

Trifle in Sick Birds.

A shabby, dressed man gently patted upon the door of a Broadway, New York,...

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"I would like to sell you two fine Canary birds," he said to the proprietor. "I raised them myself, and would not part with them, but am out of work and need money."

"How much do you ask for them?" inquired the proprietor. "They are singers, and the dark one is of genuine Belgian breed, and has a very long song."

"I would like to sell them," the man continued. "Take them for \$2.00." The birds were finally sold for \$1.50.

"Where did you get 'em?" he asked. "The boy bought 'em of an old man from a cheap yesterday," replied the boy.

"Well," said the bird fancier, with a chuckle, "it serves him right to sell those identical birds to a fellow traveler."

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AGRICULTURE.

Prof. McCreedy finds among the writings of Columella, who wrote nearly seventeen centuries before Edison was born, the following passage concerning the improvement of land by drainage.

"It is better to have a field of water than a field of mud," says Columella. "If it be wet, let the abundance of moisture be dried up by ditches."

He placed on the bar a small water bird in which were two rather pretty birds; one of a light yellow and the other mottled with green and drab.

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HUMOROUS.

ARE YOU FEELING VERY ILL? asked the physician; let me see your tongue, please. "It's no use doctor," replied the patient, "no tongue can tell how bad I feel."

"How are you Mr. Old Friend?" asked a bright looking man. "Oh! I feel miserable, I am bilious and can't eat, and my back is so lame I can't walk."

"Why in the world don't you take Kidney Pills?" "Kidney Pills?" "Why, you have seen a lot of advertisements for them."

"I have seen a lot of advertisements for them," said the man. "But they don't seem to do any good for me. I am still bilious and my back is still lame."

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