

feed once a week of bread crusts. All young breeders should be well fed, not stuffed. The skin of a fat fox will sell in London, but over feeding will lessen its chances to have young and is very bad for a breeder. In March the male is removed, and let me state right here that you want to be more cautious at this than at any other time. The period of gestation with the female is half gone and she must not be excited nor aroused. Many a young female has aborted at this time owing to the carelessness or ignorance of the attendant. The idea is to get Mr. Male away without any undue excitement. The attendant must establish between himself and the pregnant female a confidence that must not be broken. When the female finds that she is going to have young, she begins to regard her attendant with a lot of suspicion. Her foxy instinct tells her that he may take away her young as he did her mate, and as the time draws nearer and nearer for her to give birth, she watches him very closely. Every movement out of the ordinary is observed by her and he must assume a careless attitude as though he does not notice her. Day after day he goes to feed her, each day bringing the pregnant fox nearer to birth, but some morning he will go to the ranch and she does not appear as usual to get her food, and from this he will know that she has, or is having her young. Remember she is a wild animal and not a domestic one and if she is a valuable fox, no man who is not thoroughly conversant with fox-raising has any business around at this time. However, the attendant has to come daily, and do his best, for she must be