

they engaged in the most arduous labor, and the zeal they exhibited in collecting and in doing all that pertained to the work we had to perform, was certainly commendable, and rendered my duty much pleasanter than it otherwise would have been.

I would also improve this opportunity to acknowledge the obligations I am under to Mr. Phillips for suggestions which were valuable and well timed.

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**REPORT UPON THE MANAGEMENT OF GERMAN CARP BY A MISSISSIPPI CORRESPONDENT.\***

**By JOHN YOST.**

[From a letter to Prof. S. F. Baird.]

About the middle of December, 1881, I received at Jackson, Miss., in good order, twenty Carp from the United States Fish Commission. Unfortunately the pond intended for their reception was stocked with other fish, such as Sun-fish, Bream, and Cat-fish. I undertook to drain it, and having procured a dry-goods box about two and one-half feet square by twenty inches deep, I bored a number of small holes to allow the free circulation of the water running from a spring. I put a rock in it to hold it down, also a few shovels of dirt. Then I put the Carp in the box. They remained there eight days. I fed them on crumbs of corn bread. I could see some of them every day and supposed they were doing well, but when I had drained my pond and it was ready for their reception, I was surprised in taking them out to find ten of them under the rock and dead. That left me but ten live fish, and two of them were sick. When I turned them loose in the pond they swam slowly off into deep water, and have not been seen since. I have two ponds side by side, with but a few feet of earth to separate them. Into the one where the box was sunk I put the common fish. While taking the Carp from the box one of them accidentally fell in with the Cats and Bream. I had not seen any of the Carp until the first day of the present month, when a boy fishing for the common fish caught the Carp that had accidentally got among them. The bait used was a worm. I measured his length, which was 12 inches from the nose to the parting of the tail. When put in the pond about December 26 they were each of them about 3 inches long. In the case of this one it shows a gain of 9 inches in length in six months. Of course, I put him with his own kind. I have not seen them, however, since they were put in, December 26, 1881. I suppose they are doing well from the condition in which I found that one. For food I give them cabbage leaves, lettuce, tomatoes, peaches, apples, and corn bread. I discover small fish in their pond. I would like to know at what age they breed.

BRANDON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, *July 30, 1882.*

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\* Had this gentleman followed instructions to have his pond in entire readiness, and free from all other fish, his success would doubtless have been greater.—EDITOR.