

## Bird Notes.

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Miss H. T. Jaensch, of Murray Bridge, has a Silver Gull (*Larus novae-hollandiae*) in captivity. The wings are pinioned, and the bird has spent the last five or six years in her garden. It is fed regularly twice a day with meat, and is now very tame.

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It will, however, attack any dog, cat, or birds which may enter the garden, and the ferocious manner it adopts is successful in driving the intruder away. It is a good mimic, and can imitate the whole range of sounds emitted from the neighbouring fowl-yard so successfully and with such controlled modulation that one is unable to distinguish any defect in the imitation. It also utters its own calls, but they are rarely given.

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