

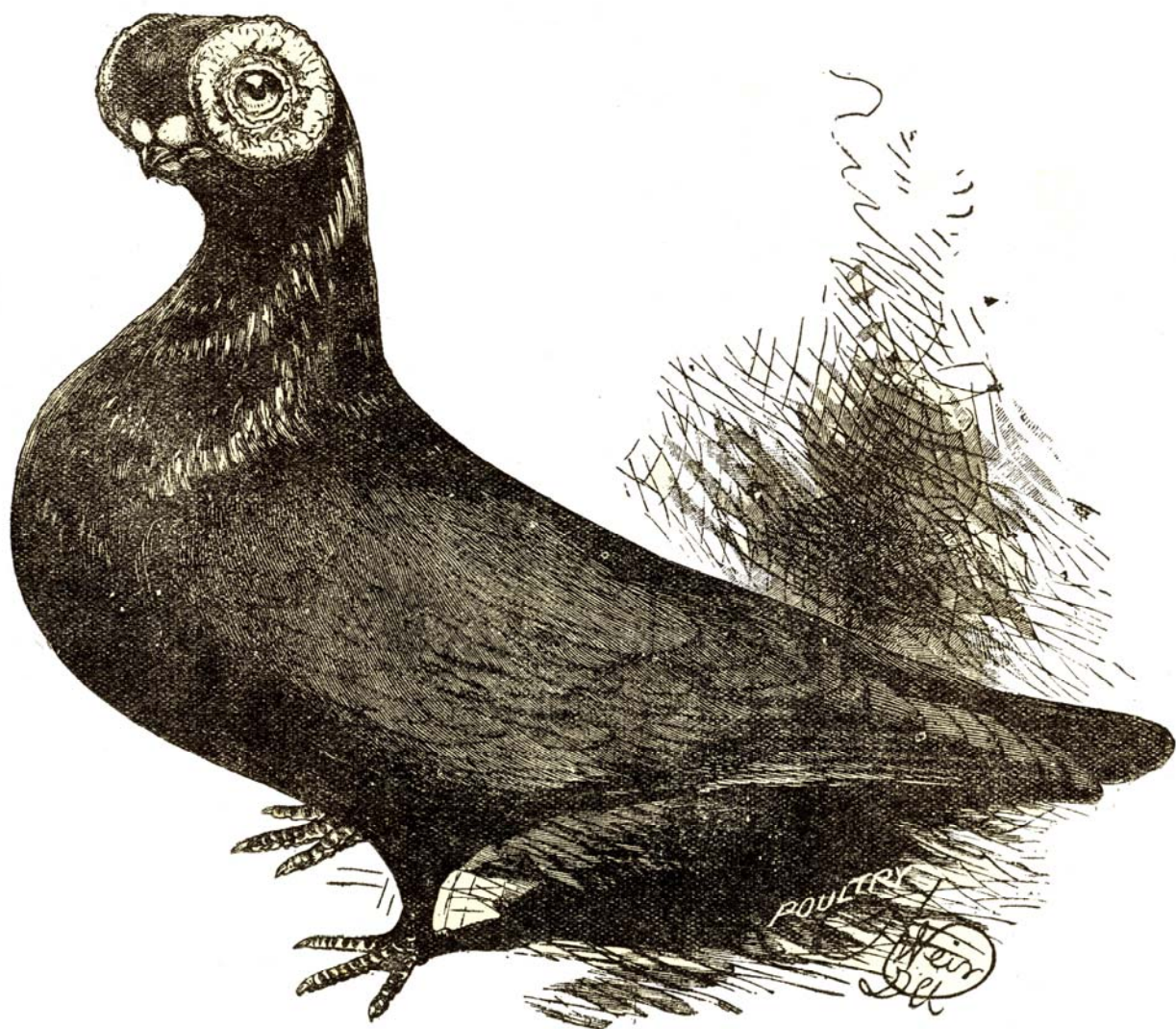


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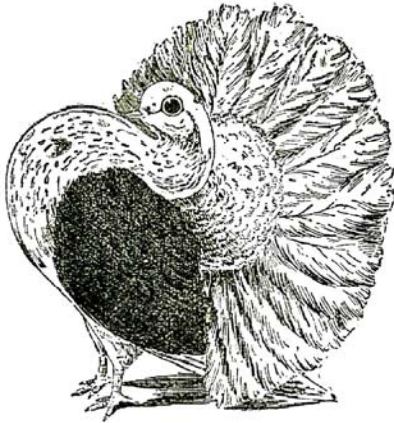


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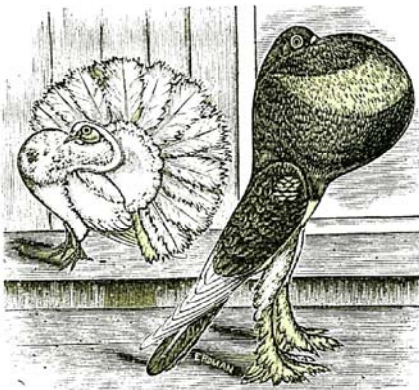
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PIGEONS.—First grand exclusively pigeon show of the American Pigeon Club, to be held at Baltimore, Md., November 30th to December 5th, 1893, inclusive.

EDITORIALS.

Well, the fiat has gone forth, and the American Pigeon Club will hold its first exclusive pigeon show in the City of Monuments, beginning November 30 and ending December 5, 1893. The dates have been selected as the most appropriate of the year, for at this time all pigeons will be in excellent show form, having just finished moulting and are at their best. A Sunday has been put into the dates, in order to afford the visiting fanciers an opportunity to discuss their hobby and view the birds unmolested by crowds of people. We would state that we have information, gleaned from a reliable source, that the American Pigeon Club will offer a very liberal classification and will make a special feature of young bird classes of leading varieties. The various specialty clubs which have been formed in our midst of late will find they will have a decided advantage by meeting with the American Pigeon Club, for, from what we can learn of the projected plans of the club's executive board, large cash prizes will be offered for those clubs which favor the club with their presence. In view of this fact, we would advise all fanciers who are members of specialty clubs not to pledge themselves to vote in favor of any place until they see what sort of offers the various shows will make. The prominent fanciers connected with the new club are a sufficient guarantee of the genuineness of their claim to hold a show that will shed a radiant light on Baltimore, and be an honor to the club and to the

country. It is the club's great aim to be progressive and to introduce innovations at their annual shows that will certainly redound to the glory of the club. As progress is its motto, so this great moving agency will be pushed in every direction, and the show-room will be the first to feel the new club's potent influence. In the various liberal inducements—some for the first time in this country—which will be freely and openly extended our fanciers, one can see the honest and frank purpose actuating the projectors of the club; and this is what the American Pigeon Club was formed for—the benefit of the American pigeon fancy. It is seeking to work in harmony with all for the good of the whole, but when its true objects are misrepresented by designing ones it will be found that it can firmly maintain its position with a dignity that will put to shame those who doubt its sincerity of purpose. Since its formation it has evinced a friendly spirit toward all. Many of our most prominent fanciers saw at a glance the true purposes of the club and immediately expressed themselves to this effect. Other fanciers seemed to think it was formed as a rival of the A. C. A. It is almost useless to try to tell this latter contingent anything to the contrary; they knew it all the time—in fact, had predicted it years and years ago. Such prejudiced persons are of little account to any organized pigeon body, but they work much harm to the general fancy by misrepresenting matters to fanciers of less prominence, who look upon their informants as oracles, and consequently don't think it necessary to investigate matters further. We hope all fanciers will carefully watch the movements and

relations of the so-called rival clubs and see for themselves who is promoting the rivalry and ill-feeling. The A. P. C. can't be a rival of the A. C. A., for it was not organized on the same lines. It is a business organization and its members are the stockholders. Its object is to hold exclusive pigeon shows in different sections annually. Pigeon shows create an interest in our pets. When we seek to discourage a club that fosters these shows by holding them free of expense to any one, then we discourage the faithful breeder whose birds are his all. How, then, a club so generous as to give these shows—so promotive to pigeon interests—can be made the object of malicious attack is a question that will have to be unraveled when they become aware of the A. P. C.'s liberality, genuineness of purpose and non-antagonistic and honest spirit.

HAY'S THERE!

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

I notice an article in your issue of May 12, by one of your correspondents, "Beaufort." He finishes with the following: "Never mind, old Gil., if the faked tails did down you—Hay there!"

I do not object to the faked tails being thoroughly ventilated, but when the birds that beat Mr. Gilbert's get faked tails to their credit it is time to call "Halt!" As I am the owner of the birds, I would say that they are still in my loft, just as they came from the New York Show, and still carry the same tails, and they are all breeding now; so they are not in (show) condition. Should "Beaufort" wish to make an easy hundred dollars, let him come to my loft and bring all the experts on faked tails he can muster (and as I notice we are to have a visit shortly to this country of Mr. George Brown, of Chesterfield, England, formerly of Kilburne, Scotland, I would be much pleased to have him and his friend, Mr. Gilbert, come also) and examine my birds, and if they find a faked

tail or fake feather in a bird in my loft, of over fifty Fans, he can have a hundred dollars for his trouble.

When at the New York Show, the judge of Fans, Mr. Stanton, asked me if I had any objections to allow Mr. Glasgow, who had charge of Mr. Gilbert's birds, to examine my first prize hen in his hands. I freely consented and told him he could examine every bird of my entry if he wished to. After carefully examining the bird, he was perfectly satisfied that the bird was all right and in its place, and so expressed himself to Mr. Stanton in the presence of quite a number of well-known fanciers. That the birds were put into the show pen in (show) condition was my business and was done by having the stock and following Mr. Gilbert's idea of "how to breed prize-winners." I worked out my own salvation by training my birds to take care of their tails after they grew them, and they got there. It takes more than tail to make a prize Fantail. The body that carries it plays a very important part in the make-up of a prize-winner, and had more to do with my success at New York than the tails. I am prepared at any time, for a hundred-dollar cup, to show six of my white Fans, bred in America, against any six white Fans, bred by owner, in America, with their tails or without them—either way will suit me—and the birds to be judged by three competent judges of Fans.

I have been a breeder and exhibitor of Fans for over twenty years, and at all the principal shows of England and Scotland, and for the last four years in this country. This is the first time in my experience that faked tailed birds have been placed to my credit, and I can assure you "it goes down hard;" but I am neither afraid of keen competition nor close inspection. Any fancier who wishes to inspect my birds, wherever they find them in the show room, have my permission to do so. What more can I do?—ALEX. HAY.

TRANSFERS.

From F. M. Gilbert's loft to William P. Howe, Nashville, white cock Arbroath, imported from Messrs. G. and R. Alexander, Arbroath; to P. F. Hager, Nashville, white hen Duchess, imported from George Brown, Chesterfield, Eng.

A TRIP TO EVANSVILLE.

BY C. J. TANNER.

[CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.]

On the opposite side, and to the back, is the Fan loft, in front of which extends a large wire aviary, with a running spray fountain for the birds' bath. We passed through the two interior downstairs' rooms, in which are located the training pens, for the confinement of specimens intended for an exhibition; and upstairs we went, to be greeted with such an array of beauty as can only be found in a suburban loft of white Fantails. I have often seen Mr. Gilbert's Fantails at our shows, and admired them, too, but let me say to you they must be seen in their Evansville home to be as thoroughly appreciated as their quality would demand. In spotless feather and perfect health, and with the morning sun shining in upon them, they formed an ideal for an artist's pencil. There was the grand old cock Ben Hur, with his thirteen inch heavy tail and a conscious stride of dignity as he strutted around our feet, as much as to say, "I am the Fantail monarch of this loft." But he was not, to my notion, though I stroked and petted him to retain his goodwill, as old Ben easily gets insulted if he is not noticed.

What's that grandly-shaped little cock with his circular spread and head bent low on cushion, his every feather spotless and so tightly put on that he looks like a figure from marble? Why, of course, it is Old Derby, the bird that has won nine cups in England, and is now ten years old, but as stylish and youthful-looking as when known across the pond as "Brown's reserve," this title acquired on account of his owner reserving him for exhibitions at which he expected tight competition, and where several of them followed each other in rapid succession. Derby was held for these on account of his remarkable retainance of style, which he displayed the last day of a period of shows as much as at the first. The Fanciers' Gazette Christmas Number, 1891, presents a colored plate with Derby as the central star. It has the following to say of him: "Derby is now eight years old and yet is in wonderful form, having taken second at the late Dairy Show, where he also

took same honors last year. Mr. Brown has shown him five years in succession under different judges at Derby, and in the five years he has taken three firsts and two seconds."

The next Fan which caught my eye in the Gilbert collection was a tiny-bodied and model of shape little hen, Baby Blair. She is unquestionably a gem of a Fantail, being so well proportioned throughout, grand style, thin snakey head and neck, and a narrow rump, with a well rounded cushion, from which spring her broad, heavy tail-feathers. This bird was selected by Mr. Brown, of England, from the Blair (Scotch) loft purposely for Mr. Gilbert, and he now has her mated with an old Blair cock, also a grand Fan of very slight body build, but tremendous tail for his size. Both of these birds should compete in the Scotch class, and would be very formidable opponents. Mr. Blair is well known as one of the best Scottish breeders of this variety, and it was from him that Mr. William Korb, of Louisville, purchased the grand little cock of which there has been so much said lately.

It is a striking fact, of which a visit will convince any one, that Mr. Gilbert is rapidly acquiring a taste for the Scotch type of Fantail, and any one who has not seen his birds lately would be surprised at the many slightly built and gracefully proportioned little gems now embraced in his collection. The extreme English type is almost abolished by him, and the only exception was solitary Old Bouncer, a Fan with forty tail counts and plenty of style, too, but large in body and loose in feather.

Other Fans which came to my notice, and were given especial attention, were the first at Louisville, cock, which is just a trifle coarse now and a very grand about three-quarter Scotch cock, bred by Lee, of England, and considered by Mr. Brown the best Fan he owned. He (Mr. Brown) selected this bird for Colonel Gilbert as a sure winner, and, one thing is certain, he will take some beating, being really well put up, with a very slight body construction and a heavy circular spread. Then there were Belle Durland and Queen, hens both deserving of especial mention, and whose portraits have lately appeared in THE FANCIER; also another grand old hen, the mother of Hager's Duke, the celebrated cock

which has won so many premiums in the latter fancier's hands, and which was purchased from the Evansville stud for the munificent sum of \$2.50. This latter hen is a trifle coarse in body build, but has an exquisitely beautiful tail and continuous motion, and, for her size, has an extraordinary snakey head and neck. All the afore-mentioned birds have stood the test of competition and are well known to most of the fancy. A cock that will make his debut next season, however, and will no doubt make a record for himself, is a youngster just a year old, and which now has his first pair of young. He is a grandson of old champion Derby, and exhibits the same well-proportioned construction, full and delicately rounded chest, narrow rump and flat tail, together with tightness of feather and the grand style peculiar to the Derby strain.

I have lengthened this article considerably more than I expected to dwelling on the respective merits of these grand Fans, and yet have not said a word about the youngsters, of which Mr. Gilbert has dozens. A pair in every nest was the order of things, wife. To this we did full justice, mincing matters the while with remarks on white Fantails, New York Show, faked tails and the prospective meet of the American Pigeon Club, to all of which Mrs. Gilbert lent a voice, being as well posted on pigeon topics as her spouse. Dinner over, we indulged a "Henry Clay" and a couple of hours was pleasantly spent in pigeon chat, at the conclusion of which we were whirled to the depot and bided us homeward, having spent as agreeable a Sunday as falls occasionally to the lot of a pigeon and which made me feel, by comparison, very blue, for if I raise one-third of my Turbits which hatch I think I have been remarkably successful. Of the young on the floor Mr. Gilbert has some particularly choice specimens, a couple of which were immediately selected as future winners by Mr. Kuhn upon entering the loft. The Colonel agreed that, among the fifteen or twenty young already out, the two referred to were his choice of the bunch. One is out of Mr. and Baby Blair, and has already acquired the art of placing the top ridge of its chest on a line with its toes. The other, out of the Lee cock and a Derby hen, has excessive spread of

tail and short back, but hardly so much style as the Blair bird. Both of them possess diminutiveness, long thin heads and necks, narrow rumps and well-rounded, expanding chests, and will be a strong team for the Scotch class of '93 youngsters at the first show of the American Pigeon Show.

After feasting our eyes to our heart's content on the rare selection of beauty confined in this loft, we adjourned to the dining-room, where a bounteous repast had been prepared under the supervision of the Colonel's handsome and accomplished crank.

THE TURBIT SCALE.

A NEW ENGLAND TURBIT BREEDER'S
VIEWS GIVEN.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

Being a constant reader and subscriber to your valuable paper, *THE FANCIER*, for the last five or six years, and noticing the interesting articles on the above subject by the Messrs. Tanner and Ryan, who also solicit the opinions of other breeders of this most beautiful and ever popular variety of fancy pigeon, I venture to ask you for space to air my views in a friendly spirit on the above subject.

While agreeing with many of Mr. Tanner's remarks regarding his scale of points, and also appreciating his ability in getting up a standard, it seems to me that if, instead of making it 100 points, it was made, say, fifty it would make it a little more plain. I am also somewhat of the same opinion as Mr. Ryan regarding disqualifications. I have pondered over this subject time and time again, and have always come to the same conclusion, viz., that nothing should disqualify a bird, or rather the exhibitor of a bird, except fraud. Under this rule, we could not disqualify the bird; we must disqualify the exhibitor; and disqualification in England, we all know, means a great deal, and I, for one, don't see why it should not be applied here to the same effect. If it was, I don't believe there would be very many cases of this kind brought to our notice.

I come to this conclusion because neither the bird nor the exhibitor can help the unfortunate appearance of a little foul tick on the face or breast,

a few foul feathers on the thighs, a little stain in beak, underflighted, bishoped, foul in tail or maybe a few little stumps of feathers below the knee-joint. This, I say, we cannot help; but if it is found that any of these faults have been fraudulently removed, then I say disqualify by all means, and then only. Why not disqualify for a bird being bad on crest, devoid of gullet, entirely without frill. I consider these adornments of very great importance in the general make-up of a good Turbit, and yet I have seen them win first premium entirely devoid of the latter property—frill—and so recently as the last New York Show.

While there I had my attention drawn, by a prominent Eastern fancier, to the black Turbit hen referred to by Mr. Ryan in your last issue, and I did not hesitate in saying she was the best hen in her class, if not in the show; but, of course, on account of her stained beak, the judge concluded to pass her, but it probably would not have been so under some other judge.

Mr. Ryan seems somewhat confused on the head points, and asks if the head calls for twelve points, and if she is cut for head, where can she win? Now if she was cut, say, two points on head, and another bird was only cut one, she would lose by one point; but she may win in other properties and thus even things up a little. As peak, beak, gullet, eye and chuck are other properties of value, so I don't see why she could not win. Select judges who have bred the variety for years and judge by comparison; let the judge's decision in all cases be final, and don't kick if your bird is passed on account of being a little off, and I venture to predict we shall have little cause to complain in future. If we disqualify for these minor faults, who are going to be the losers by it. I should say about every one concerned. In the first place, the party getting up the show would lose in entries, for I don't believe any of us would care to enter and take chances of disqualification, and, secondly, the exhibitors would doubtless lose the chances of getting a fair price for a good stock bird.

In conclusion, I would say that I consider Mr. Tanner's scale a good one for breeders to breed to, but to apply it to judging I don't believe we could find two judges who would ap-

ply it the same; so I venture to suggest that, considering comparison judging is to be the thing in the future, we do away with it entirely, so far as judging is concerned. I expect to hear the opinions of others now that we have got the ball fairly started.—GEORGE FEATHER.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

BY CAPITOL.

With warm weather the pigeon fancier begins to stir around, so news will be more plentiful in the future. Everybody tells the good old story of fine youngsters in the nest and several on the floor. Now if we only—only—had some chance of having a pigeon show. There is some talk of sending some to Baltimore in the event of the fanciers of that city holding a show the coming season. If so, look out for Washington Magpies, Blodinettes, Pigmy Pouters, etc.

By the way, Walter Fowler has disposed of his fine loft of Jacobins to Edward Schmid, who in turn has sold them to the different fanciers here.

Dr. Brothers has sold a fine white Pouter hen that he lately purchased. She certainly is a beauty, and no doubt will be heard from during the coming show season.

Sam Rabbitt is raising some fine Magpies, and so are the Messrs. Boswell, West, Morris and Dorsey. Look out, brother Magpie breeders, I will give you a tip in this manner. Look out for Washington Magpies at the coming shows. Every breeder has told himself he will bring that cup to this city or die.

George Stebbins has the Carrier fever, of which he has some fine ones.

They tell me that Blair Domer lost several nights' rest looking and watching for some fine birds he was to receive by express, and when, at last, they did arrive, he was so pleased with them that he watched them all day Sunday and forgot to see his best girl. I guess by this time he has explained the cause and all is well.

Kreauter is raising some very nice Pigmy Pouters, while Capt. Weeden

is having good luck breeding Tumblers.

PIGEONS, AND ALL ABOUT THEM.

BY RICHARD WOODS.

From Fanciers' Gazette.

COLORED PROPERTIES—Continued.

LONG-FACE TUMBLERS.

Beards.—Having dealt exhaustively with the color properties and markings of Balds, I next invite my readers' attention to Beards, a most pleasing variety of the common or Long-faced Tumbler. Although consanguineously allied to the great Tumbler family, the Beard is of somewhat different extraction to Balds and other varieties of this genus. That a consanguineous relationship really exists cannot be denied, but the remoteness of its origin renders descent untraceable. Besides (as I have said before) what does the average run of breeders care about the physical part of the subject? Very little indeed. There may be just one or two persons here and there, who, like myself, are deeply interested in the origin of the species, but to the majority of present-day fanciers—and I say it with respect—it is of little moment by what *route* the many and greatly varied sorts of fancy pigeons have reached us. I will not, therefore, stay to theorise on the diversified character of Beards with other sub-divisions of the great Tumbler family, but will content myself with a few bare statements of fact. First, then, the Beard differs from the Bald inasmuch that the markings, from whence it derives its name, are on the chin, so to speak—*i. e.*, under the lower mandible. Opinions differ greatly as regards the size and extent of this white patch—or “chuck,” as it is commonly called—some breeders favoring a much greater display than I, for one, am disposed to accept as representing the ideal Beard.

A “chuck” extending low down the throat, and running beyond the eye, cannot by any stretch of the imagination be regarded either as beautiful or the correct thing. Beards of this class are easily produced, and, I fear are far too plentiful in most breeders' lofts. I would rather “take up” with the other extreme—a quite small

“chuck,” and with a distinct patch of color between the bearding and the front corner of the eye. Specimens of this kind are much more difficult to breed than the slabbery style I specially decry. But it must be remembered the one is no more orthodox than the other. “What, then, is correct?” may be asked. I have just said that opinions differ greatly as to this, but the consensus of opinion of those who have closely studied the breed, and tried their hand at breeding them, as I have done, is distinctly in favor of a happy medium being the recognized standard; and this exactly supports my own views of the position, or rather the lines of demarcation of the so-called “chuck.” I would, however, allow a little elasticity, but it must be only a little; for a well-formed Beard should not, and must not, be sweepingly condemned because it extends a trifle too far. My latitudinal lines expand from the frontal corner of the eye to the centre thereof, and this should be ample laxity, as indeed it is.”

“But very few Beards are thus bearded,” I fancy I hear some one say.

“Granted,” I reply, “but that of itself is not reason sufficient to veto my contention that the style of Beard I last described is the ‘correct thing.’ Some stronger argument than that will have to be brought forward before I can be induced to accept as correct an extension of this bearding adornment to the point to which it has lately been carried, namely, beyond the eye.”

Nothing has yet been said about the depth of the “chuck,” and little, I think, need be said, for I am of opinion that its dimensions generally should accord with such an imaginary outline as a meditating semi-circular and V-shaped deflection would produce.

The tail, back and ten flights a-side are required to be white, all other parts (except the chuck), *should be* colored. ‘Tis well it should be, for the thighs and around the hocks are frequently—nay, nearly always—of a much lighter color than the body; indeed are often quite white. We must not, however, be too exacting in this particular, for although colored-thighed birds are, and should be, more highly esteemed than those that are not, the point at issue is too sub-

sidiary a one, to raise captious and frivolous objections about.

Blues and blacks are the predominant colors, blues being much more common than blacks. We have also silvers, reds, but good specimens of any of these three colors are great rarities—as, indeed, are first-rate specimens of either blues or blacks, for the matter of that. Examined cursorily, there appear to be few difficulties in the way of breeding good ones to contend with, but it is not so. By the way, this calls to mind the nonsense to which one has occasionally to listen anent the commonplace qualities of long-faced Balds and Beards; but breeders of these lovely birds may take it as a solatium that this sort of talk is only indulged in by persons unacquainted with rational breeding. I would here remind my readers that great contrast of color, with accuracy of markings, is much more difficult to produce than some wiseacres imagine. Correctly marked Beards—either bred or “made”—are seldom seen; one fails here and the other fails there, the one having too much “chuck” and the other too little. For instance, when the bearding is deep—*i. e.*, comes low down the throat, and extends as far as, or beyond, the far corner of the eye—it is, to my mind, as incorrect as when the “chuck” is small and stops short of the front corner of the eye. With all due respect to those exceedingly goody-goody people who never went astray—stop! I mean who never removed a stray feather or two—I boldly make the assertion that fully nine-tenths of the Beards annually bred are unfitted to grace the show-pen, if—mark you if; oh, that little word if!—exhibited exactly as nature has made them. I have, I think, said sufficient to convince any intelligent mind that Beard breeding is not quite so easy as “shelling peas.” A lengthy experience with Balds and Beards has taught me what experience alone can teach—*viz.*, that although there is no royal road to the production of specimens up to the required standard of excellence, judicious mating is the only plan to adopt if a fair percentage of creditable youngsters are to be bred. I say a fair percentage, for it will frequently be found that the most correctly marked birds do not always “throw” equally well-marked youngsters. Knowledge derived from trials alone can prove the wisdom or folly

of putting this or that cock bird to this or that hen; and herein, to my mind, is to be found the keynote to the charm that holds we fanciers and breeders in its spell.

The great point to bear in mind in the selection of stock Beards is size and shape of "chuck." See that it is neither too little nor too big, that it does not extend beyond the eye, that it comes evenly down each side of the jaw, and terminates about $\frac{1}{4}$ in. below the lower mandible. A stray feather or two here and there is of little or no moment. I would, however, draw the line at those hideous "patches" behind the eye one so frequently sees. But at times some important structural or color property may be needed, and even birds of this objectionable class *may* have to be bred from; if so, care should be taken to choose a mate possessing the other extreme—viz., scarcely and bearding at all.

Now, although there is in all "fancy" breeding a great deal of uncertainty, there are many laws pertaining to the pursuit so sound in principle that they may be almost regarded as "fixed." Taking my illustration from the subject under review; it would be diametrically opposed to common sense—which is the best of wisdom—to *match together* Beards the "chucks" of which were either much too small or much too large. By chance, a fairly well-marked bird *might* be bred, but odds might be given that the result would be all the other way. Besides, what pleasure would be derivable from such chance breeding as this, to say nothing of the comparative worthlessness for stock purposes of such a chance-bred youngster?

But I am rather drifting into a deeper subject, and away from my starting point—the color-properties of long-faced Beards. I will not weary those kind friends who have followed me thus far by repeating what I have already said, when dealing with other breeds, about the required shades, richness and uniformity of similar colors recognized in Beards. Every word I have written about solidity, brilliancy and hue equally applies here; so that, with the brief explanation that a bright and not a dull leaden shade of blue is required in all parti-colored birds like the Beard, I lay down my pen for a short time.

The A. P. C. comes to Baltimore. 'Rah! 'rah! 'rah!

ANOTHER OWL CUP STARTED.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

I note with much pleasure the progress and success that the Owl Club is meeting with, and, to show that I am still with the boys, I will give \$5.00 towards a cup for the best English Owl, any other color, bred in '93, to be competed for at the first show under the auspices of the American Pigeon Club. My object of starting a cup for any other color is to bring out Owls of a color that are totally ignored by premium lists of shows, as powdered silvers and powdered blues, both standard colors and the most attractive and pleasing color of the Owl family.

Now, I think if all have signified their willingness to join who care to, it would be a good idea to elect officers and get the club in running order. What say you, Buttles, Ewald and Eckert?—H. T. KLUSMEYER, JR.

PIGEON ITEMS AROUND BOSTON.

BY OUR BOSTON CORRESPONDENT.

In looking over the World's Fair premium list I find there is no section given to Runts, and they must necessarily compete in the any other variety class. This seems to me to be a mistake, for there are a number of Runt breeders who would, in all probability, show if they were given a class by themselves. I am sure this variety would create some wonderment among those who are not familiar with the different varieties of pigeons. There is Dr. Kendall and the Messrs. Duren & McKay, of Boston, who would be sure to make an entry; also Oscar Seifert, A. Samuels, William Vahle and a party in Brooklyn whose name I cannot recall. These, and possibly many others whom I do not know, breed Runts, more or less, and between all so many good fanciers it seems as though there should be a good showing. I understand the live stock list is subject to additional classes, and I hope the superintendent, whoever he may be, will see to it that a section for Runts is added to the list.

I was quite interested in the remarks of a writer in the Fancier's Journal as to the proper way to show

inside Tumblers at an exhibition. It is true that the name inside or parlor Tumbler will convey to some an idea of what they are, but I think nine out of every ten who see them in their cages along with other varieties fail to notice anything remarkable about them. If a large cage could be provided for the entire exhibit, and have a boy go in at intervals to stir them up a little, this would create a show by itself and be one of the great attractions at a pigeon exhibit. The ladies and children would then have a chance to see these little wonders perform, and would have a better idea of what a parlor Tumbler can do.

Having occasion to go to Charlestown this week, I called on Mr. Gilcrest, and find he has quite a good collection of pigeons, comprising Turbits, Pouters, Jacks, Barbs and Fantails. Mr. Gilcrest has recently acquired a taste for the feathered pets and, by the enthusiasm already shown, he is in it to stay. His loft is well appointed and is not overcrowded. There is a fine aviary at one end, which gives the birds a chance to get the sun and be out in the open air. I was surprised to hear that a pigeon club had been organized in Charlestown called the Bunker Hill Pigeon Society. There are six members and Mr. Gilcrest is the honored president and treasurer. They are all somewhat new in the fancy and it seems they are booming pigeons in their neighborhood. A meeting is held once every week in the dog-house of Mr. Gilcrest, which adjoins his loft, and which is roomy and well fitted up. Pigeons and things in general are discussed to the satisfaction of all. A weekly assessment is paid by the members and no one can join until he pays as much as each one of the present members have paid in. Hence it can be seen that it is run on a sort of stock company basis, and it is the intention of the club, when there is sufficient money in the treasury, to buy some nice birds and divide up. All these things tend to help our hobby along, and I would advise all fanciers who live within two or three blocks of each other to form just such a club.

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WANTS LIBERAL CLASSES.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

I read with much interest the classifications of the two able scribes for THE FANCIER, Rounder and the Boston correspondent. Being a strong advocate of a liberal classification, I prefer that of the latter. I hope the American Pigeon Club will give this important matter their best attention, for I think upon this depends the success of their show. If they intend, as Nondescript says, to limit the classification to 200, I think the latter will be the best, with an addition of a few young bird classes in the varieties having specialty clubs. Every fancier who intends to exhibit at the first show of the American Pigeon Club, or any other show, should express his opinion on this matter before it is too late.

ROBERT JOOS.

DID YOU EVER?

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

I received to-day a colored picture of two animals—or perhaps they are birds—supposed to belong to the Fantail tribe. Underneath these two white enigmas is the phrase "*Pigeons paons blancs*," which is French, I presume, for "extremely dizzy Fans."

Looking at them with a critical eye one can see where some of the abortions that are used for cuts of Fantails in this country came from. There is our old friend with the mumps in its jaws, a beak that is borrowed from a duck, a pair of wings sawed off at the ends, and a tail—I know it must be a tail, though it is on the left side of the bird and not on the rump, and seems to have been hit by a club and knocked around on the bird's side. Two little pieces of red liver are supposed to represent the feet and are only about twenty sizes too small.

The other bird is not quite so bad, only the artist should have started to build a Fantail in the first place. It is easy to see that he started to make a Muscovy duck and then changed his mind and decided to make a Fantail. The tail looks as if an Indian had stood off and shot arrows into the poor duck's rump, only they are a little too regular for an average Indian's handiwork. This bird has mumps in its lower jaw only, and therefore does not look so miserable

as the other. If I were going along with a gun and met those two *Paons Blancs* in the road I would do my best to defend myself.

The unkindest cut is that on the back of the colored plate I find this: "Why don't you raise some Fans like these?" I wish I could, for I could sell them to dime museums and make a fortune.—F. M. CILBERT.

A FEW WESTERN LOFTS.

[CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.]

After a ride of six hours, during which time I was in a railroad wreck, and being forced to stop to cool what, in railroad parlance, is called a "hot box," the train arrived in Louisville just in time to be too late to catch the train for Cincinnati, which necessitated my staying over night in Louisville. The next day, however, I was off for Cincinnati, where, upon arrival, I hunted up George Ewald, whom I found in his store on Court street doing a rushing business. After a hearty greeting and the dismissal of the customers, pigeon matters were discussed over what the Germans love, and which is called for by the name of "deleware."

Closing up time having arrived, we seated ourselves behind Mr. Ewald's stepper and drove to his home to inspect the birds and lofts early in the morning. Reaching the residence of the noted Owl breeder, we found Mrs. Ewald waiting for her better half. A bounteous collation having been prepared, we did ample justice thereto, washing it down with seltzer and wine. We spent a very pleasant hour and then hied us to our cots for the night. Bright and early all were up to be greeted with the curiosity (at least to me) of a snow-storm in April, followed a little later by a severe hail-storm. Breakfast over, we adjourned to the lofts, thirteen in number, being about fifty feet in the rear of the residence. They are two stories high and have wire aviaries in front of each. Each loft is twelve by ten feet and seven feet high. The nesting boxes are arranged in the rear and on both sides of each loft, being three feet high. Owing to the unsettled state of the weather, the lofts were not quite finished, and but very few birds mated up. Each loft will be occupied by a different variety of bird. Among the pigeons I noticed some very fine Jacobins, Owls,

short-faced Tumblers, Pouters, Oriental Frills and a few other varieties, which have slipped my memory. Besides pigeons, Mr. Ewald also breeds Fox terriers and poultry, of which he has five yards. In the course of another year Mr. Ewald's place will be a treat to look upon if all the improvements are made which he contemplates. Owing to the inclement weather, I could not get as good a view of the place as I should have liked, but hope at no distant day to pay a more extended visit to Cincinnati and other Western cities, when I shall be able to render a more detailed account of not only this loft, but all the Cincinnati lofts and their occupants.

Bidding Mrs. Ewald good-bye, we drove to the city, where I met Mr. Lackman and Mr. Lienhard. Here, again, another good talk was had until near train time, when I bid all good-bye and composed myself in a seat on a train bound East, wondering the while what a glorious country this is to have a city that can boast of having a touch of spring, summer, autumn and winter in one day. After a continuous ride of twenty-two hours, I arrived in sight of Baltimore, feeling tired, but satisfied to be once more at home.

J. D. A.

AN ARCHANGEL CLUB BUD-DING.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

I am pleased to report the receipt of a letter from Mr. W. Brown, wherein he announces that he would be glad to join an Archangel Club and that he will contribute \$5.00 toward a cup. That is very encouraging news indeed, and if only some more of the fanciers and breeders of this beautiful variety will speak out in like tone, the assurance of an Archangel club will be a certainty. When taking into consideration the progress the Archangel has made during the past three years, without any particular exertion, its striking make-up, lustrous plumage, and the many complimentary remarks which are repeatedly lavished upon this variety of the feathered family, it is but just to predict great success for such a club in this country if organized, properly encouraged and cultivated. To further substantiate the sincerity of my first suggestion in this movement,

will immediately, upon the organization of such a club, subscribe \$10.00—\$5.00 thereof to go toward a cup for the dark bronze variety, and the other \$5.00 toward a cup for the light bronze variety. Now that the prospect for an Archangel club has assumed such a substantial outlook and is budding so promisingly, I would be pleased to hear from others in relation to this matter, which is unquestionably of vital importance to the fanciers and breeders of Archangels.

GEORGE G. FETTEROLF.

TURBIT STANDARD.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

Having taken some interest in the Turbit Club, and suggestions with regard to this variety being in order, I have taken the liberty to voice my sentiments on the proposed standard put forth by the able judgment and experienced breeder, Mr. Tanner. I think his proposed scale is well divided, although my ideas differ on a few points. By referring to his list, I take one point each off size, shape and carriage or style and add two points to color and one point to belly and thighs (freeness from foul marking).

Richness of color is a strong point, and one in which breeders should be very careful when selecting their stock birds, and more especially with regard to the reds and yellows, as these have degenerated in color more than others in the past decade. And as breeders, let me suggest to you to take a note of this, and do our utmost to bring back that rich, dark, blood-red and velvety sound rich yellow of past days, for there is no doubt these colors have been neglected in the interest taken to improve some other points, such as head and beak, and let us do our best to stamp out these chequery or pale, washy specimens that are so common and not worthy the name they bear.

With regard to my addition of one point on belly and thighs, I detest to see a foul-thighed bird in a prize-winning pen. I bought a Turbit cock not long since from one of our so-called prominent fanciers of this country, and on receiving the bird I was very much disappointed on account of it having so many foul markings, and wrote the gentleman so, and he had the "cheek" to write me that this same bird was a prize-winner,

and that the judges in this country did not give much heed to foul markings if the head and beak properties were good. Now, I concluded at once that this fellow was either a perfect ignoramus or the judges of this variety were incompetent and much in need of a standard. But I assure you my sympathy leans all with the judges and none with this other fellow I speak of. I mention this fact just given to make an illustration, and hope it will be of some benefit. I think too many of these foul-thighed birds are used for stock purposes, to the detriment of the fancy, as foul-thighs are a prevailing fault with the Turbit, hence my mind is they should be stamped out by all good breeders, even if we have to make a sacrifice sometimes in getting rid of such birds that even possess some extra properties; then we would have trim, clean-looking specimens.

With reference to the point Mr. Ryan takes on the black hen mentioned for beak, he says: "Now, if she were judged for head and cut twelve points for that, where could she win?" He forgets that formation of head and the beak are two separate points on the scale; therefore beak would not come under that cut.

I would certainly and emphatically make a disqualification rule. We cannot expect to make the Turbit what it should be without such a rule.

Birds with dark-colored beaks are entirely foreign to a pure Turbit. That should settle that point. Feathered legs (however little) are another thing entirely foreign to the ideal Turbit. Disqualify such birds, of course. Wry beaks, bishoped wings, foul marks on cheek, head or neck, foul flights and foul tails should be all disqualifications. All such birds should be recognized as unfit for competition in the show pens, and all breeders, when knowing of such a standard, would do their best to get rid of such specimens as are looked upon as bastards to this variety.

I might add further, that a competent judge should have in his mind at all times the unwritten law against artificial means used, for he is called to judge the ideal bird and not the made one, hence I think it unnecessary to have a printed rule for such as trimming, plucking, coloring or other artificial means—in short, "faking."

Therefore, I cannot agree with Mr.

Ryan's suggestion in regard to his method of judging. For instance, a specimen might be found perfect almost in every point except have feathered-legs and still would win. Now, fancy such a horrible sight as a feathered legged Turbit carrying off the American Turbit Club cup.

You must remember the scale of points is the guide for the judge to weigh the merits pointed out (either by comparison or scale judging) in each bird against the other, and not to judge these objectionable specimens because they are not warranted at all, and should not receive any countenance of merit whatever. The sooner they are obliterated from the show pen, at least, so much the better for the fancy of this variety.

Let me make a remark right here. It is either carelessness or want of the proper judgment in selecting their stock birds that the fanciers of this country are so long in catching up with those of the old country in breeding extra fine specimens. (I make this remark at all varieties.) There has now been so many choice birds imported that there is no reason why we can't breed them just as they can on the other side. I think we ought, and will do it yet, for we have the climate here to back us. If every fancier would imitate Mr. F. M. Gilbert with his peerless Fans and be as careful in selecting his stock birds we would all soon be like him, at the top of the tree and have some of our native born specimens commented on and portraits of same copied in the English papers.

I am proud to have the benefit of such a brother fancier of this lovely little bird in Mr. Tanner, for he takes interest in breeding for special points, which raise the standard of the variety, and this is the kind of a man who is a benefit to the fancy at large, and not the one with the fat pocketbook, who takes little interest during the breeding season and says, "Oh, well, I'll import a few choice ones in the autumn and sweep the decks next winter."

Let each of the Turbit fanciers give their views and do something to assist our able brother, Mr. Tanner, to get up a standard, and it should be settled soon, at least some time before the show season comes on.

Come, brother fanciers, use your experience and pen and let us be doing and discuss this scale matter and dis-

qualification rule freely, for, mind you, this may prove a serious period in the breeding of this variety if these matters are not settled properly, for it is to the ground-work or foundation of the American Turbit Club, and it should be built well and now.

JOHN G. ORR.

THE NEW ENGLAND PIGEON ASSOCIATION.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the above association was held at the rooms of the club, Wednesday evening, May 17th. The members present were F. Ferguson, T. Connors, Joseph Gavin, A. T. Davis, C. E. Ford, O. W. Bowman, C. E. Twombly, C. F. Haven, W. J. Middleton, A. M. Ingram, A. E. Pratt, A. Ludlam, L. A. Alber and Tom Latimer. The varieties to be exhibited were red and yellow Fans, red and yellow Magpies, red and yellow Swallows and Inside Tumblers. Quite a good entry was made in all classes except Fans. The awards were as follows: Magpie cocks, Middleton first on red, Davis second; Magpie hens, Davis first on yellow; Swallow cocks, Twombly first and second, Kendall third; Swallow hens, Twombly first and second and third; Inside Tumblers, cocks, Connor, first, Alber second; Inside Tumblers, hens, Connors first. Messrs Bowman and Ingram officiated as judges. A few birds were up at auction and bids came slow. It was a good meeting and the boys all stayed until the last train.—C. E. TWOMBLY, Sec'y.

MR. GORSE ANSWERED.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

Mr. F. W. Gorse desires an answer to his four questions. I will endeavor to oblige him.

- 1.—It is.
- 2.—Yes.
- 3.—No.

4.—It is an immatured Roller. The proclivities of very short Rollers generally incline them to tumble. If you can count the number of times your Roller goes over, it is a very poor one, unless it is very lazy. All Rollers will tumble, but not all Tumblers will roll.—W. STEVENS.

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VENTILATION.

BY NONDESCRIPT.

One of the greatest surprises to me recently was the reconsideration taken by the Baltimore Society on their action of extending an invitation to the American Pigeon Club to hold their first exhibition in the City of Monuments. Really, some great misrepresentative pressure must have been brought to bear on the august body to incite them to an action so entirely adverse to their home interests. What actuated them to a reversion of their proffered invitation has not been set forth, but, in justice to the American Pigeon Club as well as to themselves, I think an excuse should have been proffered. A chance for an investigation or explanation would have thus been afforded. Rumor has it that it was a piece of knavery, hatched in the fertile brain of some great A. C. A. agitator, to nip in the bud a consummation of the American Pigeon Club's ideal attainment. If this is so, it stands on record that the A. P. C. is the *oppressed* and not the *oppressor*, as some of these vaunters would have the community believe, as the only aggressive phase attributable to the new club is its courage to proclaim itself in the field as a national organization, much to the chagrin and discomfort of a few soreheads who will not give up the old ship that has lost all her ballast against the destructive waves of *progression*, just because they were the launchers of the frail bark that has proved herself national in nothing but name, though it has had a decade of seven long years in which to endear itself to the unsuspecting fancy and fortify itself against the young Goliath now in the field.

The action of the Baltimore Society, in reconsideration, is at this inopportune time inconsistent with the American Pigeon Club's arrangements, as the latter body, having virtually accepted the invitation (though having failed to officially notify the club of such acceptance), have placed themselves in a compromising attitude by having already engaged the hall for the exhibition and perfecting other arrangements suited to an exhibition to be held in that city next fall.

Having gone this far, a retraction could be taken only at a sacrifice of considerable expense, and I trust that should the show be held there now, long before the time for the important event to be on, the respective Baltimoreans will have their eyes opened to the attempted dupe now being practiced to prejudice them against it, and if they but look at it with an unbiased eye I am sure they will recognize the necessity of supporting an institution that honors their city with an exhibition which, I am sure, will be a lasting credit to the American fancy.

If the A. C. A. has not shown its antagonistic principle in this despicable action of intrigue against the A. P. C., let its officers stand forth and nail the insinuation to the cross, and I, for one, will make an instant apology after a true explanation from the Baltimore Society. If such denial is not forthcoming, then the element of honorable and just fanciers will see just which foot the shoe of oppression fits, and will, for principle, right and justice, support unanimously the association which deservedly merits their confidence.

The country is broad and long, and it is folly to suppose that the fancy will support but one show. The more the merrier, and I say support them all. If you decline to attend but one, then reserve your entry for the one offering best inducements, and in summing up these be careful to consider time of year, location of show, classification, premiums, and last, but by no means least, the judges.

If any exhibition will offer you better inducements in all of these branches than the A. P. C., support it, but don't be humbugged into the belief that it will without carefully going over the situation and satisfying yourself of its accuracy.

The A. P. C. will put up an exclusively pigeon exhibition, as its principles are pigeon and the welfare of the pigeon fancy, recognizing the fact that pigeon men are as alive to the culture of their favorites as any other follower of animal culture, and that they are *not content* with playing second fiddle to the chicken men and submitting the merit of their pets to the criticism of a chicken judge.

No other society in the country anticipated putting up an exclusively pigeon show this year but the American Pigeon Club, and, if they do it now, it will only be to fortify themselves for competition with the progressive "still-born," which, clad in its armor of "honesty of purpose" and inspired with the welfare of the American pigeon fancy, will rise in its might to resent the infamous insinuations, and win the respect and confidence of all honorable fanciers.

KORB'S FANTAIL.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

Having recently sent my name to become a member of the American Fantail Club, and having read Messrs. Gilbert's, Howry's and other breeders ideas of what constitutes the perfect Fan, would you kindly allow me space to air my views on this matter through your columns?

I have bred Fans for ten years, and the last two years I have made them my specialty. I have given the Fan some deep thought, although it is possible I may be mistaken in my ideal of the bird; however, the way I would picture the perfect Fan, from my mind, is at follows: To begin, I don't care for large count of tail-feathers, but like the tail to be well shaped, and, in size, to be in proportion to size of body; the bird's body to be as small as possible; tail-feathers, about twenty-six to thirty or thirty-two feathers, provided the bird has a wide flat rump. With this property it gives good formation of tail, and, besides, a bird can move about more gracefully. Whenever you go over this number of tail-feathers it becomes an oppression for the bird to carry them, unless its body is as large as a horse. The tail should be well set and slightly concave-shaped; bottom side of tail-feathers to drop well down and as broad and long as possible; body small, and round breast, broad and full. The object of width of shoulders is to aid in throwing the wings clear of catching in tail. Back, hollow from neck to rump and as short as possible, fine head, neck slender and gracefully curled up in hollow of back and resting on the cushion at root of tail, and when moved to give graceful motion forward and backward, not a spasmodic jerk of the neck. A good Fan, when walking, should appear as go-

ing on tip-toe. Flight feathers of medium length, as the long-flighted bird gives the appearance of a "long side bird."

The bird as above described is my ideal of a Fantail. Now, as to condition, I am with my friend, F. M. Gilbert. I approve of what he has written on this subject. I, for one, say it is wrong to cut a city bird for dirt, as we cannot help it, and, besides, we have no show at all with the country birds, and, if it is kept up, city fanciers will become disgusted and disheartened, and will surely retire from the fancy.—WM. L. KORB.

EMPIRE CITY FLYING CLUB.

The third of the series of old bird races of the Empire City Flying Club took place on Sunday, May 21, from Mercer, Pa., 325 miles, 168 birds competing. The following telegram was received from the liberator: "Birds started 6 A.M.; weather clear and calm." Following is a summary of the race:

Owner.	Arrived.	Dist.	Spd. Yds.
Wm. Book, Jr.,	12.04	320.61	1549.65
Joseph Scholl,	12.20	332.50	1539.47
C. Mahr, Jr.,	12.07	320.47	1536.85
G. Howarth,	12.06-55	319.07	1533.05
T. J. Clarke,	12.29-14	336.42	1519.17
Eli Moreton,	12.26	317.66	1448.39
Ben Elwell,	12.55	316.38	1341.75
Max Seidl,	1.00-50	317.69	1328.13
W. Barwell,	1.01	317.34	1326.64
T. F. Goldman,	1.29	332.47	1303.20
A. A. Stoll,	1.15	320.46	1296.57
J. Prior,	2.01-½	332.35	1214.81
D. Evans,	2.06-½	318.86	1153.53
C. Hebbler,	2.12-¾	319.80	1143.41
J. Erdman,	2.37-¾	328.91	1118.61
W. Johnson,	3.17-¾	318.23	1004.18
H. Schmidt,	4.00	323.46	948.81

Our next race is on Saturday, June 3, from Medina, O., distance 400 miles. W. BOOK, JR., Sec'y. Pro Tem.

THE FANTAIL CLUB.

The late additions to the American Fantail Club are:

H. D. Fleming,	Pittsburg, Pa.
Harry Anderson,	Nashville, Tenn.
Henry Tiemann,	Baltimore, Md.
Louis Farr,	Evansville, Ind.
D. W. Beckley,	Agosta, O.
John D. Abel,	Baltimore, Md.

This gives us a grand total of forty-four members. Several others will, no doubt, come in. I just learned, yesterday, that one of the most prominent breeders in the country had never understood that the invitation was general, and the Lord knows I

pegged away on the club for a month and extended an invitation in the most open way I could. Not only that, but two other writing fanciers added their entreaties to mine.

F. M. GILBERT.

NOT IN THE RING.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

With all due respect to your Boston correspondent, whose communication in THE FANCIER of the 19th inst. savors a little as if the article of "Hickey's," to which he alluded, struck a little too near home, as if he did not relish criticism, I trust I may, in a manner which will not be partial or bigoted, present another phase of the story through the columns of your delightful paper.

To begin with, there is, in my belief, the best of ground for the foundation of the rumor that another pigeon society will be formed in Boston ere long. This is evident not only in the dissatisfaction shown by numerous fanciers now in the association, but also by the many withdrawals of prominent fanciers during the past year; and if the correspondent, as he says, has not heard or noticed any of these indications his sense of perception must, to say the least, be very defective. This prospect, of course, he does not view with complacency in consideration of the office he now fills. Secondly, if a correspondent is to represent Boston and vicinity, why does he not post himself on the lofts in district, and not confine his labors to a chosen few who appear to be in the clique? And whose lofts he assumes—on what ground I cannot say—to be the representative lofts of Boston. Did I not live in the Hub, I should judge, from the correspondence, that the lofts of Messrs. Haven, Ferguson, Ford, Ingram and Connors comprised all the prominent lofts in this region. While, on the contrary, were he to visit the feathered pets of Messrs. Heroux, Rutter, Davis, Carter, North, Whitely, Bowman, Murray, Smith or Griffith, all large-hearted men. I can say, from personal observation, that he would see birds, at any rate, fully as good as those of which he has written, even if their respective owners are too modest to crack their own birds up.

I trust this will be interpreted in the spirit in which it is compiled, viz., in the interest of the Boston fanciers.

I do not wish to antagonize your Boston correspondent, neither is this written in a so-called "sour grape" spirit, nor am I conversant of the personality of "Hickey." I realize it is hard to please every one, and that the gentleman cannot be expected to honor with his presence every Tom, Dick or Harry who is reported as having pigeons, and who, as likely as not, only keeps "duffers." But surely it would be much more interesting to read of the sayings and doings, in their turn, of the innumerable reputable fanciers who abound in Boston and its suburbs than to hear the same lofts hashed and re-hashed over and over again. Go around and see the boys a little more, Mr. Boston Correspondent; you will enjoy the visit as well as we shall enjoy the report.

OBSERVER.

NOTICE

TO THE PIGEON FANCIERS OF THIS COUNTRY.

As there seems to be a growing desire among the fancy to have a pigeon show in Baltimore the coming winter, I beg to announce that arrangements have been perfected to have a show under the auspices of the American Columbarian Association, and, as we propose having the show on strictly business principles, with very liberal classification, it cannot help but be a big success. To show my appreciation of the efforts of fanciers to raise the standard of the fancy pigeon in this country, I will offer to give at this show the following specials. Best cock or hen, any color, bred in this country in 1893, in the following varieties, viz.:

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ent specialty clubs and fanciers of the country, I am yours truly,
WM. T. LEVERING, Pres. A. C. A.

THE REARING OF YOUNG PIGEONS.

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Assuming the squeakers have passed the initial stage of their existence (*i. e.*, from "squabdom" to the period when they are usually deserted by their parents, and are first learning to forage for themselves), special provision for their future welfare should be made. If young pigeons of this tender age are to develop those highly-prized properties for which the ardent breeder fervently hopes, they must be comfortably housed, properly fed and systematically tended. With this end in view I advise the early removal of youngsters from the house or loft in which they have been bred, but the shift must be opportunely made, otherwise more harm than good will accrue.

The right time can only be ascertained by actual experience, some breeds being more domesticated than others, and consequently more kindly disposed towards their fledglings—indeed, some pigeons will feed their full-grown offsprings long after they are able to forage for themselves; but it is, as a rule, a good plan to transfer the youngsters to a separate house just as the succeeding "nest" is being hatched. By so doing, there is no fear of the younger "fry" being trampled upon, and, what is equally important, the squabs are not deprived of their older brothers and sisters of the newly secreted supply of soft food which is theirs by right.

The early removal of young is especially desirable with Carriers, Dragons and other vigorous and somewhat vicious varieties. To the breeders of pigeons of these kinds a spare compartment or loft is of much importance—indeed, if several such nursery homes can be retained for the reception of youngsters as they become old enough to be drafted thereto, it will be found that many mishaps, and much consequent vexation, will be avoided, for irrespective of the imprudence of crowding a number of birds together during the process of development and growth, young pigeons need much watchful care and attention. But let me not be misunderstood, for indiscriminate handling, coddling and pam-

pering cannot be too strongly condemned.

When drafted to a nursery home young pigeons are free from the persecutions they frequently suffer when left to battle for themselves among several pairs of breeding birds. They can, moreover, be given extra attention in the matter of food and feeding, and soon learn to make use of their independence and freedom; not only so, but confidence is gained much more quickly than when young and old are crowded together. Another advantage of this early removal is that the sexes may be easily determined, for a precocious young cock will not be slow in seeking out and making love to a youthful spouse; but they should on no account be permitted to go to nest.

As a rule, cocks are larger in body, more massive in head and beak and bolder in the eyes than birds of the opposite sex. Again, the cock's breast-bone is longer than that of the hen, whereas the vent-bones of the hen are wider apart than those of the cock. The coo of the cock is louder than that of the hen, and generally accompanied by a spreading of the tail and much activity of gait; but no infallible rule for testing the sexes can be given, for some masculine-looking hens will "play up" to other birds, and behave in many respects like a cock. The actual laying of eggs is the only decisive proof of the genuineness of a hen.

Young pigeons are generally slow in learning to feed themselves; this being so, a tempting dietary should be provided. A lengthy experience, and many experiments carefully made, have taught me that a mixture of grey or partridge peas, old tares, wheat and dari, in equal proportions, is about the most suitable for young pigeons that can be given. A blend of this kind may be regarded as a model food for most-breeds, and if an ample supply of clear water and an allowance of properly prepared grit be provided, such a dietary not only effectually makes good the natural waste of the body, but supplies the necessary elements for the building up of bone, blood and tissue.

Canary-seed and millet are both rich in carbo-hydrates, and therefore excellent foods for young pigns, but they are both far too expensive for general use. The compound parts of hemp-seed make it much too stimulating and far too evanescent to be freely used.

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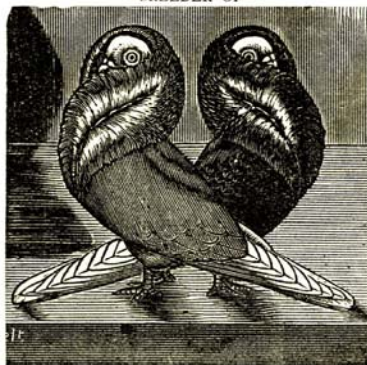
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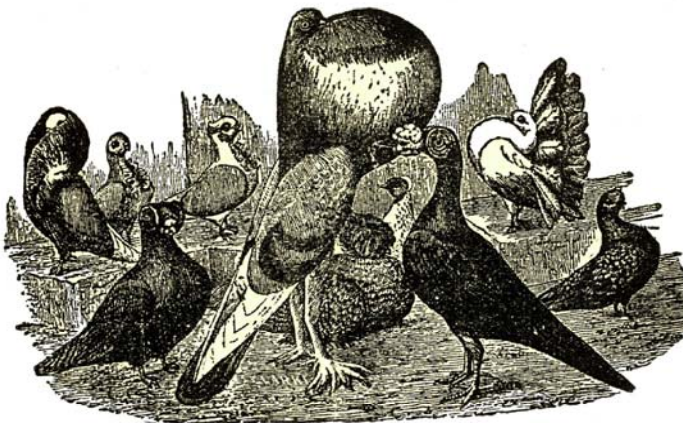
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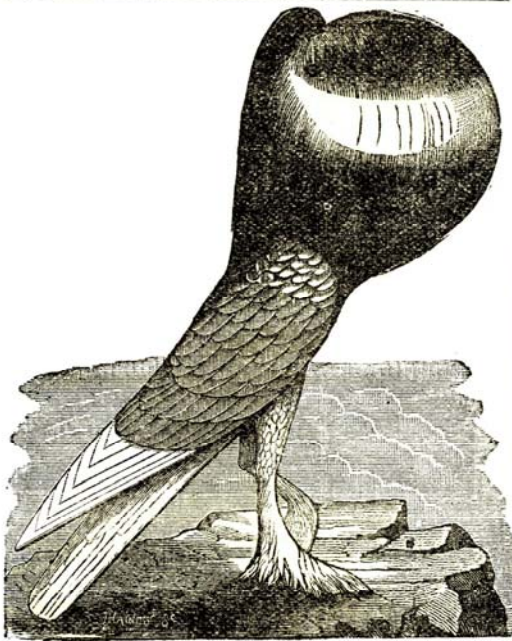
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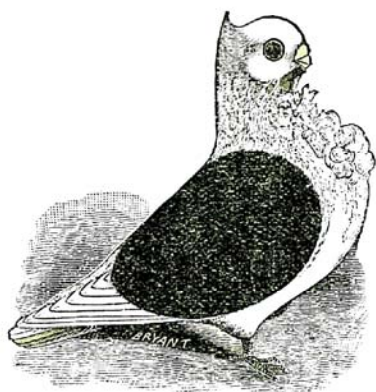
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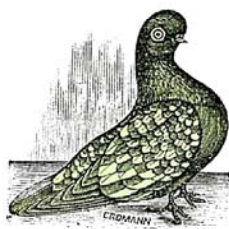
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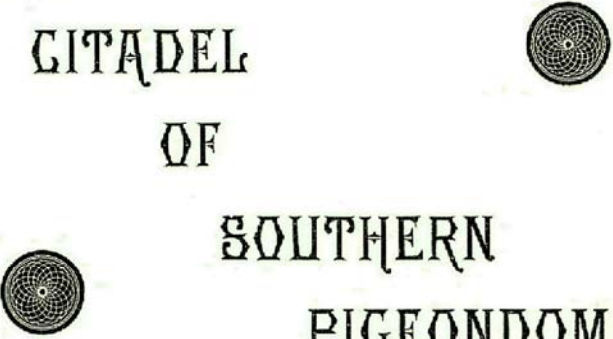
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