LONGEVITY OF SILVER GULL

The sudden disappearance of a Silver Gull (*Larus novae-hollandiae*) which had been in captivity for many years has prompted Mrs. F. A. Haines, of Mount Gambier, to supply the following information. On September 19, 1924, a Silver Gull with a broken wing was found at Goolwa, South Australia. Portion of the wing was removed at the wrist joint and the bird, apparently an adult, was given to Miss Tuckwell, of Swift Avenue, Dulwich, Adelaide. Over the years the bird became increasingly tame, although nervous in the presence of strangers. It was fed on raw meat and retained its plumage in excellent condition right up to May 1952. Some months later the bird disappeared and is believed to have been destroyed by a dog. The age of the bird was at least 28 years, and probably far exceeded any which had previously been recorded for this species.