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FEATHERED BEGGARS - - Seagulls, driven inland by ocean storms, seek food from passers-by on the Thames Embankment.

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Picture .: - Furious gales and wintry conditions have driven hundreds of thousands of sea-gulls --

-- to seek the shelter of coast and river. As kindhearted people provide them with free meals, they don't mind stopping until the weather is really settled. They grow quite tame--

-- and affectionate. Offer a small piece of food and they think nothing ef--

--biting a bit out of your finger to show how pleased they are. They get to know the rendez-vous, where dear old ladies, and--

--young ones too, appear with crumpled paper-bags containing smelly bits of fish. Iden't think the birds--

-- like chips with it. Soon they will make for the open sea again, and get their own fish. They prefer it fresh.