Semi-Annual Statement of the Treasurer of Douglas County, for the One-Half Year, Commencing January 1st, 1837, and Ending June 30th, 1887, Inclusive.

YEAR.	State General Fund. Principal	State General Fund. Interest	State Sinking Fund. Principal	State Sinking Fund. Interest	State School Fund. Principal	State School Fund. Interest	State University Fund. Principal	State University Fund. Interest	State Penitentiary Fund. Prin.	State Penitentiary Fund. Int.	State Normal School Fund. Prin'l	State Normal School Fund. Inter't.	State Bond Fund. Prin.	State Bond Fund. Int.	State Asylum Fund. Prin.	State Asylum Fund. Int.	State Capitol Fund. Princ.	State Capitol Fund. Int.	State Reform School. Princ.	State Reform Fund. Int.	State Institution for Feeble-Minded Principal	State Institution for Feeble-Minded Interest	State Live Stock Indemnity Fund. Principal	State Live Stock Indemnity Fund. Interest
1859	$ 9 69																							
1860	1 51																							
1861	1 42		$ 85		$ 88																			
1862	1 27		92		90																			
1863	2 79	$ 3 08	1 82	$ 2 03	1 89	$ 2 04																		
1864	4 10	1 41	1 54	58	2 48	90																		
1865	1 31	77	79	46	1 06	67																		
1866	4 07	8 58	2 45	5 24	3 27	6 93																		
1867	19 78	24 56	11 90	14 80	16 04	20 02																		
1868	2 38	2 10	1 17	1 04	1 57	1 39																		
1869	3 47	2 89	1 76	1 47	2 27	1 93	$ 2 27	$ 1 94																
1870	32 37	13 01	8 34	3 83	32 37	12 99	16 16	6 39																
1871	34 28	48 70	13 76	19 51	27 48	38 94					$ 6 86	$ 9 74												
1872	15 92	22 37	6 40	8 97	12 77	17 90	1 56	2 25																
1873	13 06	15 34	5 25	6 18	10 45	12 29	1 28	1 49	$ 2 57	$ 3 00														
1874	2 54	1 78	1 02	73	2 03	1 44	27	17	61	48					$ 15	$ 9								
1875	2 51	1 45	63	37	63	37	15	10	63	36			4	2	12	6								
1876	3 66	2 10	68	48	92	66	23	16	92	68			10	6	23	15								
1877	3 12	2 17	70	49	79	54	25	18																
1878	4 00	2 75	84	58	99	68	36	25																
1879	20 98	11 55	3 28	1 80	5 23	2 88	1 98	1 09																
1880	15 38	8 68	4 80	2 73	7 69	4 34	2 88	1 63																
1881	17 55	8 43	58	28	4 50	1 37	1 70	87																
1882	54 95	21 08	1 53	60	12 23	4 70	4 59	1 78									$ 18 45	$ 5 35	$ 9 21	$ 2 65				
1883	147 76	42 64	27 68	8 08	36 92	10 68	13 82	4 05									17 80	3 82	8 93	1 90				
1884	141 95	30 08	26 67	5 72	35 53	7 63	13 37	2 85									68 18	8 40	24 61	2 16	$ 24 61	$ 2 18	$ 19 70	$ 1 73
1885	980 85	83 95	49 09	4 19	196 24	16 80	73 65	6 38									5929 03	9 13	1482 27	2 28	1,482 27	2 28	1,135 77	1 83
1886	59,290 57	91 30	5,929 03	9 13	11,858 07	18 23	4,446 97	6 85																
Amt. of Princ'l.	$60,833 64		$ 6,103 48		$12,276 13		$ 4,581 50		$ 4 73		$ 6 86		$ 14		$ 50		$6063 46		$1525 02		$ 1,506 88		$ 1,205 47	
Amt. of Interest		$ 451 27		$ 99 34		$ 186 30		$ 38 43		$ 4 52		$ 9 74		$ 8		$ 30		$ 26 70		$ 8 99		$ 4 46		$ 3 56
Total		$61,284 91		$ 6,202 82		$12,462 43		$ 4,619 93		$ 9 25		$ 16 60		$ 22		$ 80		$6090 16		$1534 01		$ 1,511 34		$ 1,209 03

YEAR.	County General Fund. Principal	County General Fund. Interest	County Sinking F'd Principal	County Sinking F'd Int.	County Railroad Bond Fund. Principal	County Railroad Bond Fund. Interest	County Railroad Bridge Fund. Principal	County Railroad Bridge Fund. Interest	County Road and Bridge Fund. Principal	County Road and Bridge Fund. Interest	County Poor Fund. Princ.	County Poor Fund. Int.	County Road Fund. Principal	County Road Fund. Interest
1859	$ 29 00												$ 5 20	
1860	4 43		$ 2 84										1 25	
1861	3 41		5 16										1 06	
1862	4 99		4 69											
1863	5 53	$ 6 14	9 27	$10 35										
1864	8 23	2 93	6 01	2 13									3 31	$ 1 04
1865	2 62	1 54	1 97	1 13									56	67
1866	3 27	6 87	2 81	5 97					Old Bridge.				92	1 96
1867	23 91	29 77	11 92	14 83					$ 11 22	$ 23 33	$ 1 60	$ 3 43	16 03	20 01
1868	5 20	4 59	22	18									1 77	2 41
1869	8 70	6 64							Road and Bridge. 1 59	1 43	1 98	1 72	80	92
1870	48 54	19 49	16 17	6 41	$ 64 66	$ 25 80			2 27	1 94	2 27	1 94	1 70	2 03
1871	41 22	58 45	6 85	9 77	79 33	116 96	$ 42 76	$ 58 46	16 14	6 35	16 16	6 39	1 34	2 38
1872	25 51	35 98	3 17	4 44	38 11	53 89	19 30	26 77	13 43	19 42	13 74	19 40	3 39	2 91
1873	20 84	24 49	2 58	3 02	31 48	37 04	15 93	18 78	6 39	8 96	1 54	2 14	1 69	2 55
1874	5 07	3 54	50	34	4 59	3 23	2 53	1 78	2 68	3 10	3 73	4 54	1 67	2 24
1875	3 45	2 05	31	19	2 51	1 51	1 26	77	1 02	73	29	19	14	17
1876	4 58	3 20			3 86	2 61	1 83	1 30	1 26	77	41	19	19	22
1877	4 58	3 10			2 79	1 92	1 70	1 20	1 49	1 11			19	20
1878	10 06	6 92			5 23	3 61			1 56	1 08				
1879	52 40	28 88			31 45	17 32								
1880	69 22	39 13			42 30	23 90			Bridge.					
1881	40 07	18 70			24 62	11 70			4 50	2 18			7 69	4 35
1882	109 90	42 16			67 18	25 75			18 32	7 05				
1883	332 45	95 65			163 20	47 80			36 92	10 68			12 23	4 70
1884	319 28	67 60			141 25	30 00			35 53	7 63			92 34	26 52
1885	1,765 48	151 00			784 70	67 20			196 24	16 80			88 73	18 85
1886	88,935 84	136 93			41,799 66	64 35			11958 07	18 26			494 30	42 28
Amt. of Princ'l.	$91,888 32		74 67		$43,289 92		$ 85 31		$12,208 63		$ 57 75		29,645 27	45 63
Amt. of Interest		$ 795 70		58 76		$ 534 67		$ 109 06		$ 130 82		$ 60 04		$ 162 63
Total	$92,684 02		133 43		$43,824 59			$ 194 37		$12,339 45		$ 117 79		$30,528 37

Semi-Annual Statement of the Treasurer of Douglas County---Continued.

YEAR.	County School Fund. Principal	County School Fund. Interest	District Poll Tax Fund. Princ.	District Poll Tax Fund. Int.	County Dog Tax Fund. Princ.	County Dog Tax Fund. Int.	County Sinking Bond Fund. Princ.	County Sinking Bond Fund. Int.	County Old Court House Fund. Princ'l	County Old Court House Fund. Interest	County Judgment Fun't. Princ.	County Judgment Fun't. Int.	County Insane Fund. Princ.	County Insane Fund. Int.	County Grade Tax Fund. Princ.	County Grade Tax Fund. Int.	County Ditch Fund. Princ.	County Ditch Fund. Int.
1859	$ 9 68																	
1860	1 05								$ 57									
1861	1 39																	
1862	5 70																	
1863	14 23	$ 10 34	$ 1 00						92	$ 1 12								
1864	12 80	2 31							97	37								
1865	57	1 34							33	20								
1866	6 67	13 02							38	85								
1867	6 08	2 23					$ 16 01	$ 20 01	3 63	4 31								
1868	5 24	4 13							22	17								
1869	13 94	9 26					4 33	3 41										
1870	103 85	38 80					16 17	6 41										
1871	41 46	51 39					6 86	9 78										
1872	8 40	13 16																
1873	44	63																
1874	2 21	2 87	4 00	5 20														
1875	2 28	2 70																
1876	1 90	2 07	2 00	2 13	$ 1 00	$ 1 07												
1877	86	84																
1878	1 55	1 32																
1879	12 31	6 78															$ 80 00	
1880	2 36	1 33																
1881	6 64	3 18																
1882	14 61	5 61	6 00	2 30	$ 1 00	38												
1883	55 05	15 86	9 00	2 61	2 00	60									$ 253 54	$ 73 18		
1884	55 04	11 66	30 00	6 35	6 00	1 27												
1885	526 99	45 08	147 00	12 60	38 00	2 95					$ 196 24	$ 16 80	$ 98 18	$ 8 49				
1886	31,372 15	48 30	1998 00	3 08	643 00	99					5628 18	9 13	5628 18	9 13			924 75	$ 1 42
Amt. of Princ'l.	$32,285 45		2197 00		$ 691 00		$ 43 40		$ 7 02		6124 42		$6626 36		$ 253 54		$1094 75	
Amt. of Interest		$ 294 21		$ 34 27		$ 7 26		$ 39 61		$ 7 02		$ 25 93		$ 17 53		$ 73 18		$ 1 42
Total		$32,579 66		$2231 27		$ 698 26		$ 83 01		$ 14 04		$6150 35		$6043 89		$ 326 72		$1096 17

YEAR.	County-City Florence Taxes Princ.	County-City Florence Taxes Int.	County Village Waterloo Tax's Princ.	County Village Waterloo Tax's Int.	County Village Millard Princ.	County Village Millard Int.	County School Bond No. 5. Princ.	County School Bond No. 5. Int.	County School Bond No. 26. Princ.	County School Bond No. 26. Int.	County Interest Fund. Princ.	County Interest Fund. Int.	County Advertising. Princ.	County Advertising. Int.	TOTAL
1859													$ 2 50		$ 56 67
1860											$ 1 38		3 00		16 91
1861											2 00		2 50		16 22
1862											3 78		2 20		24 75
1863													1 20		73 75
1864													90		51 93
1865													50		16 44
1866													1 00		113 84
1867													5 50		285 55
1868													2 70		40 74
1869													2 30		79 33
1870													5 90		526 51
1871													5 80		803 61
1872													5 90		346 04
1873													5 60		249 70
1874													1 70		51 41
1875													2 05		29 51
1876													2 00		44 16
1877													2 90		30 78
1878															39 08
1879															277 93
1880															228 38
1881															147 42
1882															418 65
1883							$ 3 12	$ 88							1,551 69
1884			$ 3 21	$ 63									17 17		1,136 53
1885			4 37	35	$ 3	$ 05	$ 5 57	$ 52					75 25		6,289 44
1886	$ 117 03		211 10	32	483 68	74									311,328 38
Amt. of Princ'l.	$ 117 42		$ 218 68		$ 486 80		$ 5 57				$ 7 76		$ 148 52		
Amt. of Interest		$ 21		$ 1 30		$ 1 62		$ 52				$ 7 76		$ 148 52	$324,885 29
Total	$ 117 63		$ 219 98		$ 488 42		$ 6 09								

STATE FUNDS.

To amount on hand January 1st, 1887	$ 17,384 69	
To amount general fund collected	61,284 91	
To amount sinking fund collected	6,202 82	
To amount school fund collected	12,462 43	
To amount university fund collected	4,619 93	
To amount penitentiary fund collected	9 25	
To amount normal school fund collected	16 60	
To amount state bond fund collected	22	
To amount asylum fund collected	80	
To amount capitol fund collected	6,090 16	
To amount reform school fund collected	1,534 01	
To amount institute for feeble minded fund collected	1,511 34	
To amount live stock indemnity fund collected	1,209 03	
To amount school land, principal collected	7,268 90	
To amount school land interest collected	1,925 42	
To amount school land lease collected	153 73	
	$121,074 24	
By amount paid state treasurer, No. 3,045		$ 17,384 69
By amount paid state treasurer, No. 3,107		66,375 75
By amount transferred to county general fund (collected 1867 and previous years		185 68
		83,946 12
Balance		$ 37,728 12

COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS.

To amount on hand January 1st, 1887	$ 10,153 77	
To amount collected	92,684 02	
To amount transferred from county sinking fund	133 43	
To amount transferred from county poor fund	117 79	
To amount transferred from county dog fund	684 19	
To amount transferred from sinking bond fund	83 01	
To amount transferred from old court house fund	14 04	
To amount transferred from interest fund	7 76	
To amount transferred from advertising fund	148 52	
To amount transferred from miscellaneous fund	5,501 50	
To amount transferred from state fund (collected 1867 & former yrs.	185 68	
	$109,713 71	
By amount warrants redeemed		$ 64,860 47
By resolutions on general fund		41 32
By amount fees for collection of county taxes		4,210 40
By amount transferred to ditch fund		195 38
		$ 69,307 57
Balance		$ 40,406 14

SPECIAL SCHOOL FUND.

To amount on hand January 1st, 1887	$ 6,435 90	
To amount collected less that of 1868 and previous years	32,482 88	
	$ 38,918 78	
By amount paid districts		$ 14,132 84
By amount collection fee		324 83
		14,457 67
Balance		$ 24,461 11

SCHOOL APPORTIONMENT FUND.

To amount on hand January 1st, 1887	$ 2,721 43	
To amount received from state	31,900 79	
To amount special school tax 1868 and previous years	96 78	
To amount dog tax 1887 and previous years	2 07	
To amount liquor license transferred from miscellaneous fund	375 00	
To amount fines and forfeitures do do	658 65	
To amount peddlers license do do	20 00	
	$ 35,774 72	
By amount paid districts		$ 19,354 11
By amount collection fee		11 53
		$ 19,365 64
Balance		$ 16,409 08

SCHOOL BOND, DISTRICT No. 5 AND No. 26.

To amount on hand January 1st, 1887	$ 1,079 69	
To amount collected	6 09	
	$ 1,085 78	
By amount paid treasurer		$ 1,049 81
By amount collection fee		61
		$ 1,050 42
Balance		$ 35 36

R. R. BOND SINKING FUND.

To amount on hand January 1st, 1887	$ 21,400 09	
To amount collected	43,824 59	
To amount transferred from railroad bridge fund	194 37	
	$ 65,419 05	
By amount warrants redeemed		$ 27,665 80
Balance		$ 37,753 25

BRIDGE FUND.

To amount on hand January 1st, 1887	$ 2,790 94	
To amount collected	12,246 73	
	$ 15,037 67	
By amount warrants redeemed		$ 7,732 66
Balance		$ 7,305 01

ROAD FUND.

To amount on hand January 1st, 1887	$ 2,294 97	
To amount collected	30,528 37	
To amount transferred from grade $336 72, road and bridge $92.72 and poll, $797.27	1,216 71	
	$ 34 040 05	
By amount warrants redeemed		$ 27,721 07
Balance		$ 6,318 98

JUDGMENT FUND.

To amount on hand January 1st, 1887	$ 1,746 32	
To amount collected	6,150 35	
	$ 7,896 67	
Balance		$ 7,896 67

INSANE FUND.

To amount on hand January 1st, 1887	$ 6,513 19	
To amount collected	6,043 89	
	$ 12,557 08	
Balance		$ 12,557 08

HOSPITAL BUILDING FUND.

To amount collected	$ 90,174 94	
By amount warrants redeemed		$ 5,911 75
Balance		$ 84,263 19

CITY OF OMAHA TAXES.

To amount on hand January 1st, 1887	$ 1,098 29	
To amount collected	39 27	
	$ 1,137 56	
By amount collection fee		$ 74
By amount paid city treasurer		1,098 29
		$ 1,099 03
Balance		$ 38 53

CITY OF FLORENCE TAXES.

To amount on hand January 1st, 1877	$ 69 94	
To amount collected	117 63	
	$ 187 57	
By amount collection fee		$ 11 76
Balance		$ 175 81

VILLAGE OF WATERLOO TAXES.

To amount on hand January 1st, 1887	$ 120 33	
To amount collected including dog tax of village	231 98	
	$ 352 31	
By amount paid village treasurer		$ 311 83
By amount refunded to C. P. Coy		8 50
By amount collection fee		23 20
		$ 343 53
Balance		$ 8 78

VILLAGE OF MILLARD TAXES.

To amount on hand January 1st, 1887	$ 9 18	
To amount collected	488 42	
	$ 497 60	
By amount paid village treasurer		$ 400 00
By amount collection fee		48 84
		$ 448 84
Balance		$ 48 76

DITCH FUND (NORTH OMAHA AND WATERLOO.)

To amount on hand January 1st, 1887	$ 127 75	
To amount collected	1,006 17	
To amount transferred from general fund	195 38	
	$ 1,329 30	
By amount warrants redeemed		$ 1,329 30

POLL FUND.

To amount collected	$ 2,231 27	
By amount supervisors receipts redeemed		$ 1,434 00
By amount transferred to road fund		797 27
		$ 2,231 27

PENALTY.

To amount on hand January 1st, 1887	$ 793 30	
Balance		$ 793 30

REDEMPTION MONEY.

To amount on hand January 1st, 1887	$ 2,677 65	
To amount collected	2,963 37	
To amount omitted on last report	19 15	
	$ 5,660 17	
By amount paid holder of certificates		$ 5,099 64
Balance		$ 563 53

MISCELLANEOUS FUND.

To amount fines and forfeitures	$ 658 65	
To amount liquor license	375 00	
To amount peddler license	20 00	
To amount surplus fees of county officers	5,132 50	
To amount rent of offices	369 00	
	$ 6,555 15	
By amount transferred to apportionment fund		$ 1,053 65
By amount transferred to general fund		5,501 50
		$ 6 555 15

FEE FUND.

To amount for collection of county taxes	$ 4,210 40	
To amount for collection of district, school and appor'nt taxes	336 36	
To amount for collection of city ond village taxes	84 54	
To amount for collection of miscellaneous taxes	121 81	
To amount for collection of school bond taxes	61	
To amount for collection of state taxes	2,022 83	
	$ 6,776 55	
By amount salaries paid		$ 2,950 00
Balance		$ 3,826 55

RECAPITULATION

To amount on hand January 1st, 1887	$ 77,417 43	
To amount taxes collected	324,885 29	
To amount school land, principal	7,268 90	
To amount school land, interest	1,925 42	
To amount school land, lease	153 73	
To amount miscellaneous collections	6,555 15	
To amount miscellaneous fees	121 81	
To amount Omaha city taxes collected	39 27	
To amount redemptions collected	2,963 37	
To amount redemptions omitted on last report	19 15	
To amount received from the state for apportionment tax	31,900 79	
To amount received from the state for collection of state tax	2,022 83	
To amount hospital building fund collected	90,174 94	
	$545,448 08	
By amount warrants redeemed		$135,221 05
By amount paid state treasurer		83,760 44
By amount paid school district treasurer		33,486 95
By amount paid school bond		1,049 81
By amount paid redemption money		5,099 64
By amount paid salaries		2,950 00
By amount paid village treasurer		711 83
By amount refunded to P.C. Coy		8 50
By amount resolutions on general fund		41 32
By amount supervisors receipts redeemed		1,434 00
By amount paid city treasurer		1,098 29
	$264,861 83	
Balance		$280,586 25

Amount state fund on hand July 1st, 1887	$ 37,728 12
Amount county general fund on hand July 1st, 1887	40,406 14
Amount school apportionment on hand July 1st, 1887	16,409 08
Amount special school fund on hand July 1st, 1887	24,461 11
Amount school bond fund on hand July 1st, 1887	35 36
Amount C. R. county sinking fund on hand July 1st, 1887	37,753 25
Amount bridge fund on hand July 1st, 1887	7,305 01
Amount road fund on hand July 1st, 1887	6,318 98
Amount city of Omaha taxes on hand July 1st, 1887	38 53
Amount village of Waterloo taxes on hand July 1st, 1887	8 78
Amount village of Millard taxes on hand July 1st, 1887	48 76
Amount city of Florence taxes on hand July 1st, 1887	175 81
Amount fee fund on hand July 1st, 1887	3,826 55
Amount insane fund on hand July 1st, 1887	12,557 08
Amount judgment fund on hand July 1st, 1887	7,896 67
Amount hospital building fund on hand July 1st, 1887	84,263 19
Amount penalty fund on hand July 1st, 1887	793 30
Amount redemption money on hand July 1st, 1887	563 53
	$280,586 25

I hereby certify that the above statement shows the amount of balance on hand January 1st, 1887, the amounts collected in the several funds from January 1st, 1887, to June 30th, 1887, inclusive, and the balances on hand July 1st, 1887, and that the foregoing is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HENRY BOLLN, County Treasurer.

OUR QUEER HOUSEHOLD PETS.

Its Style Changed By the Dictum of Fashion.

THE REIGN OF THE CANARY.

Popularity of Dogs—The Craze for Marmosets — The Coming Mud Turtle—Queer Uncanny Pets and Their Owners.

Eliza Putnam Heaton in New York Mail and express: Dick, the canary is dead. He was carried off by an influenza during the long, cold spring. Gretchen, the housemaid, opened a window one foggy morning without moving his sage, and there is mourning in the land for Dick. There is a faint tinge of regret for Fido, the pug, who is so delightfully ugly with his black nose and short face, but who is out of style—or going out, which is worse—and so must leave his soft cushions and take off his embroidered blanket, poor thing. The season is just at hand when dealers in birds and animals are looking about them for novelties, when the fashions in pets are being set for another year, when caprice in feathered and four-footed life are offered every day to tempt my lady's whim, when the town house is closed, the winter's menagerie scattered to the four winds of heaven and the new assortment of favorites taken to the country for a summer's domestication and breaking in.

Are there fashions in pets? Dear me, yes. The real dog lover or bird lover is rare, and twice in three times owns neither dog nor bird. A few years ago every man of fashion wore a spitz dog; now you might go into every house on Murray hill and a good many other hills besides and not find one. Some spitz dog so far forgot himself as to snap at his mistress's white finger, mayhap, and so the rumor got abroad that the spitz family is surly and ugly—it is false, there are no more faithful and affectionate pets in the brute creation—and a deal of newspaper talk ensued; but the banishment of the spitz was mostly due to his getting out of style. He had been king, but his subjects had wearied of his reign. And that more recent favorite, the pug—he who has lorded it over the poodle so long—is he not to give place to his hated rival again this fall? And except at a dog show who ever sees a genuine King Charles spaniel of whose silky hair our grandmothers made so much of. And the big dogs, the mastiffs and setters, that every young lady led about with her last summer, where have they betaken themselves?

Assurdedly fashion prescribes pets as well as gowns. When the grand dame murmus in her doggie's ear that he is her darling it is always with the saving clause unexpressed, "so long, dear, as you are the style, when that changes, pet, you must go." The dog's special physician and nurse, his daily airings on the promenade, his receptions to other elite doglets—that are all mockery and emptiness, and deceived not the elect if their object is to make the beholder believe that there is once in a dozen times any affection wasted on the pampered beastie.

People can like dogs. I am inclined to believe that Lottie, the actress, likes the enormous mastiff she is frolicking with this summer, as she has played with it a great many summers while off duty. Olive Logan is fond of the French terrior she has had for almost twenty years; but folk of fashion take to one dog this year and another next, as they fondled the breeds that Sir Walter Scott preferred until Byron eclipsed the older poet, affected the Newfoundland and led the whole English speaking world after him.

The worst of familiars of the animal kingdom, a good deal affected by New York women just now, are the marmosets, not quite so big as a new born kitten. They cost from $10 a pair upwards, and last winter you might have seen a woman or two sleighing in the park with marmosets instead of a muff in her lap to warm her hands. There are monkeys which are sometimes taken into houses for pets, but which are usually bundled out again about as soon—women almost never like monkeys—and, especially since the rush to southern resorts began, alligators, which have a way peculiarly their own of making themselves at home in New York drawing rooms. These latter sustain life on a diet of raw beef. They require only a slanting log to bask on and a tray of water under the piano to be reasonably happy, and, fortunately for their career as pets, they are in no haste usually to grow big enough to swallow the baby or commit much havoc in a well regulated home.

"Why," said an old man who keeps a curiosity shop the other day, "I have sold over fifty alligators this spring, some for women to carry in their pockets, and as I promised to come around and feed some of them, it keeps me pretty busy. I reckon some folks'll want to be keepin' whales next."

There is less change, probably, in the fashion in birds than in animals. The canary holds his own, as he has for years. He is small, he is neat and dainty, he is cheap, he is reasonably pretty, and he is an unmatched songster. But the big wholesale bird stores, like Reiche's on Park row, where the fashions are seen a year ahead, and where fortunes in pets change hands yearly, could tell you of scores of singers of some of which you never heard, perhaps, of which there is constant demand, with now and then a well-defined craze. Parrots which talk may cost $300, and parrots that don't may be bought for a song—no pun intended, for parrots don't sing. Paroquets and macaws, with their brilliant plumage, are chosen not infrequently to match the furnishings of a richly colored room, while even such coarse birds as the blackbird, and such quite unmusical ones as wood pigeons, find some favor as pets.

Among the most pathetic of pets are "mules" or hybrids. The commonest are the hybrids of the goldfinch and canary, and of the linnet and chaffich. These betray some of the characteristics of both parents. The half goldfinch, for example, has some of the canary yellow about it and some of the finch's bulkier head. It is a fine singer, as is the chaffinch hybrid. A moderately popular bird is the grosbeak, an orderly fellow of sober plumage and docile behavior. The African waxbill is a tiny, sad-colored pet no larger than a humming bird. He never sings, but has a prettily pathetic air about him that captures the feminine heart now and then. The mocking bird is less liked then he would be if he had not such an aversion to living. He doesn't like the climate and rarely lasts over his first winter. The orchard oriole, the cardinal bird and the bobolink are growing in favor as pets. Imagine bottling up the mad music of the Robert of Lincoln at so many dollars a parcel. It is sheer profanation, as bad as shooting him, as the Baltimoreans do.

Stuffed birds are a recent fancy. Since society men have taken to gunning, it is the thing for the women of the house to perch the spoils of the day about in all manner of odd positions, in all manner of odd places. Stuffed owls have long been in vogue for the library, indicating an appreciation of wisdom in others, if you haven't much yourself, though why the owl should be the type of wisdom it would be hard to say, for they are proverbially stupid, but, like some human beings, possess the faculty of keeping still and not letting people find out how foolish they are.

In the window of a bird store on Broadway half a bushel of mud turtles are crawling about. People have taken to buying them to put out in gardens and they do well enough where there is grass or a suspicion of mud. An unusual pet is a big bull frog. One that I saw the other day was reported to be pining for its mate, which an artist had borrowed, hoping to induce it to sit for its picture, and the third of the family group had been taken by a gentleman to Germany to demonstrate how much fatter, bigger, more musical and more nearly capable of swelling into an ox the American frogs are than the frogs of the effete despotisms of Europe.

A pair of Texas horned frogs would be just the pets for a philosopher with little to do. They are queer, spiky looking creatures, with every appearance of being dead, because they do not condescend to change their position more than once in two or three days. There is a New York jeweler who has put a gold band with padlock and chain about one