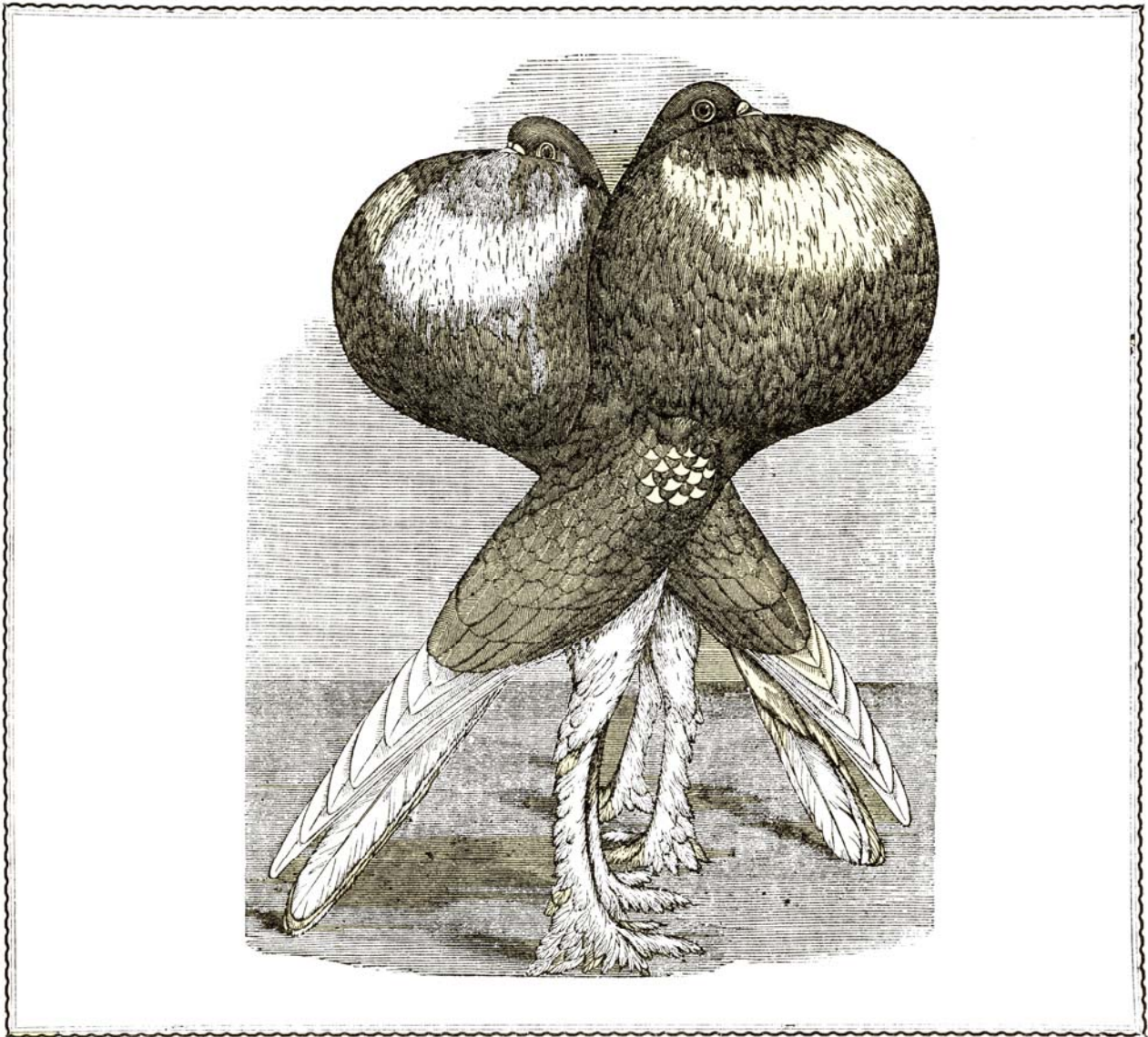


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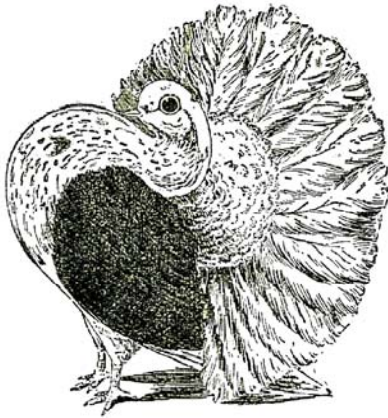
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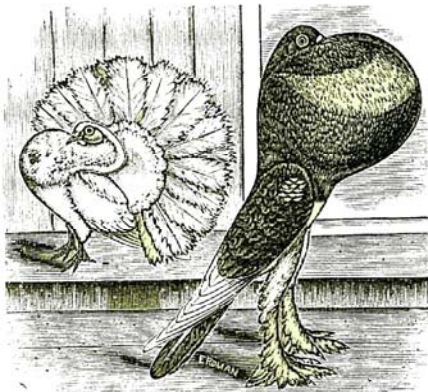
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PIGEONS.—First grand exclusively pigeon show of the American Pigeon Club, to be held at Baltimore, Md., November 30th to December 5th, 1893, inclusive.

EDITORIALS.

It is a source of unbounded pleasure on our part to unfold to the readers of this journal such frank and unbiased "straight talk" as is indulged in by Mr. F. M. Gilbert in another column. When a man so universally respected, so widely admired, and whose unsullied character is above all reproach, is threatened to do this, imperiously ordered to do that, commanded to drop this or that man, and must submit to a dictation as to what particular show he shall patronize, we opine some sort of a dire crisis is impending, and the future welfare of our fancy is endangered to such a degree as to fully warrant the just disapproval of all reputable fanciers. It is almost needless to suggest that the authors of these missives have as their prime object the gratification of a selfish purpose, and for the reason that selfishness does not go to make up the many virtues of a true fancier's character, no one can hardly class this element in the mentioned category. They always evince a pretension of some sort—at least persuade themselves to that effect—to work for the fancy's benefit, but through some unknown agency their efforts in this direction are almost always signally unsuccessful. We have enjoyed the friendship of Mr. Gilbert for a few years, and in this time we have noted with pride that his ambition and great desire was to aid all in his power to establish harmony among fanciers generally, and we firmly believe he would make any sacrifice, within the bounds of reason,

to accomplish this laudable design, however despicable it may be in the eyes of those whose chief aim seems to be to keep things in a state of turmoil. Mr. Gilbert has stood out prominently as a straightforward gentleman whose views were broad and always in keeping with a spirit to uphold the cause of the oppressed. It is very apparent that when a fancier follows this commendable course he must be subjected to a most vigorous fusillade of personal attacks, biting sarcasm and insulting slurs. If so much energy was only exhausted in words calculated to benefit the fancy, how much more delighted would we be to pen it? How much more commendable it is to say pleasant things of a man whom you honestly know fully deserves it than to write one word of those whose every action seems to bring a setback—aye, disgrace—to the fancy we wish to hold up to the eyes of the world as a reputable and influential body of gentlemen! If these defamers of characters would only exert one-tenth of their misapplied abilities in the interest of true progress, rather than resisting progression and disgusting and driving gentlemen from the fancy, what a vast number we could record who were an honor to our country's fancy. It seems there are a certain few who, apparently feeling safe in the guise of others, have bravely set themselves to the task of "killing" every measure or project whose animus bears any indication of bringing benefit to the fancy. In this reprehensible work they not only verbally endeavor to blacken a man's character, but they stoop to the contemptible practice of sending anonymous letters of a notorious and threatening nature to various gentlemen fanciers. All true

fanciers are aching to have these would-be benefactors brought out in their proper light and entirely squelched, and it must be admitted that the sooner it is done the better for the American pigeon fancy.

As the minutes of the Baltimore Columbarian Society as published in another column will create some comment in the fancy, and every action bring disgrace on the entire number of fanciers in this city, we, as a member of said society and one of those present and a witness to the transactions, want to place the real facts before the fancy and let them judge which is in the wrong. The B. C. S., through its secretary, extended an invitation to the A. P. C. to hold its first show in Baltimore, which invitation was accepted by the A. P. C. and its representative instructed to secure a hall, which order was duly carried into effect on the morning of the day that the B. C. S. reconsidered their invitation. At this time a certain man of Baltimore offered to help a show if held by the local club, and on the same dates. Look at it from every possible point and the conclusion is apparent—it was done to antagonize the A. P. C. Show. If there was the least possibility of a club having the priority in holding a show in a certain city, it most assuredly displays the height of folly for another, if they consider their own interest, to even entertain the idea of holding a show in the same place until it is decided definitely that the club first in the field has relinquished the project. Then if it is utter folly to attempt this on a slight possibility cropping out, what degree of folly is it when, based on the strength of an open invitation, a show is already ad-

vertised, the hall engaged and other preliminaries perfected essential to the holding of a large show? Why, it is a degree of folly amounting to antagonism. This is quite clear in more ways than one, and in no way more conspicuous than in the malicious crusade now being carried on against the A. P. C., a great argument being that the show is not for the benefit of the fancy. Is it possible to conceive anything more foolish? To still further bind those who had pledged their word not to support the A. P. C., a protest was prepared setting forth that the undersigned would not exhibit a bird at the show, some of them being prevailed upon to affix their name to the document without ever having read its contents and were not fully cognizant of the injurious effect it would have on the fancy, and it is with pleasure that we give space to the names of a few of those who withdrew their names from the protest on becoming aware of its true purport. Happily, their eyes were opened to its narrow-gauged, one-sided argument and its prejudicial tendencies. To place the Baltimore fanciers in a proper light, it is but justice to mention that those who honored the protest with their signature are not all members of the Baltimore Columbarian Society, and, furthermore, they do not constitute the entire pigeon population of Baltimore. We are sure that there are those among the number signing the protest who, had they known both sides of the case, would have met the ambitious canvasser with a point-blank refusal. If our readers will read over the minutes of the club they will find that every motion of any consequence was made by a man who had just been admitted to membership, making it

clearly apparent that his admission to the club at such a time was a plan mapped out by one whose ends he serves. The minutes read he was elected unanimously, yet we were not present when this so-called unanimity spirit manifested itself. Fair-minded fanciers can see at a glance it is a cut-and-dried affair whose aim is to endeavor to "kill," no matter at what cost, a show gotten up for the fancy.

In the protest of certain members of the Baltimore Society lodged against the American Pigeon Club, the latter body is referred to as a "Western" club. This is a very crippled argument, and displays about as much wisdom as was connected with the vote on the protest. It is a national—aye, international—organization, for it is represented in all parts of the states, as well as in Canada, Germany and England. The stockholders are all prominent business men and first-class fanciers who have the welfare of our pigeon fancy at heart, and for that reason they are willing to expend their money for the purpose of seeing if exclusive pigeon shows cannot be made a success by giving the fanciers an opportunity to exhibit their birds at a show that will pay all its obligations before the close of its doors, on the last day of the show; that will give the fancy a list of the best judges in the country and a classification second to none. Its Secretary and its Treasurer are reputable citizens of the City of Baltimore and the State of Maryland, and we think this is in the East.

The club again made a serious mistake by inviting a guest of Mr. Abel's—who was no less a personage than Mr. John H.

Kuhn, President of the A. P. C.—to attend the meeting, and in his presence refused to allow the letter given immediately under the proceedings of the Baltimore Society in this issue to be brought up, because, through the negligence of the secretary, it was not brought up under its proper head. This action against a document having so powerful an influence in the matter under discussion was entirely illegal, and it is the crowning point in the argument that everything is being done to oppose the A. P. C. and to kill the pigeon interest generally. We might mention here, in connection with this matter, that Mr. Kuhn went to see the president of the A. C. A. in order to patch up matters and arrange to have things suitable to both sides. All attempts in this direction were treated with disdain by the president of the A. C. A. Mr. Kuhn will have his say on this subject later.

We note with pleasure the appointment of Mr. R. S. Ryan, of Baltimore, as secretary pro tem. of the American Pigeon Club. Every one who has met Mr. Ryan will agree with us that he is one of the best-hearted and whole-souled fanciers in the country and a man whom all reliance can be placed in. He has demonstrated on more than one occasion that he will not permit himself to be bull-dozed or intimidated by any one, and is one who will attend to the business of the A. P. C. in a thorough and business-like manner. Mr. Ryan is one of our foremost Turbit breeders, and on his recent visits to Nashville and New York he made a great many friends. We wish him luck in his new position. Mr. Charles J. Tanner has been appointed Official Reporter.

BALTIMORE COLUMBIAN SOCIETY.

The Baltimore Columbian Society met on the 5th inst., with a good attendance. The following members were present: G. A. Fick, W. W. White, C. H. A. Meyer, John D. Abel, George B. Hart, William T. Levering, William J. Robertson, Wm. Broemer, T. S. Gaddess, F. A. Rommel and Henry Tie-mann. We also had the pleasure of having Mr. John H. Kuhn, of Louisville, Ky., and Mr. W. W. White, Jr., present. Mr. F. A. Rommel presided. Mr. W. J. Robertson was elected a member unanimously, and Mr. Robert Ryan and Louis G. Muller were proposed as members by the Secretary. Working under the head of new business a motion was made by W. J. Robertson and duly seconded by Mr. Fick that we accept the invitation of Mr. W. T. Levering, President of the A. C. A., to hold a show the coming winter, under the auspices of the A. C. A. An amendment, made by Mr. Abel, that the invitation be laid over until next meeting night was lost. Then it was moved by Mr. Gaddess and seconded by Mr. Robertson that we tender Mr. W. T. Levering a vote of thanks for his liberality of donating the list of specials to be awarded at our coming show. The next thing before the house was a protest to the pigeon fanciers of the country, which read as follows:

"In order to place ourselves in the proper light before the pigeon fancy of the country we beg to state an attempt is being made by a Western club, styled the A. P. C., to force a show in Baltimore, contrary to the wishes and desires of the Baltimore Columbian Society and the fanciers of this city. We, the undersigned members of the B. C. S., beg herewith to enter protest against this show, and hereby pledge ourselves not to show our birds, or in any way recognize this show. Signed, W. T. Levering, W. J. Robertson, G. A. Fick, Frank L. Tuttle, Chas. Schmenner, Wm. Broemer, Ernest Gill, John Löffler, Geo. B. Hart, T. S. Gaddess, F. A. Rommel, Dr. C. H. A. Meyer."

It was moved by Mr. Robinson and seconded by Mr. Fick that the protest be entered and placed upon the minutes of our meeting. There were also several more letters read which

were not not acted upon. As there was no further business it was moved to adjourn until the first Monday evening in July.—H. TIEMANN, Sec'y.

The following document was afterwards signed by the following-named gentlemen, clearly proving that the contents of the protest were not understood:

"Owing to the wrong impression made upon us by the person soliciting signatures to the protest of the Baltimore Columbarian Society, we respectfully desire to state that we, as fanciers desiring to encourage the holding of pigeon shows, no matter by whom gotten up, respectfully withdraw our names from the said protest, as we wish all shows to have the support of all fanciers.

CHAS. H. A. MEYER,
GEO. B. HART,
JOHN LOFFLER.

The letter referred to in the editorial matter as being ignored is as follows:

MAY 18, 1893.

Mr. H. Tiemann, Sec'y. B. C. S.:

DEAR SIR—I am utterly surprised at the contents of your letter to hand this mail. To think that your body should take action on something which could but accrue benefit and advertisement to them and then reconsider it is something beyond the power of my limited comprehension. Surely, your members were cognizant of what they were about when they extended the invitation, and must certainly realize that such action at this particular time, when the A. P. C. was meditating upon what point would be best suited for their initial show, would necessarily entail positive action either for or against. This, I am sorry to say to you, is the case, and the A. P. C., having accepted your invitation in good faith, has perfected arrangements for an exhibition, which will be held in your city from November 30 to December 5, inclusive, 1893. While I have neglected to officially accept your invitation, I had conferred with our club's executive, and, upon our mutual agreement that your invitation was accepted, I instructed Mr. Abel to secure the hall, which has been accomplished, and the forfeit already paid, so you can see that, though regretting our inability to be governed by your club's reconsideration, such a course would be out of the question under the circumstances, and trust that having gone into one reconsideration your club will see fit to resort to a second one, and after a careful survey of the situation and a full realization that the A. P. C. will offer better

classification and a better put up show, not forgetting the fact that we intend making it exclusively pigeon, I feel sure that you can come to but one conclusion, and that is that it can but redound to your credit and benefit, to revert to your former good intention of unanimously supporting an exhibition which offers you the manifold advantages of a home meet. We do not ask you to spend a cent or do any work, but we do ask you to protect your own interests and our ambition to elevate the pigeon fancy by supporting our show with your entry. You did not mention your club's reasons for reconsideration. Surely, they must have been extenuating and brought to bear by an element who are selfishly intriguing our club's downfall. Why this opposition?

We have done nothing to merit such treatment, nor have we any purpose in view but the advancement and elevation of the fancy. I am confident, if you will but allow us a word of explanation in defense of my malignment, which has been conjured up to work on your principles, everything can be satisfactorily explained, and we can convince the Baltimore Club that we have done, nor intend to do, nothing but what is, and will prove to be, to the best interests of the entire fancy. If you decline to act on suggestions embodied in this letter, through an already effected compromise with others or through a disbelief of our integrity, I respectfully ask that you at least show us common courtesy and not work to injure our proposed exhibition in your city, especially as it was your invitation which prompted us to arrangements, from which now there can be no appeal (so far as the American Pigeon Club is concerned).

As before stated, our dates are out and the forfeit for the hall rent is paid and the American Pigeon Club cannot do otherwise than hold its first show in Baltimore, whether supported by 500 or 5,000 entries; but we earnestly hope that Baltimore, selected by us because it was the recognized pigeon centre of the country; because its club was composed of men who were represented to us as being earnest and harmonious workers, progressive fanciers and honorable gentlemen; because the city was honored with the presence of the champion of our cause, THE FANCIER, and because we know it to be a fact that many of the best birds in the modern fancy were confined in its lofts, and consequently expected to get a local entry of very high classment. We say that, in the face of all these facts, we think Baltimore will retain her chivalric pride and support, unanimously, an exhibition put up at her extended welcome.

Respectfully,

JOHN H. KUHN,
President A. P. C.

The A. P. C. Show will be immense.

AMERICAN MAGPIE CLUB.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

We have decided to organize the American Magpie Club June 10. If there are any Magpie fanciers who have not sent their names in as yet, they should do so at once. The Messrs. H. Tiemann and L. G. Muller, both of Baltimore, have sent in their names. We now have ten members and \$25 contributed towards a cup. What has become of the good Magpie fanciers of the great city of Washington? Surely they cannot be dead, for it was only last week when "Capitol" said: "Look out for Washington Magpies at the coming shows. Every breeder has told himself he will bring that cup to this city or die." Now if this is the case, I think it would not be more than right that every breeder should "tell himself he will join the Magpie Club or die;" and perhaps it would not be so very wrong if they would contribute towards the cup. So come, Washington fanciers, join the club and thereby show the American fanciers that you are willing to do anything to build up the pigeon fancy in this country.

I have heard that there are quite a few Magpie fanciers in New England. Would it not be well for brother Ingram to put on war paint and gather some of their scalps for the club? Then, again, what has become of the metropolis of the New World—New York—which also has several fanciers of this variety. Come, Magpie fanciers, send your name immediately to the undersigned and you will be considered a member.

ROBERT JOOS.

TRANSFERS.

From George T. King six pairs of Homers, all bred from record birds, to R. H. Thompson. From Charles H. Jones to R. H. Thompson one pair of Homers, also bred from record birds.

Rev. A. L. Love, of St. Louis, Mo., to C. J. Weick, Ellsworth, Kans., one pair black white-barred Swallows.

From Geo. T. King to Wm. E. Chadwick, Newburgh, ten young Homers; to R. H. Thompson, Baltimore, Md., six young Homers; to Prof. H. Marion, Annapolis, Md., two young Homers; to J. A. Patterson, Newberne, N. C., one pair white Trumpeters; to J. C. Cottrell, Richmond, Va., two young Carriers, two old Carriers, two Jacobins.

NEW HAMPSHIRE NOTES.

BY GRANITE.

It has seemed strange to me, for a long time, that a fancier who really loves pigeons, and breeds them solely for pleasure, can get along with the breeding of only one kind and color. Why, one of these days such men will not be called pigeon fanciers, but "Cumulet" and "Fan" and "Ice" fanciers instead, and we will have our periodicals and shows devoted exclusively to such and such a variety. That may suit a few and be their millenium, but I can scarcely conceive of the desirability of such a consensus. At present we are having exclusive pigeon shows and, by all rights, let it continue so; but I am unable to see the pleasure one can get in viewing an entire collection of pigeons, as exhibited in the usual manner, or in reading in its entirety a periodical treating upon all the varieties of pigeons, unless he be something of an all-round pigeon man. I may be unnecessarily alarmed, but it occurs to me that, for the good of any one variety, the interest of all varieties must be considered—and how can this be accomplished if one excludes himself to the cultivation of only one variety? As soon as THE FANCIER arrives this one-variety specialist will scan the sheet all over to find something relating to his particular hobby, and, should he not find it, discontent soon arises, and when there are a sufficient number of these specialists there will be a demand for different reading material. Although I have my favorites, yet it is easy for me to say—and truthfully, too—that, bred to the same degree of excellence, there is no one variety of pigeon that excels. All are equally interesting, yet so different. And why not? A prose reader should like a bit of Shakespeare. The drama and opera each has its votaries, but neither excels the other.

A specialist may be a specialist and cultivate more than one variety of pigeons. For instance, say his specialty is Barbs; then let him have a few of another type, if, for nothing else, for contrast. One of the greatest beauties of pigeons lies in their flight, which is peculiarly fascinating. Of all birds pigeons are the most graceful while passing through air.

I have watched a lone Swallow for a long time while on the wing. There are many varieties which may as well be called "inside" birds, anyway, as, for example, Fans, Jacobins and Pouters may be mentioned. Now a fancier who breeds one of these varieties, and has his mind engrossed upon producing his conceived ideal, will find much recreation and be able to give his cherished pets more and better attention by having a small lot of birds that run their own business, or very nearly do so; and, for contrast, I would recommend flying birds, and what may be called show birds, for residences. A flock of pure white commons adorn a country place, especially Swallows are peculiarly adapted to outside breeding and flying. They are good home-stayers, busy and easily tamed. They easily mount the highest building, but not to stay there, for they will soon be seen on the ground. Besides these, any one can enjoy a small kit of Tumblers or Rollers bred purposely for acrobatic qualities, no matter what color or shape, if they perform satisfactorily. Then there is the Homer, wherein lies mountains of entertainment, even when bred on a small scale and for private flying.

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This is not a sermon for the old fancier, but rather it is intended to assist in keeping up a devotion to the entire columbarian family and to warn amateur and young fanciers from becoming single-idea or single-variety fanciers. To the jobber and the man who breeds for nothing but gain, financially, this cannot possibly allude.

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Reading lately relative to time consumed in hatching eggs recalls to mind that, when my birds are forced to lay upon the naked floor or in a naked nest, the period of incubation is materially longer than when they are allowed material to form their nests more to their liking. From this I infer that wood alone is a much greater conductor of heat than a variable thickness of sticks and straws, and thereby a loss of heat and consequent energy is sustained. Birds allowed to lay in March and on the naked wood rarely hatch, while it is unusual for both eggs to hatch if the nest is made *a la* pigeon.

Mr. J. H. Kuhn is on a trip East.

VENTILATION.

BY NONDESCRIPT.

The suspense is over and two shows are in the field to favor the gallant maiden "Baltimore." In accord with several other fanciers from whom I have heard an opinion, I hardly think it wise for both clubs to select the same city, and thus antagonize each other. It would have been better for the fancy, I should aver, if one or the other had selected a northern city for their '93 exhibition. Inasmuch as the rumors were afloat, for the past few months, that Cincinnati was the prospective site of the A. C. A. this term, it would have been well for them to have verified their whisperings and have gone there. Of course, this is a free country, and the A. C. A. has as much right to hold a show in Baltimore as the A. P. C. or any other club has, but when the fact is considered that the A. P. C., prompted by an invitation from the Baltimore Columbarian Society, engaged the hall and made other arrangements for their exhibition in that city, and these provisions being known to the opposing body, it looks very much like a purely antagonistic movement for the latter body to proclaim themselves in the field for a show at the same time and place. This sort of thing is hardly conducive to "harmony and advancement of the fancy's interest," the supposed fundamental principles of this vacillatory and arrogant body.

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Since, however, both shows are on foot several fanciers have urged the advisability of amalgamation, which I think a capital idea, providing a means for the A. C. A. to demonstrate that she is not the adverse creature credited to her. I feel sure the American Pigeon Club, with its broad-gauge principles, will extend a welcome to the A. C. A., as well as all the specialist and other minor bodies and social organizations, to meet at and with them from November 30 to December 5.

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The classification published in last issue should meet the approval of the most exacting, and the many young bird classes provided, together with the three money premiums on each class, should prove strong incentives for a mammoth exhibit. Then look

at the splendid encouragement to the specialty clubs of fifty per cent. of their entrance money back as a grand prize, as well as the regular class premiums of \$6.00 each. No room for them to kick, I think.

There are many *attaches* of these specialty clubs who are working night and main to control the vote of their respective clubs against the A. P. C. Show, not from any reasons of the club's self interest, but purely from their own selfish and execrable nature and antipathy to the A. P. C. I would advise all members of specialty clubs, who are members for the purpose of advancing the interests of their specialty, to carefully weigh the admonition lavishly bestowed by those bull-dozers of the fancy, and to carefully consider the inducements held forth by the various exhibitions on foot this season. In considering the inducements, do not forget to meditate on whether you can trust to the integrity of the promise-maker, and do not accept as gospel the valuation attached to anything but *cash*. There is a certain \$100 cup, offered by an association to the A. C. A., that, if offered for sale, would not fetch \$15, so I am informed by an expert who examined it; yet they have the audacity to offer it as a \$100 prize. This I call downright dishonesty, and a reputable association should not accept any such tokens except at their face value. Exhibitors at the A. P. C. will not not be treated to any of these *tin* cups, but will get 100 cents for every dollar offered and can buy the tin cups themselves afterwards.

POUTER CLASSIFICATION.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

I notice in the last issue of one of your contemporaries (the *Consolidated Fanciers' Journal*) a portion of a paragraph which reads as follows: "And we contend, unless a specimen has shoulder markings, if judging, we should disqualify. The proper place for a solid-winged Pouter of any color is in the class for Pouters of any other color."

Now, as I presume every one has a right to express his views in your valuable paper, I, for one, would say that a black, blue, red or yellow Pouter is a Pouter, whether it has got the shoulder or rose marking or not, and therefore I contend that it

should be entered in the regular class for Pouters of those colors, and that, if judging, I should not disqualify for any cause except that of fraud. I gave my reasons for this in your issue of May 26. If we disqualify, we must disqualify the exhibitor and not the bird. I have come to this conclusion for the two following reasons: First, if you enter a blue Pouter in the any other color class that is minus the shoulder marking, it would have to compete with birds that had the shoulder marking just the same as in the regular class provided for birds of that color, and would be liable to get beaten just the same; secondly, if A enters, say, a black in the any other color class and chances to beat B, who has entered a strawberry or a mealy, B would probably make a kick and want to know why A was allowed to enter a black in the any other color class, when there was a class provided for birds of that color, and I think he would be perfectly justified in so doing. If we talk from now till doomsday we cannot alter the color of a blue, black, red or yellow Pouter, so why enter it in the any other color class?

There are very few Pouters that come nicely marked on shoulders. Some are too gay, others not gay enough, while some will come entirely devoid of shoulder or rose markings, and if a fancier has a specimen that is well up in all other Pouter properties, but minus the shoulder markings, I should say let him enter it in its proper class and, if beaten, let him swallow the dose in a friendly spirit. Select judges who have bred them for years and know the value of each property, and let his decision be final, and I believe there will be very little trouble.

Speaking of Pouters recalls to my memory the birds I saw when, in 1885, I paid a visit to the well-known lofts of Mr. Robert Fulton, of London, Eng. If I remember right, this was just after he sold out his book on pigeons, and I shall never forget the beautiful collection of Pouters he showed us. These birds were very evenly marked on the shoulders, and he had them trained and seemed to make them act just about as he pleased. In the center of the loft he had a table about three feet square, and he would catch one at a time and place it on the table, and it would strut round and show itself off in

great style, just as if it knew what it was placed there for. I think if show committees could procure cages, say about two feet square, and the same height, Pouters could be shown to a great deal more advantage than at present. The round cages I saw at New York are rather too small, in my opinion, for this variety of pigeons, especially when the show is held for so long.—GEO. FEATHER.

TURBIT STANDARD.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

I was much pleased with the interest displayed by three prominent members of the craft, by the airing of their respective views regarding disqualifications suggested by your humble servant in a recent issue. Now, brothers, keep it up and discuss the subject thoroughly; then let us come to a mutual understanding as to what is best for the interest and advancement of our variety, and let the club adopt such measures as will tend to the culmination of our desired achievement.

I cannot agree with brother Feather about laying aside the scale of points. While comparison is to be the judicial test, still we should certainly agree on a schedule of points in order to properly and proportionately weigh them. Again, it promotes a clearer understanding between judge and exhibitor as to the most desirable type, and there are so many types of Turbits bred in America to day that it is essential to tabulate an authoritative standard, setting forth the respective value of each point, and thereby demonstrating to all, both judges and breeders, the correct type of bird. We all have our weaknesses, some for correct markings, color and clean thighs, others with a craze for head and beak properties, still others who lean to feather formation, i. e., peak, mane and frill.

Now by this weakness argument I don't mean to imply that any of us totally ignore any of these many properties, but we rate some too high, which makes us feel that because our specimen has such a wonderful development of the point to which we attribute so much importance that it is invincible. The simplest way to cry down such differences of opinion and prejudicial favoritism for certain points is to place

proportionate valuation that shall, after proper discussion, be mutually agreed on, and lay it down as an authoritative guide, not only for the breeder, but also for the judge. We shall never get on universally good ground with our variety until it is done, for, as I said before, there is too much difference of opinion as to what constitutes the ideal Turbit.

A glance at the many pictorial representations of supposedly ideal Turbits from the pencils of different artists will serve to convince any breeder of the logic of my expression. There is just as much difference in the fixed ideal of our various judges, and until we agree on our standard and authoritatively adopt it just so long will this unsatisfactory state of affairs exist.

Now, as to disqualifications, I must confess I lean to the sound logic of our brother Orr, who says whenever a specimen bears adornments entirely foreign to the Turbit it is not entitled to recognition as one; and I would go further and add that whenever a bird is entirely devoid of a property recognized as a characteristic feature of the variety, such as frill, etc., its proper place should be in the breeding loft and not in the show pen. If disqualification is too severe for the enumerated blemishes, then let us have an understood penalty, for it is not justice either to the bird, exhibitor or judge to allow the matter to remain unsettled and trust to chance for a prize.

Referring again to Mr. Orr's article, I find he suggests the deduction of three points, and the application of them to color (2) and freeness from foul feathers (1). This would be perfectly satisfactory to me, and I think perhaps a wise idea. I certainly appreciate his arguments for the change, for I know from experience that it is well nigh impossible to get a clean-thighed specimen from the present stock of blacks and blues, so much has the Oriental cross been resorted to the past few years. The nearest I have ever come to getting a good colored black that was not bishoped or overflighted, with clean thighs, in all my years of breeding, is one I now have, which is about ready to leave the nest. This bird is a raven black, nine white flights one wing, seven the other, perfectly clean on belly and one thigh, but alas! about eight or ten little black feath-

ers on the other thigh. The great-grandfather of this bird was a solid white cock bred from Oriental Turbits. This cock was mated to a rich-colored black hen, and from them was produced a slatey-black cock, overflighted, but foul on thighs. This cock paired to a clean-thighed strawberry (red bred) hen produced a strawberry cock, clean-thighed, and a black hen, rich colored but still a trifle foul. This black hen was mated to a fairly clean, straight-bred black Turbit cock, and their offspring was a fairly clean also rich-colored black hen hatched in '92. This last mentioned was this year mated to the '91 strawberry above mentioned (her uncle), and the first nest reveals this lovely young black just about leaving the nest. I mention this experiment of four generations to show how difficult it is to get clean thighs when good color, head and beak is also sought for. The next time I write I will tell you how I produced a red that for richness, depth and brilliancy of color I have never seen excelled.—C. J. TANNER.

STRAIGHT TALK.

Will you please announce that the Executive Board of the American Pigeon Club has appointed as Secretary pro tem. Mr. Robert S. Ryan, of Baltimore, who will serve as Secretary in addition to still holding his position as Second Vice-President.

F. M. GILBERT,

Chairman Executive Committee.

I am aware that this announcement may create more or less talk. As to the other members of the board I don't know their animus, but suppose it is the same as mine—harmony. I am sick and tired of all this trouble and hard feeling between the fanciers. The great majority of them are warm personal friends of mine, and as I won't let one friend run down another I have been placed in many embarrassing positions. I have been accused of belonging to this or that clique; of favoring this or that wing; of catering to this or that fancier; of "standing in" with this or that judge. This is all poppycock, and I propose to declare myself right here.

My birds belong to me, and I don't owe a fancier or dealer on earth a ten-cent piece. I don't belong to any

faction and I don't belong to any man or set of men. I don't owe any man or any set of men anything but good-will; they can have it if they want it, and if they don't it's all the same to me. I am not in the fancy for what I can make, nor do I need the help of any man or any set of men to "boom" my birds. I can sell what I want to or I can wring the necks of my whole loft if I choose, and it is my loss and not that of anybody else's, nor anybody's business. As I said before, I am disgusted with all this wire-working and back-biting and I simply won't have it. My birds belong to me and I propose to do just exactly as I please with them. If I choose to show at a certain show my birds will be there, and my entry money will pay for their entry, and that settles it. If I choose to show, or not to show, that is my own individual business, and there is no man on the broad face of the earth who has any right to say what I shall or shall not do. If I could make this any plainer I would do it, but it seems to me that I have defined my position as well as a man could.

That I have tried faithfully to bring about a better feeling among the fanciers no man can deny. My heart has been in the work and it has cost me lots of time from my business, lots of work and lots of money. If being in the fancy means being in a continual wrangle with a lot of good-hearted fellows (and I love them all) who can't control their tempers, why count me out. I simply won't fight and I won't take sides, and if the rest want to fight it's their business.

If any of the fancy want to consider me a fool for coming out as above, that is their privilege. What they think of me they are at liberty to say just so they don't say it to me. I know my own motives and they don't, and if my own conscience tells me I am doing what I think best, let my conscience and myself have it out, and the rest will please "keep off the grass." I have thought for a long time that I would make some such statement as the above, and now that it's out I feel better. I have written it in the right spirit and have no apologies and no explanations to make. If the reputable fanciers want my friendship I shall be only too happy to give it. I haven't a solitary thing against any of them. My home

is open to all of them, and one of my greatest pleasures is to entertain them. My motto is "Malice to none." There it is. Take it or let it alone.

F. M. GILBERT.

THE OWL CLUB.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

I am happy to inform you that the Owl Club is now an almost assured success. Fanciers from all over the country are taking an interest in our doings, and we hope soon to have things in good running order. Below is a list of all the fanciers I can call to mind who are willing to join: Ewald, Casseday, Lackman, Kiusmeyer, Eckert, Borden, Rowland, Ehinger, Nagle, Stertz, Robbins and myself. I received a letter from Mr. Ewald yesterday, in which he states that he has written several Owl fanciers in regard to joining, so we can count on at least eighteen members for a starter. This will be a great deal better than our most sanguine hopes ever conjured.

I would like to have every Owl fancier speak up now and give us his opinion on the Owl Club in THE FANCIER. We want to get organized at the very earliest date possible, so as not to let the whole summer go to waste.

C. W. BUTTLES.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

What seems to be the matter with the Owl Club that it lags so far behind? I am sure it has enough members, and with a little push on the part of them will make it a permanent thing. Let every member awake and stir himself or we will be beaten by the Magpie and Archangel Clubs, which were not thought of at the time of organizing our Owl Club. Now, to get things a moving, I will act as secretary until the club's first meeting and proper officers are elected, and will do all in my power to get the Owl Club on a footing with the other specialty clubs, and as a member will make the following nominations, viz.: President, C. W. Buttles; Vice-President, Geo. Ewald; Treasurer, Geo. Eckert; Executive Committee, Borden, Nagle, Robbins and Stertz. Now, if the members are satisfied with the nominations, or have any others to make, and will kindly drop me a postal, I will give them, from time to time, the doings and views of the club through THE

FANCIER. I think it is high time the club was a going, so as to decide upon a standard, fix the initiation fees and dues; also to our first meeting and the coming show of the A. P. A., which I think would be a good place for the first meeting of the Owl Club. Any suggestions from editor or members of the club will be thankfully received. I hope this will start the ball a rolling into what, in the near future, will be the American Owl Club.—H. T. KLUSMEYER, JR.

HAY vs. GLASGOW.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

I have no desire to monopolize the space of your valuable paper to enter into any controversy with a gentleman of Mr. Glasgow's standard. Neither do I wish to poise before the pigeon fanciers of America as an angel. I claim I have one qualification—that of being a poor but honest fancier. It is well known by all the fanciers that attended the New York Show the insults that were heaped on my birds and myself by Mr. Glasgow and the other zealous friends in whose charge the Gilbert exhibit was placed. The only excuse I can find for Mr. Glasgow is that he wished by every means in his power to injure my reputation that he might in some small degree show that he appreciated the kindness of his friend, Mr. Gilbert. Mr. Glasgow did not resort to legitimate means to do so. He reported all over the show room that my birds were starched and ironed; that I used leads, cradles and pulled the cushion feathers. I would ask Mr. Glasgow if he knows of a rule in all first-class shows of poultry and pigeons that if any fraud is detected in the birds of any exhibitor the right of protest is assured to every exhibitor, and if fraud is discovered the whole entry of such exhibitor would be disqualified? Did Mr. Glasgow avail himself of this rule? No. His convictions were not strong enough to run the chance of losing the five dollars he would have to furnish with his protest. He adopted other means and contemptible tactics until told by the manager of the show that he had gone far enough and must stop. (I have no doubt a few gentlemen (?) of this class would be a desirable acquisition to the fancy.) In reference to the visit of Messrs. Stanton and Havemeyer to my loft I told Mr.

Stanton I did not favor judges visiting lofts of exhibitors, as I knew he had served in that capacity on several occasions in New York, and did not want collusion with judges placed at my door. I finally consented to show my stock. I made no secret of my using leads in my loft. They saw a few of my birds with leads on, but the sight of the leads did not prevent Mr. Havemeyer from offering to purchase fifteen pairs of them at twenty-five dollars per pair. His offer was declined by me. I am perfectly satisfied from the manner in which Mr. Havemeyer (the donor of the cup) congratulates me on being the successful winner of his cup, and for which I returned thanks, that he could not feel very much insulted. In reference to showing birds at Liverpool Mr. Glasgow must have a very poor opinion of the fanciers of this country when he has to go to England to hunt a man capable of judging a Fantail. I have no desire in the near future to visit the old country, and where my birds go I wish to be there also to see the birds that win. My proposition was to show against owners and breeders, not loft attendants. When I accused Mr. Glasgow, in presence of quite a number of well-known fanciers, including the editor of this paper, John D. Abel, Gavin, George Ewald, of Cincinnati, and many others, of being the author of an article in the New York Poultry Bulletin, where the statement was made that Mr. Hay came from a section of Scotland where they were noted for making tails, etc. I asked Mr. Glasgow twice before he answered. He did not deny it and crawled out of a small hole. He finally said: "If you don't do it you know Blair does it." Now, as there were several Blair birds in Mr. Glasgow's charge, why not give them the credit or discredit, and not my stock? For the compliment paid Mr. Glasgow on that occasion I have no apology to offer. A word about my first prize hen that Mr. Glasgow examined and found a half grown feather in its tail. Would answer I did not put it there, and that I don't keep my birds in glass cases, but will Mr. Glasgow explain to the fanciers of America, as he did to myself, the reason that a great cock bird of Mr. Gilbert's—Old Derby, I presume—was kept at home? Mr. Glasgow said that a week or two before the

show its tail dropped out. Was it too little salvation or too much monkeying? How was the back or filling feathers of the Gilbert exhibit? Nearly all gone, and what little there was left was as loose as a feather duster. (Too much salvation, eh?) Could such freaks be washed? That I wash my birds I freely admit, and I ask all experts on faked tails if a faked-tailed bird can be washed and returned to the show pen in the same condition as it was before. I offered at the New York Show to do so in presence of any four fanciers with any bird in my exhibit, and if the bird did not stand the test I would forfeit one hundred dollars, and, although not a millionaire, this offer is still open to the doubting Thomas. A few words about that unfortunate twisted feather (did it get loose?) Mr. Glasgow frets over, and insinuates that it had been done in his absence by being judged in the competing pen on Monday night, after he left. I penned my birds in his company that night, but saw no competing pen or any judging. It may have been done by that smart scribe, in the interest of his friend Gilbert, on Tuesday night, as I noticed in the New York Sun on Wednesday morning that for Fans Gilbert had swept everything, as he had done at Philadelphia, Nashville, Louisville, etc., but this proved to be a premature explosion, for the Fans were not judged officially till Wednesday. As far as my birds being in their proper place, the judge settled that question. It is my opinion that Mr. Stanton had sufficient firmness to support his honest convictions without fear or favor, and could not be bull-dozed. Mr. Glasgow says that on Wednesday my birds showed signs of requiring grooming up afresh. They were fresh enough to suit the judges on that day. Mr. Glasgow says a faked tail will not stand a week till it goes back to its natural shape. I would kindly ask THE FANCIER, who saw my birds exhibited on the floor of the garden, on Saturday evening before the close of the show, to say if they looked very much in need of a groom. I don't like this word; it is too horsey for me, but I have no doubt Mr. Glasgow would be more at home in the stable than in a fancy pigeon loft. A word about birds being shown natural in exhibitions, as Mr. Glasgow explains it. To the intelligent

fancier it is rot. No doubt it would suit such fanciers as Mr. Glasgow, and no wonder he is its advocate. All that would be required under such conditions would be to feed and water your stock, and clean up occasionally, (my boy, five years old, can do that for me) and when show time comes put a few pairs of birds in a hamper and exhibit them as show specimens. Alas! poor show, the occupation of the true fancier is gone, but the job would be for the feeders, and Glasgow might have a show. When I challenged Mr. Gilbert with his great loft of prize winners I little thought birds from the lofts of the champion breeders of England and Scotland should also be called upon to assist in the effort to knock out that presumptuous amateur with the one-bird loft.—ALEX. HAY.

TREATING MEGRIMS.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

Recently a black badge cock came into my possession afflicted with megrims, to such an extent as to render him worthless. He would stand for hours with his head bent over to the right till the top rested on the floor. As he was nicely marked and muffed and of the best of green-lustre black I concluded to try surgical treatment. Accordingly I divided the skull from behind, forward in the medium line, using for the purpose a sharp-pointed pair of scissors. Of course the skin was only punctured and I lifted up on the scissors, as it were, so as to avoid injury to the brain. The result has been a complete cure. The disease had lasted for a long time, but relief was marked the day after the operation. And now, after three weeks, he flies as long and high and rolls as evenly as any bird in the kit.

CHAS. L. LANG, M. D.

BIRDS STOLEN.

Mr. J. H. Whitman, of Alameda, Cal., on the evening of May 26th, had stolen one white Fantail cock, leg band, 1892; one yellow and one red Fantail; one pearl-eyed white Tumbler, dark beak; two dark-eyed white top knot Tumblers; two pearl-eyed white Tumblers, light beaks; one Swiss Pigeon, feathered legs. Mr. Whitman has taken vigorous measures for the apprehension of the thieves, and has offered a reward for their capture.

PIGEON ITEMS AROUND LOWELL.

BY R. L. WHEELER.

I was somewhat surprised to see some items from New Hampshire in a recent number of THE FANCIER. As I have been around in that State considerably this spring and hadn't seen many birds, I thought there were no fanciers up there. If the fanciers in New Hampshire will send me their addresses I shall be pleased to call on them the next time I am in that part of New England.

I visited Lawrence the 13th of April and called on the Messrs. Heroux, Rutter and Nash. This wasn't my first visit to this city, so I knew what to expect in the way of quality in the birds here. The pigeons were all breeding and some of the youngsters will no doubt be heard from in the young bird classes at the shows this next winter. It is worth going a long distance to see the Lawrence lofts.

Soon after my trip to Lawrence I went to Newburyport and here saw more pigeons in the streets than in any place I have yet been. Tumblers, Homers and common birds were in the business part of the city and so tame that one could almost catch them. Here in Lowell there are few pigeons to be seen in the streets. I know no fanciers in Newburyport, so made no calls. From here I went to Newbury, to call on Mr. Fred. Hsley. He breeds Magpies, Turbits, Jabobins, and has quite a number of birds. His loft is a building by itself, back of the house, and is similar to that of Mr. C. I. Nash's, of Lawrence. I spent about two hours pleasantly here and then had to leave for Salem. In Salem I only stopped about two hours and visited only bird stores, as I wasn't acquainted with the pigeon men at this place. I hope to know more fanciers before I go off on another trip around this part of the State.

In the next number of THE FANCIER I will tell something about the Lowell lofts.

Note new ads. this week—Lienhard, Kline, Teeter, Wheeler, etc.

PIGEONS, AND ALL ABOUT THEM.

BY RICHARD WOODS.

From Fanciers' Gazette.

COLORS—Continued.

LONG-FACED TUMBLERS.

WHOLE COLORS, MOTTLES AND ROSE-WINGS.

What are commonly called "self-colored" Tumblers—*i. e.*, those the color of which is of one uniform shade—are so closely allied by nature with Mottles and Rosewings that I propose to treat of them in the order named; indeed, Mottles, Rosewings and "selfs" are necessarily so much intermixed by breeders that it is well nigh impossible to forecast with any degree of certainty what the result of any particular union may be, and as the general body-color of each variety is controlled by the same natural laws, there is no occasion to go over the same ground twice. But I must not overrun my theme, for important as blending as breeding is I must take the varieties seriatim.

WHOLE COLORS.

Although inferior specimens of this class are offensive to the eye of a fancier, rich and even-colored birds are more especially so to a color enthusiast. Indeed, I know of no other breed of self-colored pigeons which has been worked up to the pitch attained by the best specimens of long-faced, whole-colored Tumblers. It is with all due deference to the opinions of others as well qualified as myself to judge the colored properties of pigeons, that I make this somewhat bold statement. But tell me, pray, oh! tell me, where else can be found such uniformity, such brilliancy and brightness? Then, a good word should be spoken for self-colored Tumblers, inasmuch that they lend themselves admirably to the requirements of a beginner in the art of pigeon culture—yes, to the requirements of a beginner, for, though a novice, he has, in common with other mortals, his likes and dislikes, ah! and exercises them, too. In a general way, a compactly-built, bright-colored bird, like a yellow Tumbler for instance, "catches on" with that numerous class of persons fond of pigeons, but who, for the most part, are unacquainted with the technicalities of the pursuit of pigeon

breeding as now carried on. It should be remembered that it is from the ranks of such persons that new fanciers are produced. Mind, I do not wish to imply that brightly-colored birds alone attract the attention of an embryo breeder. But I do think I shall not be far off the mark when I say that in 99 cases out of every 100 a color enthusiast makes a good fancier, for his tastes are refined and his judgment invariably sound.

Sometimes when I look around a show, filled to repletion with pigeons of sombre hue, and note the warmth and almost irrepressible zeal with which their owners discuss and extol the merits of their pets, I am apt to wonder why so great a proportion of present-day pigeon fanciers should drift into the same channel. To say the least, it is surprising that so many old-established and handsome breeds should be passed. Do we live in a degenerate age? Mind, I do not wish to lower in rank and estimation the many sterling qualities of what are generally termed hard-feathered birds. Indeed, how could I? for it is pretty well known that I take interest in every recognized breed. But I do, nevertheless, lament over the indisputable fact that the modern tendency is towards the cultivation of just one or two breeds. I may dilate on this part of my subject another day, but here I must stay, for it is the color properties of pigeons with which we are dealing to-day.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

CALUMET HOMING CLUB.

The latest movements of this club are as follows: John Schafer, Frank Schuman and Samuel Summers, members of the Calumet Homing Club, of East Baltimore, sent three birds to Greensboro' N. C. They were liberated at 8.20 o'clock Tuesday morning and were all in lofts at 3.30 same day, making an average speed of 1281 yards per minute.

SAMUEL SUMMERS, Sec'y.

STRAY HOMER.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

A Homer came to my loft Sunday afternoon; fed and watered, and stayed; two leg bands, No. 1030 N. The owner can have bird by sending postal.—J. S. HEISER.

Ephrata, Pa.

BARB CLASSIFICATION.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

As your correspondents are anxious to hear from me in regard to classes for Barbs at the winter shows, I will say that it lies entirely with the fanciers whether the committees will give an extended classification on any particular variety, and I will here suggest that the Barb fanciers make the classification to suit them and then submit them to the show committees. With a guarantee that the classes called for will be filled, I have no doubt that the classes will be made. Now, for instance, if we want an extra class for Barbs bred in 1892, I will send out at least four. Dr. White should send as many, and Dr. Rittenhouse the same; that would almost fill the class, and with a little help from some of the others the class could be made a large one. But it seems to be the rule with several fanciers (especially in Barbs) to send one Barb for a class, and by so doing run the risk of the class being stricken out entirely at the next show. If a class for 1892 Barbs is made at Baltimore and New York I will send two cocks and two hens to each show, and if all of the others will do as well we will have a grand class of 1892 Barbs, or I will withdraw entirely and keep my birds at home, whichever way the majority may decide.—D. E. NEWELL.

A HOMER DETAINED.

EDITOR THE FANCIER.

I enclose you a clipping from The Richmond Times of the 28th inst. If you can ascertain the name of the owner I will be very glad to be of service in recovering his bird. Many of our Homers disappear in just this way, and there should be a law to punish such people in every State of the Union.—GEO. T. KING.

"A Carrier pigeon arrived at the City Hall on May 22, at 11.05 o'clock, and was captured by Delehaye, the artisan, who is working in plaster of Paris in the new building. The bird was marked on the wing: 'W. F., 41. Report to W. D. C.' There were two rings on the bird—one on each foot. The bird is still in Mr. Delehaye's possession. There is in most cities an unwritten law that Carrier pigeons are never caught, but after being fed are allowed to proceed on their journey."

TUMBLER CLASSES.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

The classes for muff-legged Tumblers as given by your Boston correspondent, in THE FANCIER of May 12, will, I should think, prove satisfactory; but I would like to know why he makes a difference in color in the classification of saddles and badges. The paragraph referred to reads: Black saddles, blue saddles, any other color saddles; black badges, red badges, any other color badges. Either will answer the purpose, but why not have both alike?

CHAS. LIENHARD.

PITTSBURG HOMING CLUB.

The Pittsburgh Homing Club flew an old bird race from Mansfield, O., on June 4, 1893. The birds were shipped June 3. The atmospheric condition at start was cloudy and rain at home. The birds were liberated at 12 M., by A. G. Winstanley. Wind at start southwest, at home west. Twenty-eight birds competed. The following is a summary of the race:

W. A. Eiszler, registered number, 182; color and sex, b. c. h.; in loft, 4.50 P. M.; distance, 134 miles; average speed, 313½; J. A. Allen, registered number, 17441; color and sex, b. c. c.; in loft, 5.12 P. M.; distance, 140 7-10 miles; average speed, 793½; George Motz, registered number, 17743; color and sex, b. h.; in loft, 5 P. M.; distance, 139 9-10 miles; average speed, 791 ½; J. M. Skiles, registered number, 16; color and sex, b. c. c.; in loft, 5.08 P. M.; distance, 138 7-70 miles; average speed, 770; H. Oeste, registered number, 10817; color and sex, b. c. h.; in loft, 6.41 P. M.; distance, 136 5-10 miles; average speed, 600; A. Florant, registered number, 147; color and sex, r. c., in loft, 6.45 P. M.; distance, 135 8-10 miles; average speed, 577½.

The birds were liberated at noon, as the weather was unfavorable until that time, when it appeared to clear and birds were liberated. When they were on the wing a-half hour it commenced to rain, and they had both wind and weather against them. We consider the time made under the circumstances very good. Our next fly will be Sunday, June 11, from Upper Sandusky, O., distance 168 miles, when we expect to have better results.

J. C. DAVIES, Race Sec'y.

AMERICAN STAR CLUB.

The American Star Homing Club of Baltimore had their annual race from Bedford City, Va., 210 miles air line to Baltimore. The entries were John Kline, 22; Wm. Jennings, 18; Frank Kotmair, 17; Walter Lerp, 3; Joseph Kotmair, 7; Robert Newberth, 5; David Kotmair, 8; John Lang, 4; total, 84 birds, Mr. J. T. Davidson wired: "Birds liberated at 6.30 A. M., wind north, weather cool and cloudy." The first bird homed to Joseph Kotmair, at 1.21½ P. M. It was a blue checker hen, countermark number 13. The second return was to William Jennings's loft, at 1.32 P. M. It was a red checker cock, countermark 94. The third return was to Frank Kotmair, at 2.29 P. M., a blue cock, countermark 25. The prizes were awarded to these owners. All lofts reported birds at home.

HERE AND THERE.

Mr. Fred. Lang, of West Pratt street, Baltimore, Md., who some time ago bought the Homers "Germantown Boy" and "Belle," has bought the entire stud of Homers owned by Mr. George Eisinger, of Carroll avenue, Waverly. Mr. Lang has had remarkable success in getting his young birds from York, Harrisburg and Milton, Pa.

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To W. Stevens: Inasmuch as a Roller is a Tumbler, why your statement, some time back, that as you had not a Tumbler in your coop you did not see how you could join the Tumbler Club. My idea in asking you the questions I did was to correct a wrong impression you gave to the young Tumbler fanciers, as they read and believe every word printed in THE FANCIER. You, however, admit, brother Stevens, that what you then wrote to be a slip of the pen, and of course a Roller is a Tumbler, and you and all other Roller breeders or flyers are eligible to join the Tumbler Club.

F. W. GORSE.

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I am having a very good season. Most of my birds are only on their second nest, and some I did not mate until late. The youngsters are all vigorous and healthy; had better success with Fans than anything. I

have twelve pairs at nest now. My Tumblers are also doing a great deal of work, and from all appearances 1893 will be a very prosperous year.

F. D. FOGLESON.

PIGEONS EGG-BOUND.

This is a very serious matter. Every fancier, especially if his birds are kept penned up in an aviary, says E. Carr in Feathered World, should be on the *qui vive* for the slightest appearance of it.

Even the youngest fancier has seen the cock "driving," "pegging," or, in other words, "thrashing" the hen to the nesting-place. He has also noticed the cock forming the nest, and heard his soft wooing coo of invitation to his mate. In a day or two will be noticed a listless appearance about the hen. Her wings will fill, and she will look altogether out of sorts. This is a sign that she is about to lay. For myself, I always examine a hen with these appearances, and can always tell to within an hour when she should lay. If she does not lay that afternoon or night, then I know that something is wrong, in fact, I come to the only conclusion—viz., that she is egg-bound. I then proceed as follows: I get my castor-oil-bottle (which, by the way, I always keep by me, as I consider it to be the best remedy). I make a small funnel of paper. I then get a friend to hold the bird whilst I insert the thin end of the funnel well into its mouth, and pour gently a few drops of the oil into it. I then take the bird and pour a few more drops of oil into the vent, which in such cases is very much swollen and inflamed. I work the oil well in, until the vent becomes cool and pliable. This has eased the bird, and should she not lay in an hour, I again work oil into the vent. I then place my middle finger of each hand against the end of the egg furthest from the vent and gently press the egg towards the vent. In nine cases out of ten this operation will be successful, and both bird and egg be saved. Some fanciers insert the small blade of a penknife wrapped (except at the point) to cut the skin which envelops the egg. This is a dangerous experiment. Should the skin not be split, I have always found the finger-nail to be sufficient.

As to the causes of being egg-bound.

1. The first egg of a young hen often causes difficulty in laying. 2. The passage through which the egg has to be forced may be malformed, or the bird may have been injured. The most common causes are: 3. Want of exercise, and 4, overfeeding. The first may be overcome by making the aviary larger and giving the birds a stir up for a few minutes every day. The latter is most common among young fanciers, who have the remedy in their own hands. Hoping these remarks may be of some service to my brother fanciers.

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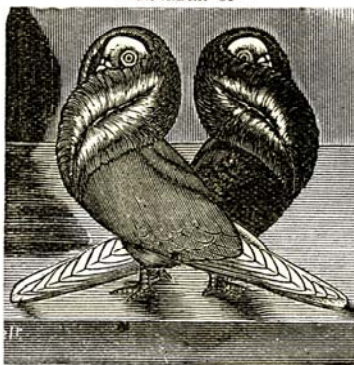
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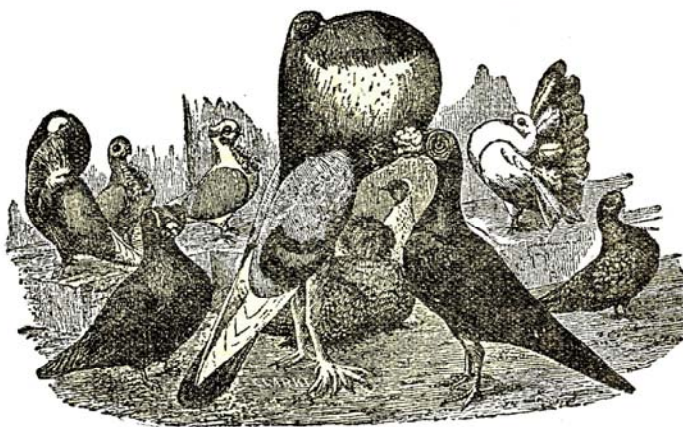
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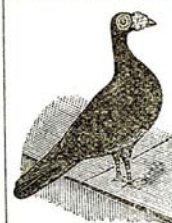
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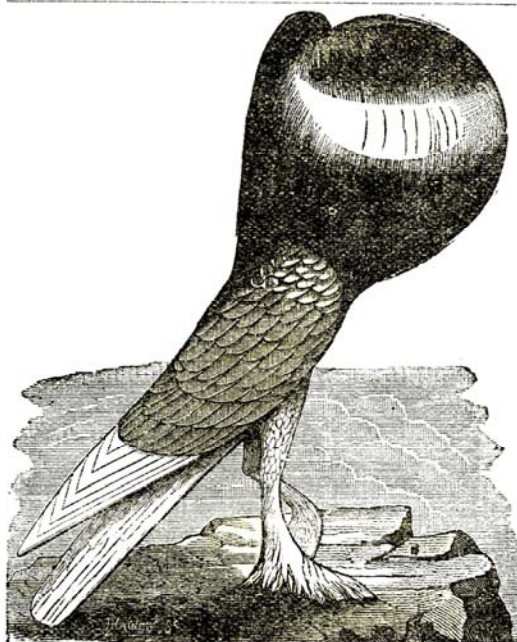
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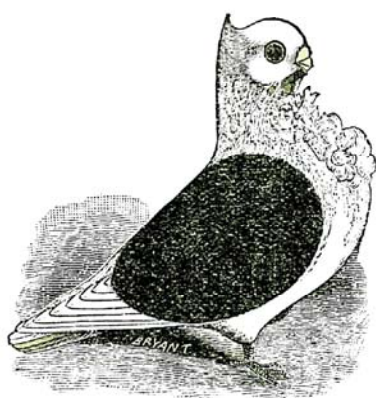
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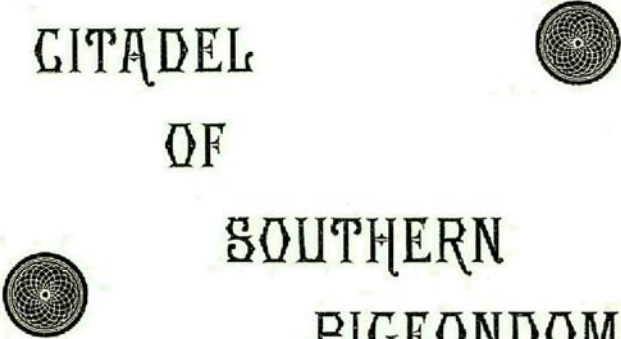
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