

the colour food a little. Reverting to the frill question, the lecturer, replying to one of the audience, said a few drops of cod-liver oil was a good thing as a conditioner, although Fellowes' Syrup was one of the finest things they could give to birds. Some doctors went so far as to say that it made new tissue.—*Fur and Feather.*

SHOW OF THE CANADIAN CANARY AND CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.

THE Canadian Canary and Cage Bird Society held their annual show at Toronto, Nov. 26th. There was keen competition for prizes, which gave credit to the breeders. The honors were awarded as follows :

Belgians, yellow, 1 J Hodge, 2 W J Woodhouse, 3 J S Moffatt ; buff, 1 J W Detlor, 2 Moffatt. Scotch Fancy, first cross, 1 W Ferguson, 2 and 3 A Griffiths, H Way highly commended ; yellow, 1 Griffiths ; 2 J Hodge, 3 Way, W J Woodhouse highly commended ; yellow marked, 1 J Goggins, 2 and 3 Detlor, J Hunter highly commended ; buff, 1 Ferguson, 2 T Robertson, 3 Hodge, Ferguson highly commended ; buff marked, 1 Ferguson, 2 Detlor, 3 Goggins, Robertson highly commended ; hens only, 1 Hunter, 2 Detlor, 3 Way, W Eveleigh highly commended. Norwich, yellow, 1 W Cochrane, 2 Way, 3 F J Denning, Naylor H.C. ; yellow marked, 1 Naylor, 2 Denning, 3 J Matless, Denning H.C. ; buff, 1 Cochrane, 2 T Barnsdale, 3 F Davies, Way H.C. ; buff marked, 1 Matless, 2 Naylor, 3 Cochrane, Denning H.C. ; hens only, 1 Matless, 2 Way, 3 Hodge, Cochrane H.C. Crested Norwich, any variety, yellow, 1 Cochrane ; any variety, buff, 1 and 2 Cochrane ; hens only, 1 Denning, 2 H Cuthbertson, 3 Hodge Crest bred Norwich, any variety, yellow, 1 Way, 2 Denning, 3 Cuthbertson, James H.C. ; any variety, buff, 1 James, 2 Hunter, 3 Way, C Goodchild H.C. Crested, any other variety, yellow, 1 Way, 2 Cochrane, 3 Eveleigh ; any other variety, buff, 1 Cochrane, 2 Denning, 3 Douglas, Way highly commended. Crest-bred, any other variety, yellow, 1 James, 2 Goodchild ; any other variety, buff, 1 Way, 2 Denning, 3 Cuthbertson. Yorkshire, yellow, 1 and 2 Stevens, 3 C Ruff, Stevens H.C. ; buff, 1 2 3 and H.C. Stevens. Cinnamon, yellow, 1 Barnsdale, 2 Naylor, 3 Stevens, Douglas H.C. ; buff, 1 Stevens. Mules, 1 Way, 2 Naylor. Goldfinch, 1 Hunter. Best collection of cage birds, 1 Hollingshead, 2 Hodge.

CANARY BREEDING.

FROM A LECTURE DELIVERED BY MR. WILLIAM H. BETTS,
BEFORE THE MEMBERS OF THE CAGE BIRD CLUB AT
THE INNS OF COURT HOTEL, HIGH HOL-
BORN, LONDON.

A VERY important factor in the successful practice of this delightful hobby is the judicious purchase of the stock birds. Be careful, therefore, never to buy a bird for the breeding cage except from a reliable aviarist or a dealer of repute, and it is well, if possible, to get the bird some time between November and the beginning of January. If you defer purchasing until April there is the risk of finding yourself saddled with a bird that has been tried in the breeding cage and found to be valueless. When arranging the pairs for breeding you will find that it is not advisable to mate two buff Canaries, as the young would not be a nice color. A buff bird should be paired with a yellow, or, if there be no objection to the progeny being small, the mating of two yellow birds should result in young of a beautiful yellow colour, silky in feather. The old rule in Canary breeding is that size and bulk of feather come from the buff bird, while silkiness and colour come from the yellow Canary. As to cages, you will find the cheapest is that which is simply a box with a wire front. It will cost but a few shillings, and be always useful as a flight or stock cage when the breeding season is over. It is, at any rate, quite unnecessary to be extravagant in cages and aviary fittings, unless, indeed, you wish to have your bird room arranged in the nicest possible way—and then, of course, a bottomless purse is indispensable. But, whether your tastes be extravagant or economical, see that your cage be neither small nor complicated, and thus ensure health and cleanliness for your birds. It not being practicable to supply cage birds with shrubs in which to build their nests, it is usual to hang in the cage either a box or a nest pan ; boxes, unless made perfectly and quite free from crevices, are not to be recommended, so nest pans are usually provided, and they should be warm, spacious, and sanitary ; the neglect of any of these precautions may result in your having to regret an unsuccessful breeding season. Some hens seem to have a poor idea of building a nest, and they will need your help occasionally. A good way to artificially build a nest is to thoroughly unravel some hair felt or saddle packing, and arrange it in the nest pan as carefully as possible ; then take a hot egg, unshelled, and turn it round and round in the nest ; the heat of the egg will smooth the hair, and make it firm