

require no care. It is only necessary to place them in the water, the muddier and more sluggish the better. They will live in ponds or in running streams; and are equally at home in warm water and cold.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *March 13, 1883.*

NOTE.—For other items upon this subject compare Bulletin 1882, p. 153, and Bulletin 1883, p. 218.—C. W. S.

94.—PURCHASE OF PROFESSOR POEY'S ICHTHYOLOGIA CUBANA BY THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT.

By Prof. S. F. BAIRD.

Prof. Felipe Poey, of Havana, under date of the 24th of February, 1883, announces that the Spanish Government has purchased his *Ichthyologia Cubana* for \$4,000. It will be exhibited in the exposition in Amsterdam. He hopes to have it printed in Madrid. The work is in ten volumes, each 450 by 324 millimeters. These volumes contain 1,040 plates of fishes of every period of growth. The drawings were made by himself from life. Many of the plates occupy three and even six double pages. About half fill only one single page each.

The plates represent 758 species of Cuban fishes (1,300 individuals), 90 scales, 94 vertical sections, 87 entire skeletons, 51 half skeletons, 43 details of skeletons, 85 complete viscera, 32 details of viscera, 8 entozoa, and 120 miscellanea.

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95.—REAPPEARANCE OF YOUNG COD HATCHED BY THE UNITED STATES FISH COMMISSION.

By W. A. WILCOX.

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

The harbor and mouth of the river at and near Portsmouth, N. H., is full of young codfish from four to ten inches long. The fishermen mostly use trawls with quite small hooks and find them in large numbers on the hooks. They take them off with care and return them to the sea. Fishermen say that they have never seen anything like it in the number of very small cod. They give all the credit to the United States Fish Commission, calling them "Professor Baird's fish." Mr. Valentine Doane, jr., of Portsmouth, N. H., can give further information.

BOSTON FISH BUREAU,

Boston, Mass., August 17, 1882.