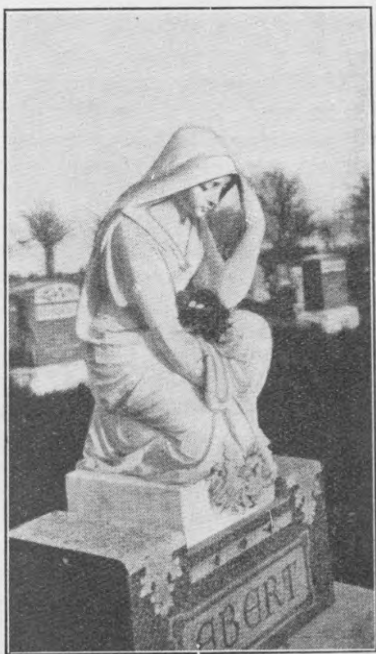


water. At the same time the prosperity of this country, owing to the devastating effects of erosion brought about by forest depletion is seriously menaced. Verily, in a land like New Zealand, which had been for countless ages widely separated from all other large land masses and had thus evolved its own special conditions, the attempted acclimatisation of any bird, animal, or insect should not be permitted without the keenest scrutiny. The best thing we can do now is to allow Nature to readjust her balance.

The efforts of those people whose constant desire is to introduce alien species to where they have never been known to exist can only be likened to children playing with fire, but unlike the baby they do not appear to learn after getting their fingers burnt. Perhaps, because, it is the general community's fingers which suffer most and not so much the fingers of the acclimatisator.



[Photo from "Bird Lore."]

A ROBIN'S HOME.

In Parkview Cemetery, Hastings, Nebr., in the lap of a brooding figure of "Sorrow," this nest was built securely and firmly.