

your crows ; tell the other boys to come to my house and get ten cents each for theirs ; or let each take his crow, just as he please." This was, I thought, fair dealing, and, as I had bought out two shares, I felt sure of two pets, which was really all I needed.

When I arrived home with my birds, which I carried in my handkerchief, my wife asked me : "What in the world are you going to do with five crows ?" "Oh," I said, "they do not all belong to me, there are some boys who have an interest in them, and I guess will soon be after them." And I was not mistaken, for when it became known to the Crows' Nest Company that I had taken the crows, the stockholders were soon after me. For several days after I got the crows, when my wife saw boys coming to the house, she would say : "I guess it's some more of your crow boys."

One boy took his crow, the others I paid off as they came along, ten or fifteen cents, just as I could make the bargain. I did not keep a Crow debit and credit account, so do not remember how many shares I bought out ; but, when congratulating myself that I held all the stock, a boy came along ; he proved to be one of the original shareholders that I had bought out. He said his brother "owned one of the crows," and, as he was sick in bed and unable to come, he had sent him (the speaker) as his representative to demand ten cents, which I duly handed over ; though I never inquired whether that ten cents ever reached the sick boy.

Crows are omnivorous, are great feeders and easy to raise. I took a box about ten inches square and four inches deep ; in this I made a nest of soft hay, in which the birds, when young, and before they were able to perch, would sit ; and, their droppings being ejected outside, like from their natural nest, they were kept clean and healthy. I fed them largely on milk and bread, with (when the birds were quite young) some hard-boiled eggs mixed in it, raw beef and an occasional worm. Almost anything I would eat myself (no allusion to the worm diet intended), did not come amiss to them, and the quantity of food they consumed, when young and growing, would surprise anyone who never raised young crows. The secret is, Feed little and often.

After settling with all the boys who had an interest in my