

WOMAN'S ADORNMENT



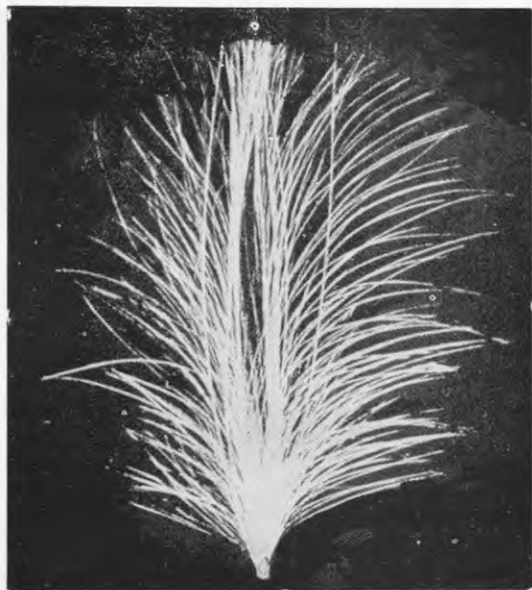
THE TRAGEDY OF THE "OSPREY" PLUME

(By the Wild-Life Preservation Society of Australia.)

EVERY woman knows the "osprey" plume, but few who wear these plumes are aware of the manner in which they are obtained. The Wild-Life Preservation Society of Australia wishes to place the actual facts before every woman who is now wearing, or is ever likely to wear, an "osprey."

The egret, which at breeding time carries these graceful plumes, is a shy wading bird. Through nine months of the year it is scattered in pairs over the watercourses of the country. At nesting time it gathers into rookeries for mutual protection, and many hundreds of the birds nest together in the trees round swamps and rivers.

When the young are hatched, plume hunters, knowing that the birds will not leave their young, visit the rookeries. They shoot the parent birds in the act of tending the nestlings, tear from their backs the small patch of skin



"OSPREY" PLUME.

EGRET ON NEST.

