

treatment. Birds over a year do not require to be treated, for they cast all their feathers during the moulting period. This acquired color will only last until the next moult, for if no coloring material be given during the next moult the bird will return to its original natural color.

**BATHING.**

Make free use of the water bath on fine warm days.

**AILMENTS.**

I believe many of the ailments from which canaries suffer are caused by injudicious feeding, draughts, and foul air, and are therefore preventable. Remove the cause and the effect must cease. I have no great faith in physic for canaries. My medicine chest contains only a bottle of glycerine, castor oil, olive oil, and citrate of iron and quinine—one drachm dissolved in 4° of water. At one time or another I think I have tried nearly every drug in the Pharmacopœia, but these mentioned above are what I use now, and if I do not succeed in bringing a sick bird round with these I give it up. At the same time I always try change of diet and warmth. Immediately I see the bird looking dull I put it into a cage by itself, with plenty of clean sand at the bottom, and notice the evacuation; if the bird is costive I try glycerine in the drinking water. First make it nice and sweet. If the bowels are not relieved in an hour or two I give a dose of warm castor oil (thirteen drops), and feed on inga and linseed. If the bird has diarrhœa, I give cit. iron and quinine and a little maw seed. For all lung affections I give glycerine and linseed, with cit. iron and quinine if the bird is at all out of condition or weakly, but remember that prevention is better than cure.

**EGG BINDING.**

This is a troublesome and dangerous affair. When you expect your hen to lay and she does not do so, and she appears very puffy and ill at ease, take her out and examine her; if she ap-

pears very red and swollen towards the vent, get some warm olive or sweet oil, and with a knitting-needle or small stick put one or two drops just within the opening; on no account push the needle in, or you may kill the bird right off. Give her a liberal supply of inga and small linseed and put her in a warm place, and most likely in an hour or two the egg will pass; if not, repeat the same treatment, with the addition of two drops of warm castor oil in her beak, and steam the vent by holding the bird over a jug of hot water. I find the best preventive is a plentiful supply of inga and linseed from the time I put the birds together till the eggs are laid.



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