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Nearly a Million of the Birds Bred  
in the Harz Mountains Every Year.  
Almost All Classes of People There  
Are in the Business.

Nearly all the canaries imported into America are from Germany. A Greenwich street bird dealer of New York imports from 60,000 to 70,000 canaries a year, and estimates the total American importations of the melodious little creatures at about 200,000 annually.

Everything considered the German canary birds are more satisfactory to most people than those bred anywhere else. They are not so hardy in this country, perhaps, as the American bred; they are not so large and good looking as the English or Scotch varieties, nor so freakily showy as those raised in Belgium. But of all canaries the German bred sing most satisfactorily, and as ninety-nine in a hundred buyers of birds want them for their songs, the bulk of the business is in German birds.

The canary was first found wild in the islands of the same name, though whether the islands were named from the bird or the bird from the islands nobody knows. Today, though canary birds still fly about in freedom among the tree branches of the Canary and the Madeira islands, many thousands more are bred in Germany than anywhere, probably than everywhere, else. And for some reason most German canaries are bred in that part of Germany known as the Harz mountains. Perhaps there is a climatic reason for Harz mountain birds to be stronger and more melodious than others; perhaps the breeders there learned the business better than other breeders 250 years ago when the birds were first taken to Europe; perhaps it just happened so. At all events, there are not only more Harz mountain canaries than any others, but they are the best in everything but size, color and freakishness; St. Andreasberg, whence came the famous full roller songsters, is in the Harz mountains.

Inasmuch as the Harz mountain breeders have to supply the demand for canaries in all parts of Germany and some other European countries as well as the chief part of the American demand, it is probable that nearly a million birds are bred there every year. Oddly enough, while the raising of canaries is one of the leading industries of the region, no one is understood to be devoted exclusively to canary breeding. Nearly all classes of people breed canaries—the butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker; the farmer, the blacksmith, the miller and all. The most extensive breeder known to the Greenwich street importer breeds only 700 or 800 a year, while many breed only a few each, so there must be thousands and thousands of breeders.

The German canaries begin to reach this country early in August, and the shipments continue all through the fall and winter, the heaviest of them coming in November and December, just in time for the birds to be useful as holiday presents. Importation stops in March for the year.

The birds reach this country at ages ranging from a few months to a year. The younger ones have not been taught to sing of course, and really are not wanted by American dealers as a rule, for teaching them to sing is a tedious operation. No importer likes to refuse a consignment of young birds with the demand as great as it is, however, for fear some other dealer will get them.

As practically every bird breeder in the Harz mountains has some other way of making a living besides hatching, rearing and selling canaries, which are thus a byproduct, they are generally bred just under the roofs, in the attics, and there kept till they have learned to sing. Different breeders adopt different methods of teaching the birds.

Many a breeder keeps in his possession as long as it lives one especially good singing bird; the young birds hear his song and imitate it. Others prefer the canary organ, a queer whistling instrument whose motive power is a stream of water from a pipe acting on a little water wheel. This mechanical melody producer is kept going continuously when birds are being taught to sing, and the fact that it never gets tired or falls asleep gives it one value not possessed by the living bird.

Some breeders use both the living bird and the canary organ, only running the latter when the former refuses to sing.

Canaries are bred in every country of Europe, but mostly for domestic consumption. English canaries are much larger than the German birds, one rich orange colored cayenne pepper fed English canary being twice or thrice the size of the average little St. Andreasberg roller. Not only do English bred canaries, for some unexplained reason, tend to grow larger than the German bred, but for an equally little understood reason, their song, though loud and vociferous enough, is not nearly so melodious as the German birds' song.

A famous English variety is the Manchester topknot, a canary with a crest or topknot. The feather foot canary is another variety and those who fancy any of these will pay a high price for a good specimen—the range being from \$8 to \$10 for ordinary birds of any of these types up to \$100 for unusual examples, while the German singers are worth much less, \$2 to \$2.50 being a fair price for a fairly good Harz mountain canary, and \$50 a top notch price for a first class St. Andreasberg roller.

The Belgians produce canaries with what is called the "Belgian shoulder," whose necks are unduly developed, as

most old lovers think, but to the great admiration of the Belgians. The Scotch fancy canaries develop a graceful curve between the tip of the tail and the top of the head that has almost the exact sweep of the crescent. There are other fancy varieties of canaries, none of which are bred in great numbers or valued much except by a few specialists, but all of which are held at higher figures by those who like them than the singing birds generally are by anybody.

Nobody else loves the canary as the German does; nobody else rears or teaches the bird so skillfully and lovingly as he, and a very large proportion of the canaries imported to this country are bought by German-Americans.

Both here and in the old world the Germans form bird clubs and carry them on with great enthusiasm, studying the peculiarities of their favorites assiduously, listening critically to their songs and discussing them with all the seriousness that is given to criticism of the opera.

Such clubs are to be found in all cities with a large German population—in Chicago, St. Louis and New York for instance, and in many of the smaller Pennsylvania towns. The Greenwich street dealer says the Keystone State is fairly speckled with them, the number of bird clubs within its boundaries being greater than in any other state. Contests between canary birds—or at least the holding of comparative exhibitions of their power as singers—are not at all uncommon wherever there are German canary enthusiasts, and it is from the members of such clubs that the importers and the breeders get fancy prices for fancy birds.

Americans sometimes work up a degree of enthusiasm for canaries, but their devotion to the melodious birds never compares with that shown by the Germans, either in degree, persistence, or, if the truth must be told, in intelligence. The American's interest in the canary, to put the case fairly, is always faddish and fleeting, while the German's is serious, lasting, and, with regard to the bird's song, of the nature of true music worship.—New York Telegraph.

## SPEED SWIMMING.

The Difficult Side Stroke and How It Is Accomplished.

Whether a man be a swimmer or not, in taking up a new stroke he should begin with the leg movement only. In the side stroke it is called the scissors kick. To acquire it find a place with water at least three feet in depth, where you can use either a stationary or a floating support. Take hold of this support and let your body rest on the water, on its side, with legs straight and well together and feet as if standing on tiptoe. Choose the side that feels most comfortable. Now proceed to open the legs very slowly, not frog fashion, but front and back, as in walking. The upper should be brought forward almost straight, the under, back, bent to a kneeling position. When they are about two feet apart snap sharply together.

The position of the body is unchanged. Lie on your side, with body and legs in a straight line; both arms perpendicularly over your head, and the palms turned slightly away from the face. Bring upper arm down smartly, keeping it rigid at elbow and wrist, palm of hand open, fingers well together. Carry it through the water just below the surface, describing a semicircle to end at the thigh, then bend arm at the elbow and bring it forward well above water, until it is straight before you in the original position. The under arm should be started when the upper one is just about through with its stroke, and should be brought down with force, almost parallel to it, so that at the finish it brushes the lower thigh; then it is bent at the elbow like the other and brought forward just below the surface. The upper arm should rest on the water, at full reach, while the under one recovers, until it is at the height of the head.

The action of the arms in the side stroke entails a rolling motion of the body which buries the face at every stroke. This necessitates an artificial way of breathing, which has to be learned before the stroke can be swum properly. It is advisable to make a special study of it. Air should be inhaled through the mouth as the upper arm is being brought down and should be exhaled through the nostrils, under water, while the under arm goes forward. Some find this impossible even after long practice, and breathe in and out through the mouth during the short period that the face is above water, but if one can acquire the other way it is far the best.

The legs should be opened very slowly just as the under arm starts its recovery; they should be snapped together when the upper arm is in the middle of its stroke. If properly timed the side stroke gives a clean, even progress, without a break or a check.—L. de B. Handley in Outing Magazine.

## The Tulleries Gardens.

Early in the reign of Louis XVI, the author of a book entitled "Le Parterre Geographique et Historique" suggested that these gardens should be laid out to represent the provinces of France. On Sept. 4, 1793, a deputation came to the national convention, and the spokesman, Anaxagoras Chaudette, said that "the eyes of republicans would rest with more pleasure on that former domain of the crown when it produced objects of prime necessity. Would it not be better to grow plants which were needed for the hospitals than to leave there statues, fleurs-de-lis, box trees and other objects which ministered to the luxury and pride of kings?"—Notes and Queries.

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A. F. GREEN, Pastor.

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## COURT HOUSE NEWS.

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