

On the Speech of Parrots and their Mental Capacity. By F. von Lucanus.

The History of Some Canary-bird Breeds. By E. Stresemann.

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

### Genus *Neopisobia*.

Editor of 'THE AUK':

In the last number of 'The Auk,' p. 524, under the heading *Neopisobia*, the A. O. U. Committee on Nomenclature says that this genus "is a strict synonym of *Pisobia*." If you look up the original reference, as

there given, you will find that I founded the new genus on the bird, which up till and after that time was known as *Totanus damacensis* Horsf., viz., *Tringa subminuta* Midd., this is proved by the measurements given.

The bird on which the genus was founded is figured and described in the same part of my work as *Pisobia damacensis*.

I would be much obliged if the Committee would look into this matter again with the above facts duly considered.

Yours Sincerely,

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### NOTES AND NEWS.

As a fellow editor we sympathize fully with the editor of 'Bird-Lore' in the appeal for commendation as well as criticism, which he has presented in a recent editorial. "Issue after issue," he says, "the Editor through his own pen or that of his contributors, addresses an unseen, and, as a rule, unresponsive audience. An apparent or actual error is promptly called to his attention but he can assume that he has won the approval of his readers only by their failure to criticize," and then in lieu of commendation from his readers, he proceeds to tell us himself, what a thoroughly good magazine 'Bird-Lore' is, and all that he says we would enthusiastically endorse.

'Bird-Lore' this year reaches its 25th' mile-stone and all the volumes stand facing us on our library shelves. In the first is pasted a letter dated October 29, 1898 in which the would-be editor writes us regarding "a proposed magazine to be primarily the organ of the Audubon Societies." He says: "Our bookshelves are strewn with the wrecks of popular bird journals and before launching my craft I want both to make careful soundings and to man a good crew. If after a fair trial I find the thing will not go I shall not ask for aid to keep alive a moribund magazine, but shall withdraw from the field. And by the way how does 'Birds Afield' strike you for a title or do you prefer 'Bird-Lore'?"

From the start there was no question about "the thing going" and each year we have marveled at the sea-worthiness of the craft, to continue his simile, and the skill of the man at the wheel, though we realize now that we have not given voice to our thoughts as we should have done, to cheer on the lone mariner. This we now do with all our heart and having done the proper thing by our worthy contemporary, we would call *our* readers' attention to 'The Auk,' which this year completes its fortieth volume, and in setting forth its claims to attention we feel that we are encroaching in no way upon the glories of 'Bird-Lore' since the two journals occupy quite different fields and are not comparable even though they be incomparable.