

its natural perching place. Unfortunately, the photograph was slightly out of focus. When I had finished I threw the bird into the air, and off it flew.—D. LE SOUËF. Melbourne.

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An Unusual Nest of the Frogmouth (*Podargus strigoides*).—During the recent stormy weather a nest of this bird, with the unusual clutch of three eggs, was blown down. The birds then went higher up the gully to a more sheltered spot, and, for greater stability, built in an old nest of the White-backed Magpie (*Gymnorhina leuconota*). It was in the fork of a manna gum, about 30 feet from the ground. The bird was on the nest when I discovered it, and was also on it the following day, when the eggs were taken. It may be of interest to state that this nocturnal bird flew apparently at its usual speed through several trees, and appeared to have no difficulty in alighting, in the broad daylight.—J. M. MOLESWORTH, R.A.O.U. Ballark, Morrisons (Vic.)

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Flight Aviary, Melbourne Zoo.—The birds shown in the photograph, taken in the Flight Aviary at the Melbourne Zoological Gardens, are nearly all Honey-eaters. We find they are very hardy birds to keep, and live for years, and are a constant source of attraction; and so they should be, with their beautiful, graceful forms and lively, engaging ways.

Last year a pair of White-plumed Honey-eaters (*Ptilotis penicillata*) hatched and reared two young, which early assumed the same phase of plumage as their parents, but the young White-naped Honey-eaters (*Melithreptus lunulatus*), of which several were reared, had the top part of the head green, like the back, and only assumed the black head and white crescent when well over six months old.—D. LE SOUËF. Melbourne.

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Pilot-Birds.—In December, 1911, whilst camping near Olinda, in the Dandenongs, Victoria, with two other enthusiastic bird-lovers, we were fortunate enough to locate a nest of the Pilot-Bird (*Pycnoptilus floccosus*) in rather a strange way. While scrambling down a dense, scrubby hillside, one member of the party, on stepping over a log, was startled by a loud clamouring suddenly arising from a tangle of dry bracken at his feet. We excitedly searched for what we thought must be a nest of some kind, and almost immediately located a dome-shaped nest of grasses, bark, and leaves firmly woven together. It was lined very snugly with feathers, and contained two fine half-fledged youngsters. Although the nestlings called lustily every time the nest was disturbed, no parent bird put in an appearance for some considerable time. Eventually a beautiful chocolate-coloured bird came hopping quite close to where we were sitting, and, proceeding to the nest, fed the young birds with a large moth. Having had no previous



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