

## Stray Feathers.

**Lyre-Birds.**—In a letter to me lately, Mr. L. C. Cook spoke of the tameness of a Lyre-Bird (*Menura victoriæ*). He visited, in company with a lady, a Lyre-Bird's nest that had just been finished. "On approaching it the female bird flew off and at us again and again, and finally raked the earth about and picked up stray morsels and ate them within 4 feet of us, alternately flying and running into the tree-tops around, but never leaving us during the time we were there—about half an hour. I then placed the lady in a favourable position, and, making a detour, frightened two females and one beautiful male bird to within 3 feet of her. The birds ran along the log on which she was concealed, and she had a beautiful view of them."—D. LE SOUËF. Melbourne, 14th August, 1912.

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**Notes of Restless Flycatcher.**—In my article on Eyre Peninsula ornithology I spoke of the Restless Flycatcher (*Sisura inquieta*) as uttering the strange grinding notes only when hovering above the ground. In many years of observation I have found this to be the rule; but "there is an exception to every rule." Mr. A. H. Chisholm, of Maryborough, Victoria, in a letter to me, says:—"You may be interested to hear that I have found this habit, while general, not constant with the Restless Flycatcher. A year ago I saw one of these birds in the act of uttering the grinding note while resting on a stump, and I was surprised. Strangely enough, a day or so after reading your article in *The Emu*, I verified the previous observation by seeing and hearing a Flycatcher uttering the grinding notes in good style *while sitting on the ground*." This is very interesting to me, for I have never before heard of the Restless Flycatcher behaving like this.—(CAPTAIN) S. A. WHITE. Fulham, S.A., 8th August, 1912.

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## From Magazines, &c.

**Gould League of New South Wales.**—The Gould League of Bird Lovers of New South Wales is making steady progress. In connection with Bird Day, 9th October, 1912, a "bird-life" supplement to the *Public Instruction Gazette* has been issued. Printed on art paper, enclosed in a neat cover, the supplement is well illustrated, and contains some interesting articles and notes. Mr. W. W. Froggatt writes upon "Insectivorous Birds"; Miss Amy E. Mack contributes a fable, "Why the Bronze-Cuckoo Wails?" which is characterized by her usual delicate fancy; and Mr. A. G. Hamilton deals with the subject of "Protective Colouration," and gives a useful list of publications relating to Australian birds. "Bird-Life Near Home," by Thos. P. Austin, is an article (abridged) from *The Emu*. Bird paragraphs, Gould League notes,



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