FANCY MICE

WHY MICE AND RATS?

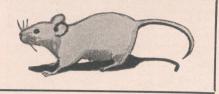
"Look at the rats and mice, what do you do with them? Do people buy them? What do they do with them? My, I wouldn't touch one for a hundred dollars." These are some of the things said by visitors viewing a collection of rats and mice for the first time in their life, and as the answers to some may interest the reader, I will go into them briefly.

What do we do with rats and mice? Just as we do with rabbits and cavies, breed them for pleasure and breed them for profit, there is plenty of both for anyone who cares to venture in this interesting field, but remember, I, the writer, don't make any promises as to how high you will climb in this occupation. I present the facts, you are the judge. There are few animals which are more interesting to breed than these small rodents and when we take into consideration the space required and the amount of food necessary, together with the rapidity with which they breed, there are few animals as profitable .- Martin Hartman.

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USE OF FOSTER DOES

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When it is desired to keep more than four in a litter, even if only until they show their qualities.

When first starting with a trio or two and it is desired to build up a strain as quickly as possible by enabling does to have several litters while still young.

If for special reasons one desires to test the results of mating a doe to several bucks.

When a doe appears to be neglecting her young, possibly through lack of milk.

As a means of obtaining a litter from an exhibition doe while comparatively young and with little hindrance to her show career.

When one specially desires a litter from a known "cannibal" doe.

When a doe is lost through death after the young are born. ____

When by using larger does, such as P.E.W.s, as fosters it is considered the young will receive a better start in life.

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