

Bailey's 'Animal Life of the Carlsbad Cavern.'—The Carlsbad Cavern, in the Pecos Valley, New Mexico, the most spectacular cavern in North America, was first made known to the general public in 1924, through an article in the 'National Geographic Magazine,' and had been set aside as a National Monument by proclamation of President Coolidge on October 25, 1923. Mr. Vernon Bailey has prepared an account¹ of the animal life of the cave and the surrounding region which has just been published as one of the monographs of the American Society of Mammalogists.

He considers the life zones, the conspicuous plant life of the region and then the mammals, birds and reptiles; the mammals taking up most of the volume. The bird chapter occupies about thirty pages and consists of a popular running account of the more notable species with no attempt at a complete list. There are many illustrations, mainly of mammals.

The volume as a whole forms a valuable and interesting contribution to the natural history of the southwest and will prove instructive and interesting reading both to residents and to travelers in this entire region as well as those making a special trip to Carlsbad. Mr. Bailey's wide experience with the mammals and birds of the west makes the work thoroughly reliable while he has put on record many original observations. He is to be congratulated upon an excellent piece of work.—W. S.

Finleys' 'Wild Animal Pets.'—William L. and Irene Finley are well-known to all lovers of wild life through their remarkable success as photographers of nature, through their writings and through Mr. Finley's lectures.

They have now issued in book form, under the title 'Wild Animal Pets,'² a number of magazine articles dealing with pet animals which they have had from time to time under their care. Most of the sketches relate to mammals but three have to do with birds—"Don Q.—A California Quail"; "General—A California Condor" and "The Gullible Gulls."

The accounts are written in popular style and while they will prove intensely interesting reading to both children and adults they contain a vast amount of original observation and thus become important contributions to mammalogy and ornithology.

There are 72 illustrations from photographs by the authors which add greatly to the attractiveness of the little volume.—W. S.

Ornithology of the Princeton University Expedition to Patagonia.—During the work of field parties sent out from Princeton from 1896 to 1899 under J. B. Hatcher to search for fossils in Patagonia, there

¹ Animal Life of the Carlsbad Cavern. By Vernon Bailey, Biologist, United States Biological Survey. Monographs of the American Society of Mammalogists. Number 3. Baltimore, The Williams and Wilkins Company. 1928. pp. i-xiii, 1-195. Price \$3.00.

² Wild Animal Pets. By William Lovell and Irene Finley. Illustrated. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, London. 1928. pp. i-xiv, 1-311. Price \$3.00.