

in Sydney. This pair went to nest in a log hanging in the house—both birds being barely 12 months old. From this nest four young were reared, one cock and three hens. No attempt was made to nest again. The old pair that reared eight young in 1926 had eggs, but no young were reared.

In 1928 my old original cock bird mated with a young aviary-bred hen, and reared three young. During this season a wild cock bird, mated with an aviary-bred hen (one of the 1926 young ones), reared one young. Prior to nesting this hen was very off colour. I caught her and shut her up in a box cage and kept her inside, giving her Dimol syrup in water—no other water was given. She was terribly thin and I did not think there was any hope. After about three weeks, however, she recovered and was put back in the aviary, and within a fortnight was sitting. The young one reared was a hen.

Elegant Parrots (*Neophema elegans*).—One pair of "Elegants" was put into one of the breeding aviaries, measuring 17 feet x 5 feet x 8 feet high, about January, 1929. They remained in there through the winter and commenced sitting on October 14, 1929. After about three weeks the hen was seen occasionally and was usually being fed by the cock. During the first week the hen alone feeds the young, in my opinion; after that the cock takes a hand. The same applies to the Turquoise Parrot (*Neophema pulchella*). The first young one left the nest on December 3, the second on December 4, and the third on December 6. When first out of the nest the two blues showed on the wing, also the orange patch on the belly. Yellow on the face was also showing. Once the hen commenced sitting she was not seen until the young were hatched. I do not say she never left the nest, but I did not see her. The hen commenced sitting again on December 13, a week after the last young one's leaving the nest. This time two young were reared; one left the nest on February 7, the second on February 8.

Several pairs of "Elegants" were turned into one of my old aviaries at Millswood amongst two or three dozens of Diamond Doves (*Geopelia cuneata*). One or two logs were hanging in the trees and one pair commenced sitting and reared two young. These birds were only caught in September. This proves that newly-caught birds will breed the first season in captivity, and that it is not necessary to have a separate aviary for each pair. But I am sure one gets better results by giving each pair an aviary. This pair only had one nest.—S. HARVEY, R.A.O.U., Kensington, S.A.