

fattened for sale, but the people who fatten them must keep them shut up in dark apartments; for if the least light were admitted, the turbulent things would instantly attack each other, nor cease till one fell, "especially," as an old naturalist tells us, "if anybody stands by." These birds belong to the north of Europe, and such of them as visit Britain, are chiefly to be found in the breeding season in the fens of Lincolnshire.

How unamiable does a quarrelsome disposition appear even in a bird. How much more beloved is the tender dove, the emblem of peace and of the gracious gifts of the Holy Spirit of God, than any that are of a contrary mood. How well would it be for all if they would follow the instructions of God's most holy word, in this as in all other respects, and "seek peace and ensure it," "follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."