



When the wild currant blooms in Portland it is time to look for the humming-birds, return of which to this vicinity always is coincident with the blossoms of that beautiful native shrub. W. L. Finley, The Journal's wild life editor, has herewith photographed a pair of the birds in the nest.



Mother Kingfisher's little quintuplets, all safe and sound in their home in the cliff. The kingfisher is really the "halcyon" of Grecian mythology—a bird fabled to nest on the sea about the time of the winter solstice, and to calm the waves. Hence the derivation of quiet, peaceful—the "halcyon days."—W. L. Finley photo.