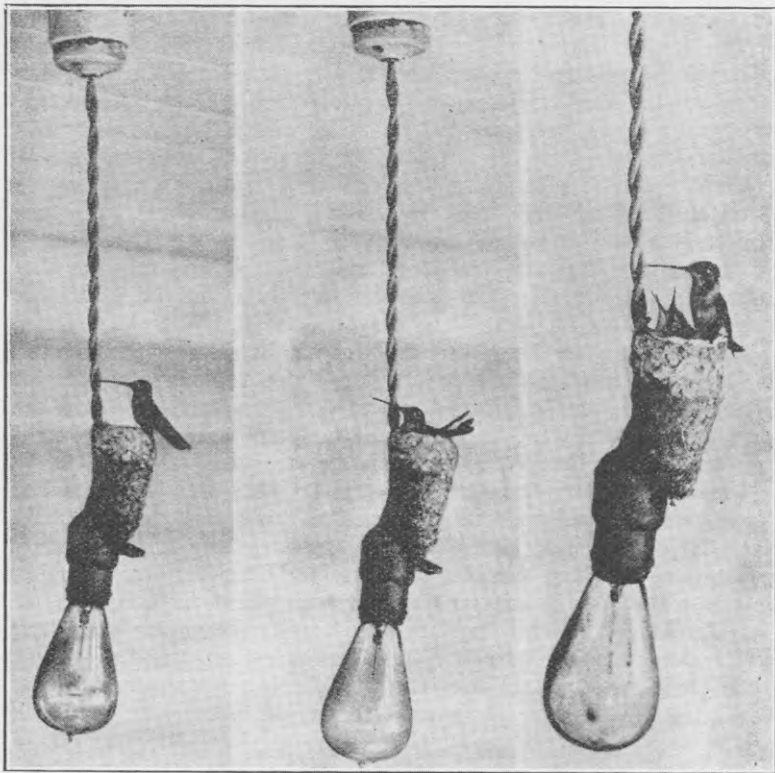


FRIENDLY HUMMING BIRDS.

Probably the average New Zealander thinks of a humming-bird as a flash of bright colours in a tropical forest. Yet in parts of the United States one may see some humming-birds that are as friendly as fantails, tom-tits and robins are in New Zealand. In the April issue of "Nature Magazine" (published by the American Nature Association) George A. Lewis gives a delightful chronicle of the family life of a pair of humming-birds.

For eighteen successive years (Mr. Lewis writes) a little Anna humming-bird, *Calypte anna*, has raised her family in a tiny nest attached to an electric light cord on the front porch of Judge William D. Dehey of Independence, California. Returning each year, the mother hummer first sets about house cleaning. Then she builds a new addition atop the old, which is carefully left for



Humming-Birds—fearless home-making on an electric light bulb in the porch of a house in California.