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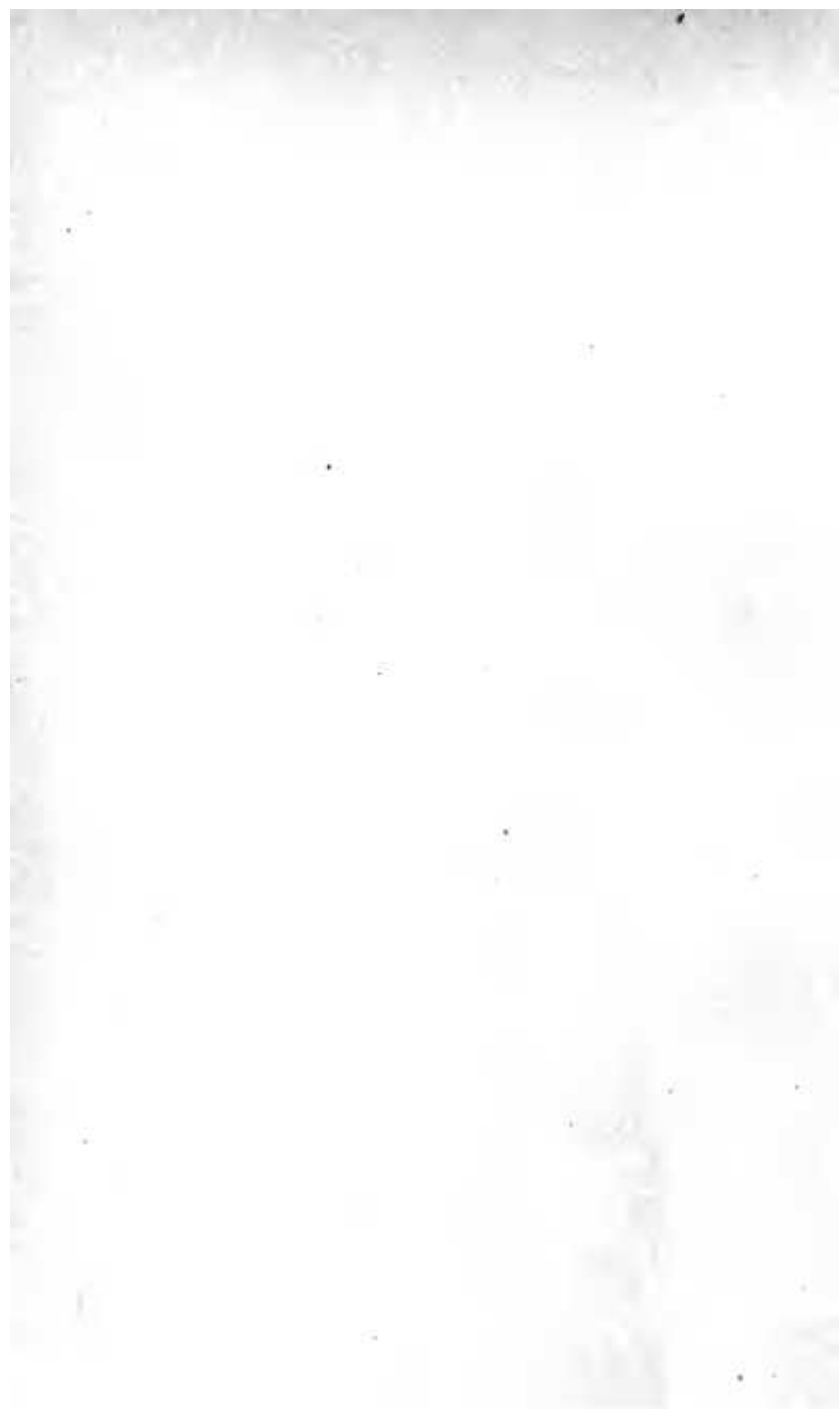
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Squirrels as Pets

OF all the many pets which I have kept at different periods of my life, none ever excited so much interest and admiration among my friends as the squirrels whose portraits accompany the present article.

Some of my readers may have already come across their life history in an English periodical, a story which brought me so many questions on the subject of squirrels as to make me resolve—when time should allow me—to answer my questioners *en bloc* in the form of another article, which might satisfy the requirements not only of my friends but of any other lovers of animals who might wish to be initiated into the mysteries of squirrel taming.

No wonder their story excited interest, for a more precocious trio than the "Snark," the "Boojum," and the "Beaver" would be hard indeed to find. In ten minutes they had made themselves perfectly at home with their new foster-mother, and how attached to them she became! Every

morning at 5.30 I could hear her scratching for admission at my door, and what a picture it was to see her go straight to their nest in the old soap-box, and feel gently with outstretched paw among the hay until she had found them and summoned them to breakfast! And when they grew a little older and were able to run about and play with her, what a sight to observe her anxiety as they clambered for the first time up the pole of spruce fir which I had fixed for them as a gymnasium! Had I allowed her, of course, she would have carried them off to the loft where her own kittens were lying hid, and they would have grown up as shy as their brothers and sisters in the woods. But by constant exercise of authority over them, they came to know me as well as they knew her, and would romp about all over me with the most utter fearlessness.

But I am not now telling their story, and must proceed at once to the more practical if not quite as amusing subject which gives title to this article.

For the sake of those who may be tempted to try the experiment of rearing the little animals, I had perhaps better let my readers into the secret confided first to Hiawatha and eventually