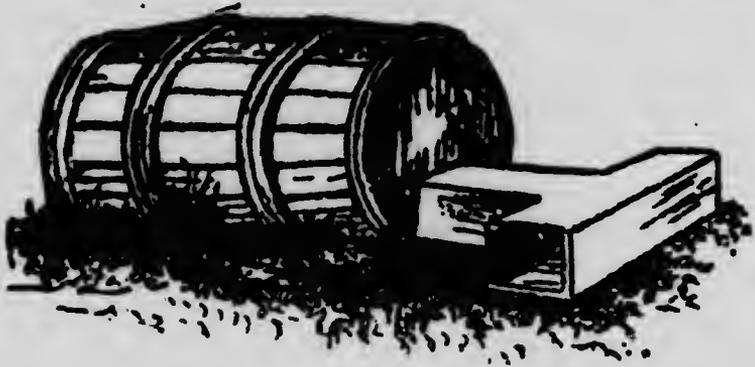


in a litter varies from two to eight, the average number born to adult parents being five. In the wild state foxes are monogamous. The male has only one consort, at least only one in a sea-



son, and while the young are being reared he dutifully forages for them. In confinement, however, one male sometimes has been mated successfully with two or even three



females. In certain cases this may be desirable, and at an advanced stage of the business may offer no difficulties, but at first it is advisable to handle the animals in pairs. It is possible,