

comparable to the various breeds of sheep and cattle.

The latest experiment of breeding for commercial purposes are of a very different kind. Encouraged by the success of the ostrich farmers, endeavors are now being made to breed some of the more valuable fur-bearing animals, in captivity.

GREAT DIVA GROWS BETTER
SLOWLY, STILL VERY ILL



Melbourne, Australia, Feb. 4.—The great diva, Mme. Lillian Nordica, is very slowly getting better, though her condition is still unsatisfactory. She is suffering from a serious attack of

pneumonia, which resulted from nervous shock and exposure when the steamer *Tasman*, on which she was a passenger, ran ashore in the Gulf of Papua.

Lord Ballyrot in Slangland



While strolling in the park, old chap, I observed a lady striving to prevent her small son from making friends with a tiny dog, evidently some one's wandering pet. In her eagerness to spare her child, the mother shrieked:

"John-nee! Don't go near that pocket poodle! He's liable to take a sample gnaw at your pins. He may be only knee-high to a short beer, but he looks like he's going to lather up and get a mad on. Shoo, you ring-tailed runt-hound! Beat it, mutt, or I'll call the Rover bus and they'll take you away to be cashed into a pork sausage. Now will you do a vamp?"

My word!