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## FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS

English Authority Points Out Fascination of Bird Pets



ONE of the most fascinating of pets, as it is one of the nobler groups of birds, is the sparrowhawk. At one time, writes A. R. Horwood, in the English Illustrated Magazine, no establishment of any standing was without its falconer, with several casts of falcons or tiercels (females). But today there are a gradually lessening number of sportsmen who train and fly hawks over game. When the eyas (the unfledged bird taken from the nest) is properly weathered it should be carried about on the wrist and ren-

ed. The jesses of course may be attached to the leash when the bird is being trained. The bells serve to locate the bird when at liberty. They are attached by the bewit to a double strip of leather fixed on the leg. To the jesses may be attached the leash, which is of leather, fastened by a swivel which can be easily adjusted. If it is necessary to lengthen the leash a creance or cord is added to the loops at the end.

To carry a sparrowhawk or several a cage or cadge may be used, but it is not customary. It is a frame of light cane with perches for the falcons. More necessary is a lure of feathers, with a hook for affixing bait, which is dangled backward and forward to entice the hawks home after flight. As soon as



TOURIST—You knew George Washington? Is it true he never told a lie?  
UNCLE EPHRIAM—well, ef he did, suh, he done and gone and tole it in sich a way dat it sounded prezackly laik de trufe!

dered tame. Short winged hawks do not need hoods. But when at hawk or allowed liberty they need to be confined by jesses and leash, or with only jesses and bells, and are then free. When thus allowed freedom the hawk hawks must be regularly fed and care taken that they do not stray away. If not responding at once a lost bird must be caught by trap or otherwise. The jesses and bells are best fitted on the eyas, and it is well to accustom the young hawk to these at first by means of the hood, which can be discarded for flying purposes.

The jesses, one for each leg, are held in the hand, and may be of silk or leather two or three inches long, fitted with a ring to attach to the swivel of the leash, while in the other end the leg of the hawk and the bewit of the bell is insert-

the hawk begins to hunt for itself it must be attached by the leash and creance or it will stray away. But this will not happen if the birds are regularly fed. Of course if refractory at first with the hood or simple jesses and bells water must be dripped on the head, and a brail may be used to confine the wings to prevent baiting. And if the hawk is a haggard or taken when adult it must be judiciously starved to accustom it to the hood.

When training the eyas falcon you must be frequently in contact with it to accustom it to your presence, and when the hood is less irksome, and it must be remembered that to accomplish this end great patience is required. But to the keen sportsman, or lover of the sport of kings, no trouble or expenditure of time