

Notes, &c.

MR. Robert Hall's article, "Notes on a Collection of Bird-Skins from Fitzroy River, North-West Australia," will be continued in the next (October) number.

SINCE the proclamation that Egrets are to be protected under the *Game Act* in Victoria all the year round, the following advertisement appeared in a local paper :—"A Sensational Offer—This Week Feathers Half-Price—This (referring to an illustration) Choice White Osprey, 2s.," &c.

PROSECUTIONS UNDER THE VICTORIAN *Game Act*.—On the 24/3/02, at Warnambool, Ed. Smith, sen., was fined £1 and 5s. for shooting Quail in close season. On 21/5/02, at Pyramid Hill, A. Brien was fined 5s. each for having two Magpies in his possession. Magpies are so well able to take care of themselves and have so increased of late years with protection that many persons are of opinion that a partial protection is quite sufficient, instead of for the "whole year" as at present.

THE Cockatoo and Parrot Exhibition, which is under the auspices of the Council of the Aust. O.U., to be held at the Town Hall, South Melbourne, on the 17th, 18th, and 19th July, in connection with the South Suburban Canary Show, promises to eclipse all previous shows of the kind. The net proceeds of the show are to be given to the Children's Hospital, Melbourne.

A CORRECTION.—Referring to *The Emu*, vol. i., p. 120, and a footnote "The Collecting of Ants' Cocoons as Food for Insectivorous Birds," near the end of the note it is stated that the cocoons "are well dried and will then keep a week or more." It should read "the cocoons will keep a week or more, but when dried will keep indefinitely."

REFERRING to the "Stray Feathers" note on page 28, "Red-capped Robin in Northern Queensland," Mr. F. C. Berney sends the following supplementary information :—"Concerning the same bird I may say that they are very plentiful here just now (19/5/02), and have been since early in March, but previous to that time I had not seen them at all in these parts, but I shot a male in June two years ago at Homestead, on the Campaspe River, where they were very scarce. The female plumage seems here (Richmond, N.Q.) to be greatly in the majority, but perhaps some of them may be immature birds."