

**The Cassowary in Captivity.** —Although Cassowaries are rather shy and elusive birds in the wild state, when in captivity they become aggressive, and one has to be careful not to get within reach of their sharp claws, for some individuals will attack with great determination. Mr. H. W. Champion, of the Government Secretary's Department, Papua, has forwarded the evidence in connection with a case, in which a large Cassowary, that had been reared in captivity, caused the death of two natives. The native report states: "That when the Cassowary was a little big, it went bush, but it often came back to fight the village people." So well was this trait known that orders were given for no one to go about alone. However, a man named Tauno went out to his garden, and as he did not return, his mother went to look for him, and found him dead, with a very big Cassowary near by. No sooner did the woman put in an appearance than she was attacked, and so badly injured that she died. Careful inquiry by a magistrate left no doubt that the two people had been killed by the bird.