a depression in the center. Now take a square piece of cloth of the correct size and lay it on top of the cotton; after fitting it to the nest sew it to all four sides.

When the sides are fastened, make one stitch through the center of the nest and tie at the boom. All ends must be securely tied and all edges of the cloth must be carefully covered with short stitches, for if one little weakness is exposed, the birds will be quick to take advantage of it and pick the nest to pieces.

The depression in the center is to keep the eggs together. If left to her own initiative, the bird is likely to construct a nest of such proportions that it will be physically impossible for her to cover all the eggs, and the eggs will sooner or later become chilled and thus fail to hatch.

Many strange phases of wild life confront us in handling our canaries. Freakish and unexplainable twists of their eccentric temperament are often displayed in ways that are both puzzling and humorous. For example, one would naturally assume that three nests would be enough in a pen containing a male and three females, but the experienced breeder always puts in an extra nest. If there are only three nests in the cage, two hens will invariably choose the same one and if left to themselves they will both lay in that nest and fight each other for the privilege or honor, of sitting there.

In all my experience I have never seen any exceptions to this rule. If the nest is not large enough for both birds, one will park herself on the edge and will maintain her position in thes ame earnest manner as the one hovering the eggs.

When the hen in possession leaves for food the watchful, waiting mother-to-be immediately jumps into the nest and very proudly takes up the duties. When the first hen returns she will park herself on the edge of the nest—and so it continues. Having the fourth nest in the cage eliminates that condition. When the birds have settled down to housekeeping the fourth nest can safely be removed.

When your birds start to build their nests it is well to pulverize some old plaster and sprinkle it over the bottom of the cage every day. Crushed egg-shells also are good. These measures will prevent soft-shelled eggs. A little boiled egg should be given your birds every other day at this time. Keep seed, gravel, cuttlebone and fresh water before them at all times. Now is the time that your birds must be left to themselves. Don't go around them any more than is absolutely necessary. Don't allow strangers around them, and above all, keep the cats and dogs away.

Birds are very eccentric and very observing. Make a sudden or unusual movement before their cage and they will be suspicious of you the rest of the day.

A nervous person will never have much success raising canaries. An old lady called on me one day and wanted to know my secret of raising birds. She informed me that she had been trying for three consecutive years and had not one bird of her own raising to show for her time and trouble.

I visited her home and entered the room where her birds were kept. She opened the door with a quick movement and almost rushed into the room. Instantly her birds ceased singing and began to fly wildly around their cages as if a cat had jumped into their midst and was threatening their very lives. They seemed to regard her more as an enemy than friend, and went into a flutter when she even approached their cages. I gave her a kindly warning and later traded her some old, motherly females for some of her demoralized stock. That year she raised quite a number of birds. But as her temperament does not fit her for the vocation, she will always be handicapped in that particular line of endeavor.

Canaries lay their eggs in the early morning and with rare exceptions start sitting just as soon as the first egg appears. They lay from three to seven eggs for a sitting; four eggs are about the average and this number is more desirable than a larger sitting.

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So powerful is the lamp in Paris that from the top of the Eiffel Tower it would be visible for hundreds of miles; and if the Eiffel Tower were twice as high a man with field-glasses at Vienna would be able to see it quite clearly. The heat in the centre of the electric flame which radiates the light reaches 6,500 degrees Centigrade. That is to say, it equals the heat at the surface of the sun!

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The Two Races

Ottawa Droit (Lib.): Canada is a British Dominion, it is true, but a Domnion where the two races—English and French—live an a footing of equality. In consequence the French element of the population has every right to demand from the Government the same advantages for French immigrants as are granted to British settlers.

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Berlin.—President von Hindenburg, by exercising once more his immense personal authority in a political crisis, succeeded recently in bringing order out of chaos. As a result of his second letter within a week to the ministers demanding passage of the budget and certain other pressing legislation before the Reichstag is dissolved, all the principal parties agreed this afternoon to accept the Cabinet's emergency program.

This assures that the 1928 budget, providing for the payment of the Dawes plan, annuities for the first so-called standard years by Germany will be adopted before the election campaign begins. Under the arrangements accepted by all the major parties the Reichstag will be kept at work until April 1 and the Parliamentary elections will be held some time in May.

Radicals Only Opponents.

This plan was adopted by all the parties except those representing the "lunatic fringe—the Communists and Fascists. The program was adopted under the pressure of President van Hindenburg's letter because no party dared to say "No" out loud to the President. It speaks volumes for Marshal von Hindenburg's impartiality, that in the present case he is acting directly counter to the clamor of the Conservatives—the very men who elected him to his exalted office.

The opposition parties, while agreeing to co-operate in winding up the Parliamentary business and to refrain from making partisan motions, reserved the right to criticize and vote against the budget, for the creation of which they had no responsibility.

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Communists Fight Each Other

According to reports in the Volkswille of Suhl, Thuringia, an organ of the left wing Opposition in the German Communist Party, the official Communists are using violent methods to "convert" their former comrades. In one instance a demonstration by the Opposition was attacked and one of its organizers beaten insensible with a hammer. In Hamburg three detachments of the regular Communist Front Fighters raided a meeting of the Opposition and stormed the platform, clearing a way by vigorous use of rubber clubs, brass knuckles and knives. In Dortmund, on the other hand, Herr Thaelmann, a well-known Communist chief, had to flee from a meeting in order to escape a beating at the hands of the Opposition.

Five Pupils Form Four Classes

Lochgair, Scotland. — This little Highland village claims that the school here is attended by fewer pupils than any other in Scotland, if not in Great Britain. There are only five names on the register, but as the children are of different ages the teacher has to teach them separately and make four classes.

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Parsons and Their Sons

Black sheep come more often from the parsonage than from other homes, it has long popularly been believed; but refutation of this baseless charge, notes The Christian Observer (Presbyterian), has been made many times, particularly by reports found in "Who's Who in America." A careful investigation reveals that a large percentage of ministers whose names have been recorded in that book of notteworthy names followed in the footsteps of their fathers. Now comes the Clergymen's Committtee of the American Engenics Society with its results of a canvass of 100 leading ministers in America. As the report is summarized in The Christian Observer:

"Two-fifths of these stated that they themselves were the sons of ministers. Three others were sons of a local or lay preacher, and one had a Quaker preacher for a mother. Ten of those interviewed had grandfathers who were ministers and seven had great-grandfathers and three great-great-grandfathers in the ministry. One man reported an unbroken line of Presbyterian ancestors running back to the seventeenth century, and another a similar line of Moravian ministers beginning in 1740. Thirty-eight were sons of church officers and only eighteen of the hundred were sons of men who were neither ministers nor church officers.

"Th fact that two-fifths of the hundred ministers are sons of ministers indicates that the preacher's son who adopts his father's profession does so with full knowledge of what it means to devote his life to the work of the ministry. The committee reaches the conviction that the future church leaders in America must come from church families, and that church leaders produce church leaders. The list of one hundred ministers interviewed includes the most successful ministers in the American pulpit to-day."

Those who are familiar with the teachings of the Bible, comments this Louisville weekly, are not surprised at the tale told by this careful investigation. "God's promise is 'to you and to your children,' and thus God honors those who honor Him. The recruits for the ministry of the future may be expected to come from the families of those who are most faithful and sincere in their service to God an dtheir fellow men, either as ministers, officers, or workers in Christian churches."

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Prussian Churches Expensive

In an article in the Berlin Vorwarts discussing the budget of the Prussian State, a member of the Diet draws attention to the heavy cost of supporting the various religious denominations, because of the Diet's delay in taking the steps necessary to separate Church and State. This year's budget provides for an expenditure of 71,600,000 marks (worth 23.8 cents each) for Church purposes, without any allowance for the additional salaries to be paid to the clergy under the new law increasing the pay of State officials and employees. The complaining Deputy notes that the State is planning to spend only 52,000,000 marks in welfare work of all kinds, including the health service. He also refers to a budget deficit estimated at about 74,000,000 marks.

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