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Canaries sell in Canada for from \$1 to \$10 apiece, according to their singing ability, but it is not an uncommon thing at all in Germany to have \$125 paid for one of the birds. Many immigrants coming to Canada have brought their canaries with them, even if the cages were cumbersome to carry and other things, seemingly

of more worth, had to be left behind. The Englishman and the German is not happy unless he has I s canary warbling to him when he comes home from work. Many instances have been known of people buying canaries even when they had not enough money to buy food, because they had lost their pets in moving to their new homes.

The original canary, of course, came from the Canary Isles, where the species is still found in abundance. The native bird sings sweetly, if not scientifically as its educated relations. The wild birds are not vellow in color, but are mostly of gray plumage. In confinement, due to climate, food, and the intermixture of breeds, white, grey, green, and brown, as well as yellow shades are

The island of Elba, it is said, was the first European point where the canary found a resting place. According to a tradition, a ship bound for Leghorn, having on board a number of birds, went down near the island, on which the birds, when given their freedom, found a refuge. They finally found their way into Germany, where canary breeding and training is now conducted on a large

Regarding the breeding of canaries in Germany a fancier tells an interesting story.

"I went to school in Germany with a man named Schofert," he says, "and in after years this man raised canaries to sell to the royalty Several European rulers bought birds from him, for which he was paid a fancy price. His canaries were found to be such fine specimens that eventually he was told by the government that his selling of a bird outside of Germany, except with government permission, would constitute a penitentiary offense. In 1900 Schofert died a poor man, because of the curtailling of his sales. A year later a party taking much the same name came to America and located in an eastern city, claiming to be the original Schofert who sold canaries to the royalty of Europe. In three months' time he had sold half a million birds. It goes to show there have been just as many fakes worked with bird pedigrees as there have with dogs and other animals." Those who sympathize with the

little singer because it is caged should find comfort in the fact that it would really be "murder in the first degree" to give the canary its liberty. So accustomed has the canary become to captivity that the cage is its natural home. For generations back it has known nothing of the open skies, the changes in weather and season, the struggles for existence. Thrown out into the garden or meadow, it would be unable to find for itself the food which has been brought daily to its cage. In the struggle with other birds for a living it would make a sorry spectacle. Artificially trained, it is no longer afraid of man, and has become accustomed to having its health closely

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For one, there is the name Rachel, which the Hebrews gave in honor of the lamb--surely a good enough symbol for any woman. For Rachel meant a ewe lamb to the Hebrews. Agnes, too, is a name that owes much to the lamb, for though Agnes is not really a lamb-it means purity-both the name Agnes and the Greek word for lamb came from the source. All through the ages, too, Agnes has been considered as the equivalent for lamb, and if so many persons had not always thought that Agnes actually was first given in honor of this gentlest of beasts, it is quite likely there would never have been so many

The dove, too, is another likely member of the animal kingdom to have human namesakes. There is the Hebrew dove, Jemima, and there is the Latin dove, Columba, neither very usual names to-day. It is somewhat strange that there have not been many Columbas in Canada and the United States. Surely the dove is worthy enough, and any American Columba would be honoring good old Christopher Columbus as well as the gentle bird.

The bee is about the only insect that ever gained femin'te namesakes. Deborah was a name given by the Hebrews for the bee, and owing to its popularity among the Puritans there is still to be found an occasional Deborah in Canada. Melissa, the Greek name for bee, is seldom found nowadays, although sometimes we come across it in romances.

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