# PICEONS AND PETS X

approaching confinement to wild birds is great cruelty, but those who have had the opportunity of seeing some of our noted cracks need never fear that they are not happy; their condition of feather, sprightly habits, and pleasing notes being convincing proof that the Goldfinch can be kept in confinement to the mutual advantage of both exhibitor and exhibit.— Fur and Feather.

### A PARROT FOR FIVE DOLLARS

is offered this month by the well known dealers Geo. Hope & Son of Toronto. These are young Cubans in fine plumage. We know for we saw them. Other parrots we noticed while on a visit there were double and single yellow head, Maracaibes, etc., as well as dozens of little paroquets, fancy finches, etc. Seed of any kind and cages of all shapes and sizes were also on view.

At the meeting of the Industrial Exhibition Poultry Committee, held July 16, a full report of which will be found elsewhere, it was decided, upon the suggestion of Mr. Collins, to award the six extra medals in the cage bird class as follows : One each for the best Scotch Fancy, Norwich plainhead, crest, any variety, Yorkshire, lizard and cinnamon.



BY T J. AMBROSE IN Fur and Feather.

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I always find that youngsters that are born fine healthy tabbits grow away so much faster, and are also much less

susceptible to cold than those that are born with loose skins, a true sign that the doe has not been able to feed them during pregnancy, as she should have done. This system of feeding also does away with the necessity of giving water at kindling time, because plenty of nourishing succulent food prevents that intense thirst that causes so many does to eat their young to satisfy it. It also provides the doe with nature's demands, plenty of milk, wherewith she at once commences to induce her youngsters to suckle, for her own comforts sake. This system of feeding also keeps up a bountiful supply of milk until the youngsters are several weeks old, and I would suggest to those who are at home at mid-day to give the bread and milk at that time, and the oats for the evening meal. I feel certain that those who can feed brood does three times a day will do so with advantage, because I find that little and often is an excellent remedy for bad feeders. The latter is a great drawback to a breeding doe, because once they go back in condition whilst suckling they cannot possibly recover the flesh they have lost during the time they are rearing youngsters. One suggestion I would make is to carefully avoid, during the breeding season, any heating foods, such as soaked peas and beans, paisley, groundsel, and the many conduments that contain spice. What is more annoving than when the youngs ers are three or four weeks old to see the doe riding them round the hutch; such youngstors will never thrive, because the doe is not thinking of nursing them, and the constant excitement and worry will only tend to dry up her milk. I also advocate keeping brood stock in large, well ventilated hutches, kept scrupulously clean.



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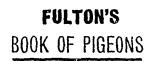
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