



*Photo: J. C. Wilkin.*

**WINTER TIME IN AN ORCHARD.**—These five adult kingfishers appreciate the grubs and cicada pupae tossed to them as the ground is dug. It will be noticed that they are spaced fairly evenly, just beyond reach of each other and approximately twelve inches apart; this is mainly because they are very crusty and will not tolerate their feathered kith and kin within striking distance; but it also gives them a better view of tasty morsels which might appear anywhere on the ground and which have to be pounced on suddenly. These kingfishers and many others not shown in the photograph have repaid the kindness shown them by becoming very tame.



*Photo: Mrs. Gillanders.*

PIPIT (PIHOIHOI)  
AT THE  
BREAKFAST TABLE

**The planting season is here—  
grow Kowhais and Flax for our  
honey-eating native birds.**