

of these birds at a time perch on the edge of a cup of water which he held in his hand, and drink without fear. I was aware from Mr. Darwin's Voyage in the *Beagle*, that in islands like the Galapagos,

“Where human foot hath ne'er or rarely been,”

the wild birds have no apprehension of danger from man ; but here, where for ages the Indian hunters preceded the whites, I am surprised to learn that an instinctive dread of the great “usurper” had not become hereditary in the feathered tribe. I was told, however, that in the hunting grounds called Indian Reservations, within the limits of the settled and civilised states, of which we passed one in New York, the wild animals are comparatively tame, it being a system of the Indians never to molest the game or their prey, except when required for food.

We returned from Blossberg by the town of Jefferson, and, sailing down Seneca Lake in a steamboat to Geneva, joined the railway, which carried us back again to Albany. At one of the stations where the train stopped we overheard some young women from Ohio exclaim, “Well, we are in a pretty fix !” and found their dilemma to be characteristic of the financial crisis of these times, for none of their dollar notes of the Ohio banks would pass here. The substantive “fix” is an acknowledged vulgarism, but the verb is used in New England by well-educated people, in the sense of the French “arranger” or the English “do.” To fix the hair, the table, the fire, means to dress the hair, lay the table, and make up the fire ; and this application is, I presume, of Hibernian origin, as an Irish gentleman, King Corney, in Miss Edgeworth's tale of Ormond, says, “I'll fix him and his wounds.”