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#### CANARIES LIKE PLAIN CAGE

Lover of Birds Has Found Out That They Prefer Their Abode to Be Simple.

Living near St. Nicholas avenue and One Hundred and Eleventh street there is a lady who during a period of six months purchased no less than three canary birds with the hope that they would solace her with their singing, only to find that after she had installed them one by one in the handsome cage she had prepared for them not only would they not sing but that they moped and pined and finally died. The canary bird lover did everything she knew to keep her pets and teach them to trill the melodies that such birds can utter, but it was of no use.

Finally a neighbor advised her to discard the handsome and expensive cage and buy a new one, plainer in

"What in the world difference will that make?" the canary bird lover asked. "A cage is a cage—what's the difference to the birds?"

"All the difference in the world," answered her adviser, "and for two good reasons. One is that a bird has died in it. The other is that a bird of modest disposition does not like an overhandsome cage.

"The best singing results have come from the inmates of plainer cages, I don't know whether or not canary birds are natural democrats, but experience has been such as I tell you. Buy a plainer cage that has no canary bird ghost stalking through it to frighten the living bird."

So the canary bird lover discarded the big cage and bought a plainer one. She transferred the last bird she had bought, and which had already begun to mope, to its new quarters. Then she waited a day and still another day, but not a sound came forth, although the bird ' gan to look pert and chipper. She called in her advising friend and complained there was no result after the cage change. "Wait," said her friend, blowing

upon a bird whistle. The canary heard the notes, cocked his head and began to sing. Was it

#### Good Listener Paid.

the new cage?-New York Press.

A French soldier fighting in the Argonne has just been informed that he has inherited \$40,000 from a retired army officer of eccentric habits who lived in the same village as the

The officer's will ran: "Being without family, I leave the whole of my fortune to Paul -, farmer. I de sire thus to show my gratitude to him for having for many years listened patiently and with every air of interest to the story I used to tell of how I lost my right arm in the war of 1870.

"I pray and trust that he will be the war, and my only request to him is to come occasionally to my tomb and there relate some of his own war experiences."

#### Bits of Happiness.

The sorrows of the past stand out most visibly in our recollections, be cause they are the keenest of our sensations. At the end of a long existence we should probably describe it thy servant been." But the innumerable infinitesimals of happiness that from moment to moment made life sweet and pleasant are forgotten, and very richly has our father mixed the materials of these with the homeliest actions and domesticities of existence. See two men meeting together in the streets-mere acquaintances. They will not be five minutes together before a smile will overspread their countenances, or a merry laugh ring off at the lowest amusement. This has God done.-Frederick William Robert-

Telephone in Latin America According to statistics published by the Pan-American union, there were on January 1, 1914, 232,816 telephones in Latin America, as compared with 9,542,000 in the United States. Argentina stood first among the Latin-American countries, with 74,296, but Uruguay led in the proportion of tele-

phones to population.

#### **EXCHANGES**

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Quitter? Perhaps not.

To charge anyone with being a quitter is likely to be unfair. All of the circumstances which lead up to known, and without a knowledge of circumstances, it is more or less risky broadly to assert that anyone is a

Several Freshmen withdrew from their school work this week. On first thought they appear to be quitters. But on second thought it must be granted that circumstances may have rendered their action not only pardonable but commendable.

But the incident does serve to illustrate the tendency for a Freshman, surrounded by the many difficulties which are bound to confront him in all his newness, to lose heart and give up before the fight has really begun. Homesickness, lonesomeness, newness -all are likely to make a newcomer feel more or less blue at the end of his first month of school. He has found methods of study entirely different from those to which he has been accustomed. He is a stranger in a strange land. Small wonder that the feeling of discouragement comes stealing over him.

But this feeling is short-lived. None but a confirmed pessimist could remain very long on Mount Oread and not catch something of the "at-home" spirit. Melancholia never flourishes

So brace up, Freshmen. Everything may be new to you, but what of it? Pitch in, get acquainted, become interested in a student activity. Get into one of these rallies .- Ex.

#### Student Organizations

Within a few weeks each student in the entire university, especially those persons comprising the yearling class, will be called upon to make some definite decision relative to the number of student activities that are to be entered upon during the college year. In this day and age no one disputes for a minute that it is very essential for each undergraduate to become identified with some sort of outside work; the eternal question is, however, just what society should one choose, a man cannot give a great deal of time to the carrying on of these outside activities.

Before making answer to this query it is well that we stop for a minute to consider what reasons the average man or woman has for affiliating with one or more organizations which are a necessary division of the intricate arrangement found in the average university. In most cases it may be said spared to return to his village after that there are two principal causes that influence the final choice very largely: First, the kind of men and women who already compose the organization, and second, the type of work taken up for discussion at the many meetings which are held throughout the course of a school

In our opinion the average student cannot afford to be too hasty in makthus: "Few and evil have the days of ing a decision on either or both of these points as every man and weman should be reasonably sure that the organization which is finally selected will fulfill all of the foregoing requirements, for it is only a waste of time and energy to be affiliated with a society in which one has no interests. Time and again it has been clearly shown that later success or failure as the case may be, is directly dependent upon the friends formed when in school, for the most powerful and lasting associations are usually those of the early season. Weigh the matter carefully in your own mind; make it a point to know every man with whom you will be associated, and above all decide whether or not you can both give and receive knowledge of world events which will be of mutual interest and helpfulness. If you can do this, all well and good; if not, it is better that you do not affiliate with

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that particular organization, for in so that will be shown the visitors at the doing you will not only injure yourself, but your companions as well, for if one is to work in perfect hormany he must need put his whole self into the task until it is complete even to the minutest detail.-Ex.

#### Will Distribute Advertising Matter.

Lincoln.-National guard aviators are to fly from Hastings to various towns surrounding that city as a preliminary to advertising of the big South Platte exposition to be held there beginning October 11. Along the route the airmen will distribute literature telling of the many good things

exposition. So far as known the step is the first to be taken in the United States in the direction of using the aeroplane as a distributor of advertising. Farmers in the field, housewives in the yards and townsmen on the streets are to be showered with leaflets as the birdmen speed by over-

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