require no care. It is only necessary to place them in the water, the
muddier and more sluggish the better. They will live in ponds or in
running streams; and are equally at home in warm water and cold.
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 13, 1883.

NOTE.—For other items upon this subject compare Bulletin 1882, p. 153, and Bul-
letin 1883, p. 218.—C. W. S.

94.—PURCHASE OF PROFESSOR POEY’S ICHTHYOLOGIA CUBANA
BY THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT.

By Prof. S. F. BAIRD.

Prof. Felipe Poey, of Havana, under date of the 24th of February, 1883,
announces that the Spanish Government has purchased his Ichthyologia
Cubana for $4,000. It will be exhibited in the exposition in Amster-
dam. He hopes to have it printed in Madrid. The work is in ten vol-
umes, each 450 by 324 millimeters. These volumes contain 1,040 plates
of fishes of every period of growth. The drawings were made by him-
self from life. Many of the plates occupy three and even six double
pages. About half fill only one single page each.

The plates represent 758 species of Cuban fishes (1,300 individuals),
90 scales, 94 vertical sections, 87 entire skeletons, 51 half skeletons, 43
details of skeletons, 85 complete visceras, 32 details of visceras, 8 en-
tozoa, and 120 miscellanea.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 1, 1883.

95.—RE APPEARANCE OF YOUNG COD HATCHED BY THE UNITED
STATES FISH COMMISSION.

By W. A. WILCOX.

[From a letter to Prof. S. F. Baird.]

The harbor and mouth of the river at and near Portsmouth, N. H., is
full of young codfish from four to ten inches long. The fishermen mostly
use trawls with quite small hooks and find them in large numbers on the
hooks. They take them off with care and return them to the sea. Fishermen say that they have never seen anything like it in the num-
ber of very small cod. They give all the credit to the United States
Fish Commission, calling them "Professor Baird’s fish." Mr. Valentine
Doane, jr., of Portsmouth, N. H., can give further information.

BOSTON FISH BUREAU,
Boston, Mass., August 17, 1882.