

**OBSERVATIONS OF
A NEW GAME BIRD**

PARTRIDGES OF HUNGARIA

**Habits and Peculiarities of Bird
Recorded Through Efforts
to Establish it in the
United States**

Efforts to establish the Hungarian partridge as a game bird in the United States and careful observation of the habits of the "Hun" have developed many interesting facts concerning it. One of the things which intensive study of the bird has revealed is that the male cannot always be distinguished from the female by a brown horseshoe on its breast, for while this mark is in evidence on the male, it is also present some times in the case of a laying hen.

Another thing which a number of European authorities have always accepted as a fact is that the Hungarian partridge pairs for life. This, however, has been shown by American breeders to be subject to numerous exceptions and many banded birds have been known to change their mates of the previous season. Other of the birds are apparently more "old-fashioned" in their ideas and seem to stick to the "for-better-or-for-worse" custom.

That the partridge hen is somewhat "ultra-modern" appears to be the case, owing to the practice of the female choosing her own mate and seeing to it that he assumes an equal share in the incubation of eggs and the raising of the young. Should an adventurous female attempt to interfere in the domestic relations of a pair of the birds, a battle to the death between the two hens is promptly waged. Yet, it is the hen who takes the initiative in cases of "companionate" mating and also desertion. When a male bird strikes her fancy, the hen takes him aside from the rest of the flock to "talk things over," but if satisfactory arrangements are not made, the hen will make it known that "all is off" by calling to other eligibles and returning to select another admirer.

Craftiness is a marked characteristic of the Hungarian partridge hen as is shown by the trick, common to some other birds, of pretending to have a broken wing, using that as a ruse to have humans follow her away from her nest. A further means of deception is to lay two or more eggs at a place where they may readily be seen and then make a nest in a more secluded spot nearby.

A recognized difficulty in giving Hungarian partridges a start in America is due to the habit of the male and the female traveling in pairs and the further consideration that it is difficult to distinguish them apart. Obviously, this marked similarity would make it extremely difficult to protect the hen, as is customary in the case of most all other game birds.

Among States where considerable progress is being made in the introduction of the Hungarian partridge as a game bird are New York and Oregon. In the latter State it has been observed that this partridge and ring-necked pheasants get along well together.

**REVEAL NEW KINDS
OF U. S. DIPLOMATS**

**American Relief Association,
Red Cross and Near East
Relief, Factors**

"For nearly ten years America has been represented in the capitols of the Near East by three kinds of representatives, diplomatic, commercial and philanthropic," declares H. C. Jaquith, former managing director of the Near East Relief in Greece. "The peoples of that part of the world believe in America as a great nation, a great business organization and as a great-hearted people. We are different from the other nations of Europe. We are an ideal which they would imitate. The American Relief Administration, American Red Cross and the Near East Relief stretched a helping hand to the war stricken people across the seas. The Army and Navy co-operated in this peace time mission but peace did not come to the Near East until the Lausanne treaty in 1923."

Refugees, orphans and widows were befriended, fed and clothed by representatives of the heart of America. A million and a half lives were saved and 132,000 children were salvaged but they could not be fed once and turned back to beg. They were gathered into orphanage institutions and trained and prepared for useful citizenship. "But we cannot withdraw these ministrations of good will," says Mr. Jaquith. "We cannot break faith with the 32,000 boys and girls in a half a dozen countries still under our care. To them we are America, their ideal. We promise them life, hope and education. The good will of a decade will be impaired if we fail at this time to complete the budget necessary to insure the happiness of these remaining children. They are the only memorials that America needs in the Near East. We stand before the world as the nation with a great heart. We have a world-wide reputation to maintain."

**EXPERTS FIND OUT
FACTS ON HEARING**

**Human Ear Is More Sensitive
to High Pitched Sounds
Tests Reveal**

Many interesting facts about hearing have been found at the Bell Telephone Laboratories in New York. With vacuum tube oscillators and special telephone receivers to produce pure tones, many tests of various kinds have been made.

The faintest sounds that the human ear can hear are exceedingly weak, but these have been measured at various pitches over wide limits. The loudest sounds which can be heard without pain have also been determined, and an enormous range has been found between the faintest and loudest sounds which the ear is capable of hearing. At a pitch of 1,000 cycles, (or complete vibrations) per second, which is about two octaves above middle C on the piano, the intensity range of the ear is so great that the energy in the loudest bearable sound is ten million million times the energy in the faintest audible sound.

The lowest pitched note that the ear can hear and the highest were determined approximately. The lowest is about 20 cycles and the highest is about 20,000 cycles. This wide pitch range amounts to about ten octaves. It is often asked whether the ear is more sensitive for low or high pitched tones. The experiments answered this question, on the whole, in favor of the high pitched tones, for it was found that the most sensitive region was from 1,000 to 5,000 cycles, between which limits the sensitivity was about the same.

The art sensitivity of persons with defective hearing was also studied, and an accurate method for obtaining the proportion of the hearing lost and retained was found. Instruments called "audiometers" for making these tests were perfected and are now used by many ear specialists. These studies of hearing were part of a general investigation of the clearness of speech on telephone connections. Much has been accomplished, and the scientists and electrical engineers are carrying on the work to make further advances.

Gene Tunney is going to write a special article on boxing for the next issue of the Encyclopedia Britannica. This ought to be a knockout.

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