Birds His Hobby

NOTED FINANCER HAS RARE SPECIMENS

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WHEN the distinguished financier, Frank A. Vanderlip, besides his home in the city and his summer home in Palm Springs, has had for many years a bird of the kind and the size of a California quail, Fratich interests kept him from observing them closely, but, as his friend, Dr. H. R. Leighton, has said, the bird is one of the finest specimens of its kind in the world. The quail, which is found in the United States, is a member of the family of birds known as the quails, and is closely related to the partridges and pheasants. It is a small bird, about the size of a robin, with a brownish plumage, and is found in the woods and fields of the Western States.

The specimen of the California quail that Mr. Vanderlip possesses is one of the finest in the world, according to Dr. Leighton, who has described it as "the most beautiful bird of its kind in the world." The bird was presented to Mr. Vanderlip by a friend, and it is now kept in a special room in his home, where it is displayed in all its beauty.

Mr. Vanderlip is a lover of the natural sciences, and he has a large collection of birds and other specimens, which he has accumulated during his travels in the United States and abroad. He is a member of the American Museum of Natural History, and he has contributed many specimens to the museum.

Mr. Vanderlip is also a lover of the arts, and he has a large collection of paintings and other works of art. He is a member of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and he has contributed many paintings to the museum.

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Mr. Vanderlip is a member of the New York Stock Exchange, and he is a director of many of the leading companies in the country. He is a man of great wealth, and he has contributed many sums of money to the support of education and the arts.

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discarded the nuts and fruit and ate only the bread. Many of the smaller birds live on fruit exclusively. Among these are the turico and the bulbul. The canaries in their huge, shrub-grown house of wire netting receive fruit in addition to seeds from their glass-topped star feeder.

One would almost believe Mr. Vanderlip knows bird language the way the orange-crested cockatoo swelled its neck ruff, the love birds caressed each other, the paradise whydah sailed its streamer of feathers and other birds displayed their individual tricks and charms as he identified them by name for me.

"Birds so friendly as these," he said, "might trust a stranger who would take advantage of their confidence if they were at liberty. Until such a day as all of our Californians and tourists cultivate as great courtesy toward birds as do the members of the Audubon clubs, it will be safer to keep the defenseless species inside the aviary.

"To hasten the day of better understanding the club members and others are helping their acquaintances to understand that most birds, through destruction of insect pests, are of value to agriculture. Bird lovers are also awakening the public to the beauty in color and song which birds add to the countryside.

"In the meantime I expect to release birds of many species adapted to caring for themselves. I will hope to hear that they are bringing pleasure to others."

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