

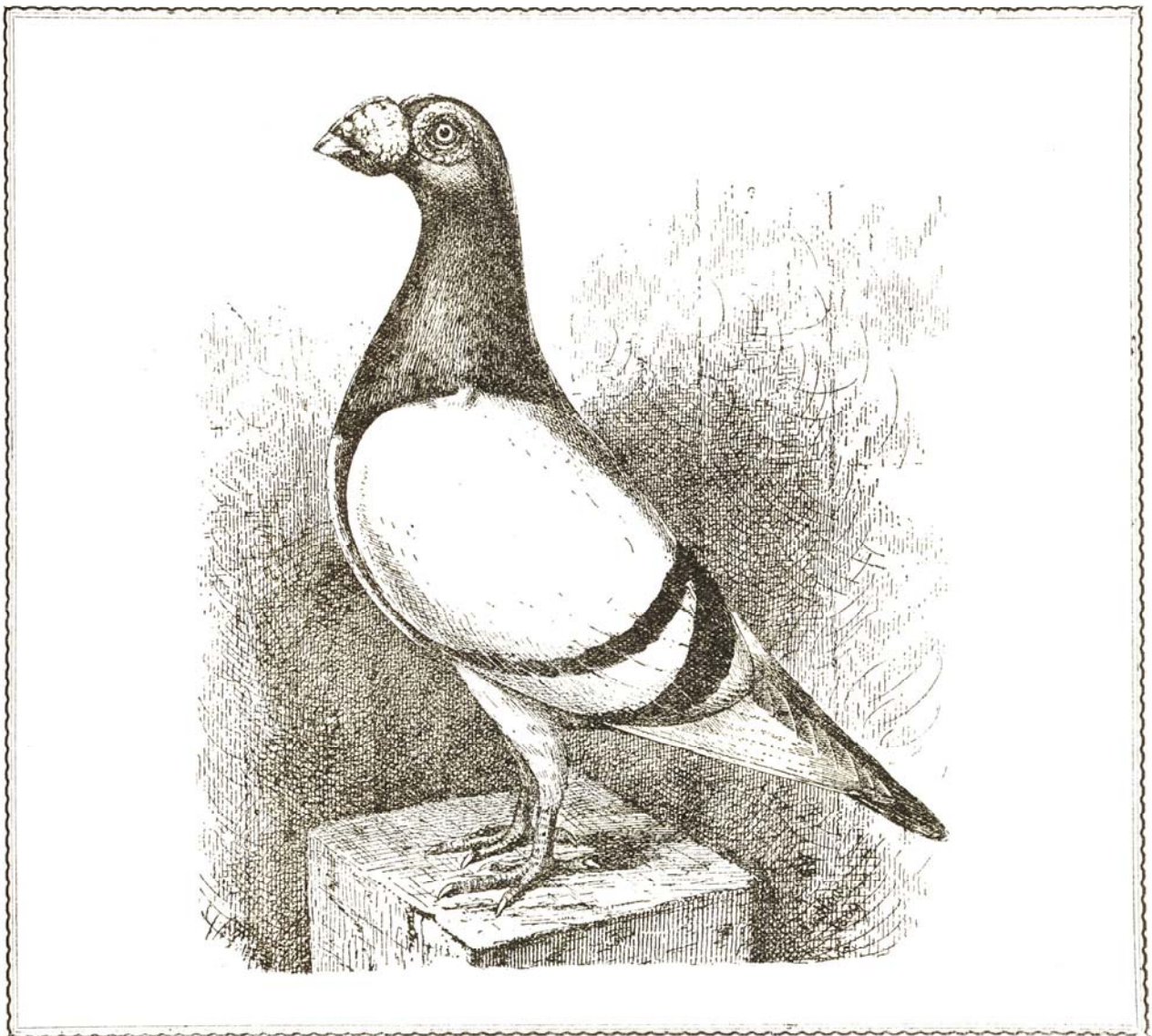


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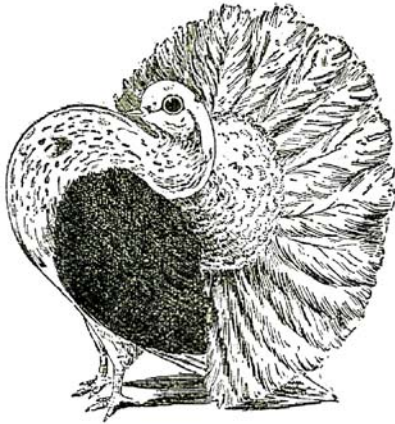
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depth of color, I have never seen—stout beak, wedge-shaped head. Showed two hens at Philadelphia—one hen showed in cock class—and took 2d—other hen, in her own class, 1st. There are several odd hens to dispose of, also, one black hen with a phenomenal good head, prices \$10 each—their average value in England is \$5 each. A nice pair of white Dragons at \$8 the pair. There are a small stud of Pouters on the way over, mostly birds that have won prizes this last winter, red, black and blue pied. Should be pleased to correspond with any one who wants something extra fine at a very moderate price—are to arrive about middle of June. Have a few pairs of very good Pouters on hand, blue-pied \$6 to \$8 per pair, red imported cock \$5, white imported cock \$6—worth more than double. Turbits we have a large lot breeding, but all are for sale—the 1st prize blue cock at Philadelphia was sold for \$50. Have 6 or 7 blue Turbits brothers to the above winner and all mated with nice hens, and will be sold cheap—they are right on top and will win in the best of company. Write me if you want show birds in black, blue, red, yellow, dun, etc. Good stock birds at \$10 per pair. Have some 1892-rung red and yellow cocks, extra head and show points—this year will be right in it and fit for the highest show—prices very reasonable considering quality. In addition to winners at Reading, Louisville, Philadelphia and New York, I have also sold birds that have won 1st at some of our best shows, such as Louisville, etc., all for sale, so write me at once. Black mottled Trumpeter hens at \$3.50 each, grand birds in rose and foot-feathering. Now I have made the above prices low to encourage trade during the dull summer months, and you will find any of them a bargain you cannot duplicate elsewhere for two or three times the money.

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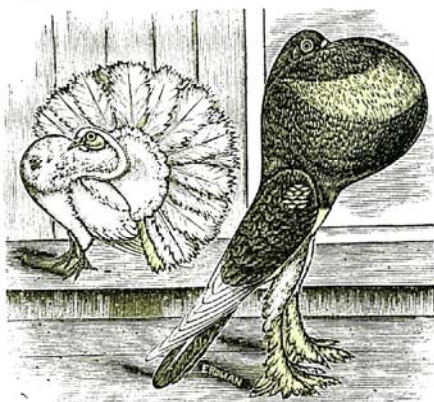
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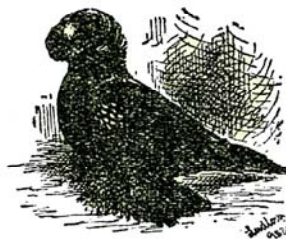
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**SHOWS.**

**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.**

"Granite," in last issue, deals with specialty fanciers and kindred subjects, and in the course of his remarks under this head gives expression to the belief that there will be a time when we will have periodicals devoted solely to each of the different varieties of the pigeon family. While it is hardly to be conceded that such an extraordinary event will not come to pass for some time, (perhaps not in our time) still, with the growing strength of the fancy, it is a difficult thing to predict to what a point it may attain. As the writer intimates, there are some varieties almost entirely neglected, while others receive more than their share of attention. The fancier whose variety is neglected, therefore, is very seldom pleased with a publication devoted to pigeons, in a general sense of the expression, but religiously ignoring—so he imagines, no doubt—his own petted variety. The cause of the neglect in some cases may be attributed to the small number of fanciers who are engaged in the breeding of the comparatively ignored type, but the chief source of the dissatisfaction may be traced to the unwillingness of practical breeders to write a few lines on their variety to interest those who are, in common with themselves, greatly and deeply engaged in the pleasurable pursuit of breeding the same variety; to help maintain, in an interesting and engrossing manner, the enthusiasm in their hobby. When a fancier picks up a journal and eagerly scans its



pages for something concerning his variety, and is disappointed not to find what he seeks, he very naturally lays the blame on the journal, and this, in consequence, will receive very little favor in his eyes thereafter. This is not altogether a just decision. There is no better way to maintain the interest in each variety that it deserves than for fanciers to contribute to the press articles bearing on their variety; these generally are the means of bringing out others who had hitherto seemingly exhibited no interest in the matter, and so things go bravely on and the interest is kept up from time to time. The varieties that thrive and grow apace, it will be noted, are those whose votaries exercise this privilege. It will be well for us to begin at once and get a round of writers on all the varieties for the era when the one-variety journal will come into force.

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The Owl Club seems to be coming right up now, and it is gratifying to note the persistent and good work of some of the organizers. Mr. Klusmeyer has suggested a slate of officers that will probably meet the approbation of the fancy. We are pleased to see that it is the general impression that it would be a good move to meet with the American Pigeon Club at Baltimore. The extraordinary monetary inducements thrown out by this club, as well as the general importance of the show, makes it evident that the Owl Club will come to Baltimore and share in the good things provided by this great progressive body.

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All Magpie fanciers will hail with undisguised pleasure and delight the announcement of the formation of the American Magpie Club. Like the Owl Club,

the Magpie Club had a few persistent men industriously working for its success who would not relinquish their cherished project until success had crowned their efforts. An election of officers and other necessary details essential to organization should now be in order and each member resolve in his own mind where he would like to have the club exhibit. The American Pigeon Club has offered unusual inducements to all the specialty clubs, and it is our wish to see the Magpie Club, with the others, take advantage of them. The club has the respectable sum of \$25 donated for a cup thus far. The enthusiasm surrounding the capturing of this cup will be something extraordinary, and for this reason all Magpie fanciers should make haste to join its ranks. The club will be the source of a great stimulating influence to the Magpie fancy of the country.

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Mr. John H. Kuhn, president of the American Pigeon Club, is taking quite an extensive tour of the East, renewing old friendships and acquaintances and making new ones. This will give many of our Eastern fanciers an opportunity to see what sort of a man Mr. Kuhn is, and will present a chance to study his disposition, good fellowship and gentlemanly bearing. Perhaps no man in the fancy has been more maligned recently, and this trip, if for nothing else, will be productive of establishing the fact that he is not the fiend incarnate represented by some able (?) exponents of human nature.

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We have received an official notice in mourning from the widow of the late J. E. K. Spence admitting his loss on the missing ill-fated Naronic, dated June 1.

## THE COLONEL HITS

### THE NAIL ON THE HEAD.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

In your issue of the 9th inst. friend Gilbert accomplishes this feat so effectually, driving the nail in so well and so deeply, that any extra attempts at assistance by others, I fear, will only serve to disfigure the effect, already so well done. As a fancier, I cannot refrain, however, from putting in my oar on the same subject, with the hope that my interference will not weaken the force of Mr. Gilbert's remarks. I have never had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Gilbert, but for several years past have always read his communications published in our leading fancy journals, notwithstanding the fact that I am not a Fan breeder and have not owned one for over ten years, and have no intention of owning any. This, however, has not prevented me from coming to the conclusion long ago that Gilbert is what I have always been pleased to term a true fancier; and, although a breeder of an entirely different variety from my own specialty, I have always respected him accordingly, wishing many a time, however vainly, that this energetic, go-ahead, straight-hitting lover of the Fantail could be induced to transfer these qualities to the interest of my own particular variety. With half a dozen such fanciers as this Fantail champion in the Tumbler Club, we could make it the most powerful and popular specialty organization in this country. Unfortunately for the Tumbler Club, and very fortunately for the Fantail Club, this could not possibly be. I say this so positively, because I judge this man by myself, and am sure that no specialty fancier, after spending so much time, money and thought on his particular fancy as I know Mr. Gilbert has for many years, could, even if he felt so inclined, switch off from his especial choice to any other and devote the same attention to it, and with the same success.

Of course, I am referring to fanciers who keep and breed their birds, primarily, for the pleasure derived from it, having business duties outside and of much greater importance than their hobby, and not to what may be termed professionals—breeders who



can at pleasure swing from one variety to another, in order to meet the popular demand for whichever variety may at the time be smiled upon by fashion, looking always for one thing, profit. With the true fancier profit and loss is scarcely considered, his greatest pleasure is produced by production. If he succeeds in producing a bird or two occasionally that develops into a prize-winner, he is content to let profit go to the professional. I do not wish to be misunderstood in this matter, and do not wish to convey the idea that I disapprove of fanciers selling their surplus stock, composed of birds culled from their loft, always keeping back others equal or superior to the ones offered for sale. This is as it should be, and every fancier has this privilege as well as the privilege of marketing his surplus in any manner that he may see fit, as long as he transacts this business of disposing of his surplus in an honorable way and through legitimate channels. Every fancier is justified in selling his surplus, and I am sure that it must be an encouragement to him to feel that his hobby is self-supporting, and if he makes a few dollars I always consider that his business. As for my own experience in this matter, I have never, until recently, had birds worth the bother and expense of advertising, consequently I have given away hundreds where I have sold one. As friend Gilbert would say, this is my business. If I choose to give them away, all right. If I choose to show them at any particular show, all right. If I don't choose to show them, all right. These are, practically, Mr. Gilbert's words, and I take pleasure in endorsing them, for I fully agree with him in his remarks.

Being deeply interested in our pigeon shows and knowing, as no one in the fancy can help knowing at the present time, that there is an element in the fancy of rank and recent growth, which, if permitted to continue in their aggressive and dictatorial attitude, the result will be anything but beneficial to the fancy in general. I have been particularly careful to look into this matter as closely as I possibly could, and have, after full consideration, determined to lend my humble support and influence to the set of fanciers whom I believe to be genuine in their endeavors to promote the interest of

fancy pigeons, and to let the set alone whom I have been convinced are influenced by self interest and even politics, and I am sure that there are some of these old and good fanciers who inwardly rebel against the yoke which is plainly visible to others, and would be only too glad if they could throw it off and assert their independence. It is hardly necessary for me to mention the name of the association which I intend to give my support; but, fearing possibly there may be some who think that the special premiums recently published might prove too great a temptation for me to resist, I would like to say that I, for one, can manage to get along very well without them, supposing that I would have, at least, a reasonable chance of winning one or two, and have therefore determined to give my hearty support to the American Pigeon Club, hoping sincerely that it will meet with the success it deserves. I believe this decision is "all right," too, or I should not have made it; and I earnestly hope, for the general good of fanciers, that others like myself, being perfectly independent of any so called fancier or set of fanciers, will follow the example set by a fancier so thoroughly disinterested as myself.—FRANK S. WALTON.

#### AMERICAN STAR CLUB.

The third race of the American Star Homing Club, of Baltimore, Md., was held last Monday. The race was from Spartansburg, S. C., to Baltimore, 417 miles air line. The first bird to arrive belonged to Joseph Kotmaier, 1515 Race street. It was a black hen, countermarked 17. It reached his loft at 4.43 P. M. The second to arrive was a blue cock, countermark 37, which his owner, Wm. Jennings, loft 231 East Hamburg street, at 5.11 P. M. The third bird was a blue cock, countermark 36, belonging to John Kline, 712 Chappell street. It was found in his loft at 6.30 P. M. The birds were liberated at 5 A. M., by William G. Houghton. Through a misunderstanding of the telegram the owners did not expect their birds, and consequently some of them may have arrived some time before they were discovered. All the owners report favorable returns.

New ads.: Pfeleger and Hunsberger.

#### MR. STEVENS' SLIP

OF THAT TONGUE.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

When I read Mr. Gorse's questions in *THE FANCIER*, and saw my name coupled with them, a suspicion lurked within that he was up to a little pleasantry, and consequently the answer to his first question was somewhat abbreviated. Now it seems my suspicion had some tangibility about it, for he has caught me "red-handed" with a "slip of the tongue."

Well, Mr. Gorse will not get mad and jealous and dirty over it, like some of those fanciers in the vicinity of Baltimore are giving emphasis to just now. In fact, it is one of those strange maladies why lovers of those dear little pets should show such a nastiness of disposition over them. What harm have they done to work up such diabolism in individuals who pretend to be sane in their other business transactions? Enough! I am digressing. Well, I think Mr. Gorse likes a little pleasantry as well as your humble servant, and therefore what we pen is from the pleasant sides of our natures.

Answer to No. 1 should read thus: It is a Tumbler, just the same as Mr. Gaddess' almond is, though this almond may have lost his tumbling properties many generations back. A few generations back what is now called a long Roller was a singular "acrobat," that is, he went over only once at a time. It is of the Tumbler family, and until you erase the name "Tumbler" from the almond, so will the Roller bear the name of its great-great-grandfather. Some of those lovers of mathematics—fanciers, I suppose—saw something of the calculating order could be developed out of this tumbling genius, so they went to work on their pets and by degrees developed that wonderful performing quality now called long rolling. Those mathematicians had an idea and a taste, though in another direction, just the same as those who are of the poet-literaturist order, whose taste ran in the direction of feathering, coloring and variegation. The fancier of the poet-literaturist order had a taste for the multiplicity of feathering, the richness of colors and the variegations of those flowerings which we see sometimes adorning their developments, sometimes exhibited in the



show pens at exhibition times. The one loves beauty in one form and the other loves beauty in the form of the calculating genius and muscular agility. To be brief, the fact is if a Roller is not a Tumbler all the short-faced varieties are not, for their tumbling—the origin of the name—has been eliminated for the sake of some peculiar features.

When I made the remark that I had not a Tumbler in my possession it was a Tumbler of that class that is the admiration of American fanciers—the long muff variety, such as rosewings, saddles, solids, badges and Magpies, etc. When I had not this class of Tumblers, surely, Mr. Gorse, you don't want me to say I have? What hope for favor have I, if I am "eligible" for any kind of show, in the show pen? Why I should have to take a back seat and keep "mum" with my clean-legs and short-muffs, which I am rather partial to just now. Besides, I am afraid that some of you intensely Americans would be taking a rise out of me like Mr. Gavin wanted to take a rise "out of that Englishman" living somewhere near Baltimore. Of course, Mr. Gavin will not feel hurt over my pleasantry, though he may have been overheated when he made the remark. I call attention to such remarks only to show how discreet others should be as well as myself, especially when they court international relationship. Not that I take it seriously what Mr. Gavin may have said of that Englishman or what Mr. Kuhn may have said of Mr. Glasgow out of the intensity of their Americanism. We are all foolish sometimes in allowing our national predilections to carry our heads away. There is one thing that I can say of the manager of THE FANCIER, though he is not an Englishman, and that is he seems to me to desire good-fellowship. One can hope that the bad past is gone and we can look forward to the near future when the feeling desire is to take no rise out of each other, whether they be American or British subjects. When language, liberty, education and religion are so near akin, let alone United Workmanship, Oddfellowship and Freemasonry, etc., with their international influence, why should it be otherwise than good fellowship? Of course, the electorate have to watch well the politicians, who, for their own sake instead

of the country, are intensely good and patriotic.

"What have I been talking about?" you ask. Well, I forgot myself in the heat of the moment. I ask forgiveness. I hope Mr. Gorse, Mr. Gavin and Mr. Kuhn will forgive, and I ask the good politicians to overlook my indiscretions, but the bad—you all know the place assigned to them. Mr. Gorse will please give me two years to consider over my eligibility. With kind regards to all honest, good fanciers and the Tumbler Club, I am truly,

W. STEVENS.

### SMERLES.

I have read several letters of late about the pure Smerles as Homing pigeons. I have kept Smerles for some years, and can say with all truth that the more I see of them the more I like the grand little messengers. My first Smerles were from the purest Belgian blood, says an old Homer in Feathered World, and were bred from birds that covered long distances; the cock a kind of barless mealy, with small eyes of a light shade, the flights very broad and overlapped each other beautifully. For size of body their wings are very large, and flights longer than a Show Homer fancier would like, from a *show* point of view, Smerles are much higher flyers than our English Working Homers, and are ever so much smarter on the wing. I should have said the Smerle hen was a chequer-pied, and such a round skull, short neck and legs, but long in flights.

I may say here that I have carefully observed the wild birds that keep on wing the longest and cover the greatest distances are very long in flights when compared with the size of body. So with the Smerles. The majority of my best performers are long in flights, and very strong in all parts of wing.

Perhaps the greatest value of the pure Smerles is the improvement to the Working Homers. In my lofts I have Homers that have flown from Penzance, Scilly Isles, and France, and have won from these places. Strong big birds they are, perhaps a bit on the heavy side, which, as is only to be expected, fly too near the wretched pot-hunter's old breech-loader. I tried some smarter birds from well-known studs of that day,

but could not find any great improve in their youngsters.

Happening to meet with a gentleman I knew by reputation as having some of the most valued strain of Smerles from the Continent, I mentioned my troubles to him. In the most kindly way he told me of his grand Smerles, and, accepting his invitation to visit his lofts, soon came to terms. My first pair of Smerles I bred a couple of nests from, and then selected my two best Homers (or Antwerps we called them in those days) and mated them to the Smerles. It was the best day's work I ever did, for in due course the half bred Smerles soon ascended, both in my estimation and upon the wing. Without loss of strength I got the birds to fly higher, and in time found how invaluable was this cross.

To the present day I keep a stud of the purest blooded Smerles, and use them frequently; in fact, I have few Homers free from my old Smerle strain. I have from time to time sold Smerles to fanciers to mate with their Homers, and have had no "growls" at the result of the introduction into the lofts of the many who have obtained Smerles from me for that purpose.

It has been said Smerles are not so reliable as the Homer over long distances. Of course there are exceptions to every rule. My personal experience has been that Smerles can quite as well as Homers. It depends *greatly* on the way they are bred and trained. Perhaps the Homers are a little stronger than Smerles as *youngsters*; the latter, when over one year, can do whatever Homers are capable of at a similar age. Smerles don't "make-up" so rapidly as Homers; constantly a Smerle at, say ten to twelve months old is about equal to a Homer several months younger. This, perhaps, is why they are not quite so popular as the big Homer.

These most rapid of rapid times will not allow of patience for the *racing* man, who wants his squeakers doing their ten to twenty mile stages when still "squeaking." With what result? That a very large number of "babies" are put into work before they are sufficiently developed, to be crowded into hampers and sent off to be tossed. These young bird races do more harm than good to the competitors, the consequence being that birds are worn



out before they are fully grown. It has been a hard-and-fast rule with me never to commence educating birds till they are six months old, and then limiting the distance to about 50 miles. I have tested both plans more than once, and have found some of the more precocious youngsters covering their 100 and 150 miles when but six or seven months old. At the same time I have put birds of the same age and strain at work at the same time, and tossed the same days, but I stopped at 50 miles. In the following season I have again sent the same lot off together, under the same conditions, to find the birds I had stopped at 50 miles doing better than their relatives that covered 100 miles further in their first year!

My experience, being summed up, is as follows:

1. Never work a youngster over 50 miles his first year. 2. Never send a year-old bird more than 200 miles. 3. Never send a two-year old bird more than 300 miles. 4. Never breed from a bird over three years old that has not done 400 miles or more. The foregoing is my personal experience,

### GONE BEFORE.

Having seen no remarks in any pigeon paper concerning the death of one of the squarest and most upright fanciers in the vicinity of Boston, I write to say that John Hicks, of Allston, Mass., passed away the latter part of April, after an illness of but four or five days. Pneumonia removed from our midst a man whom nobody knew but to admire him, and he leaves a memory which will be cherished by all who were brought in contact with him.

ONE WHO KNEW HIM.

### WON'T HATCH.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

Along with my other birds I have a white Carrier cock mated to a white Dragon hen. This hen was always one of my best breeding birds, but since I mated her to the Carrier none of her eggs will hatch, and not only that, when I opened the eggs after they had been sat on for fully twenty days I find them, as far as smelling of them goes, as fresh as ever they were, and with the yolk yet unbroken. Will some one of your many readers let me know the cause of this trouble and what I had better do in the matter.—HENRY PORT.

### CURRENT COMMENTS.

BY CRITIC.

I have been a reader of THE FANCIER for about three years, and during this time I have seen much improvement in it, and hope it will continue so. I am glad to see such an interest taken in the specialty clubs, for, as Mr. Glasgow says, they are the life and soul of the pigeon fancy, and do much to help their respective breeders.

Now to this continual fighting among the fanciers, and between the clubs, I consider this a great detriment whose damage to the fancy can hardly be estimated, and in no way is it more pronounced than in the wholesale way gentlemen are forced to leave the fancy.

I see there is a disturbance in Boston, but I am sure it is the hope of all that it will soon blow over. I think the New England Pigeon Association is the best of its kind in the country, and one from which the Baltimore Club ought to take pattern. This state of prosperity is no doubt due to Mr. C. E. Twombly, secretary of the N. E. P. A., and who is no doubt your Boston correspondent, and hope he will continue to write, as I greatly missed his letter in last issue.

Now, in regard to the New York Fantail exhibit of Mr. Alexander Hay, over which there is such a fuss, I say right here that I visited Mr. Hay's loft and, to his credit, I did not find a faked feather or a faked tail, but on a few of Mr. Hay's birds I did see some pieces of lead, which I consider as fair as Mr. Gilbert's pruning of Fans recommended in the Fanciers' Journal. Mr. Gilbert says he owes no one, yet I see that challenge between him and Mr. Hay has not been fulfilled on Mr. Gilbert's part, which is the paying of one page in the Fanciers' Journal for a year, to be paid by the one whose birds were beaten. Again referring to the leads on Mr. Hay's birds, if he had considered this faking he never would have permitted Mr. Glasgow or any one else to see the birds with the leads on, and I think this is conclusive evidence that this is not tail faking, but merely an extra precaution for keeping the birds' tails in good condition.

Now about the feather dropping out of Mr. Hay's first prize hen, fourteen years old, which has won prizes all over England and Scotland, including third at the Palace. I think this is likely to happen to any man's birds, and is hardly worth considering.

I want to ask, is it fair for any person to show birds with their initials on the rings, so that a judge in examining them could see at a glance who they belonged to, and might be apt to favor? I consider this a disqualification, and the person showing birds with initialed rings ought to have them disqualified. I know of a fancier who exhibited his birds at New York with initialed rings and, although he only took fourth, he ought to have had his birds disqualified.

### A PROTEST.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

I notice in your issue of last week a statement that reflects great discredit on the fanciers of Baltimore, as a body, and I earnestly hope out-of-town fanciers will not be so foolish as to imagine that all of us are concerned in this school-boy business of the Baltimore Columbarian Society. The sentence in question was as follows: "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 Columbarian Society and the fanciers of this city." The Baltimore Columbarian Society formally invited the A. P. C. to have their show here, and now, contrary to all laws of courtesy and parliamentary law, reconsider their invitation, and at the same time have the audacity to assert that fanciers outside of the society have joined them in protesting against the A. P. C. having their show here. This is all nonsense. I have talked with three or four fanciers who are very much pleased to have the A. P. C. come here, and I doubt not, if I cared to make a round of the city, a great many more could be unearthed, and who, be it understood, are not members of the B. C. S. It was a most unwise action to resort to such a procedure, for I think we have fanciers in this city who are not members of the B. C. S. who will hail with pleasure the A. P. C. Show and the advantages it will bring.

T. G. WERTHER.



## PIGEONS, AND ALL ABOUT THEM.

BY RICHARD WOODS.

From Fanciers' Gazette.

COLORS, PROPERTIES—Continued.

LONG-FACED TUMBLERS.

WHOLE COLORS, MOTTLES AND ROSE-WINGS.

I have not yet explained that the acknowledged colors of self-colored Tumblers are four in number—viz., red, yellow and white. Blacks being the most numerous, they shall receive our first attention. Taken as a whole, not much fault can be found with their general quality, for a dull or slatey-colored black Tumbler is rarely seen, either in the show-pen or breeding-loft. And I do not think many are bred, anyway let us hope not, for of all the “abominable abominations” I regard a dull or slatey hued black the most abominable. Need I traverse again the ground already well trodden in dealing with other black pigeons? I think not. I would, therefore, just refer my readers to the description already given of the color properties of a black Carrier, supplementing what I have written by impressing upon my readers the importance of maintaining that uniformity, brilliancy and brightness without which self-colored Tumblers, whether black, red, or yellow, are of little worth.

Depth of color is an absolute necessity; even the quills of the tail and flight feathers should be black, at any rate so far as the webbing extends. It may be taken almost as a golden rule that whenever the shafts of the tail and flight feathers are dark—if not actually black—little or no trace of grizzling can be found. I would here mention an objectionable feature of black pigeons, which is frequently overlooked and sometimes ignored, and in some of the most highly-prized specimens, too. I refer to the iridescence or sheen, not so much on the neck as on the back, shoulders and upper part of the breast. I have noticed that scores of rich-colored blacks are spoiled by a rose-purple sheen, whereas the iridescence on the parts named should be of a bright, but not too vivid, beetle-green hue.

### REDS

of a sort are as plentiful as strawberries in June, but reds of the right sort

are particularly scarce, and it is equally noteworthy that this scarcity will be increased if fanciers will persist in breeding from purple-headed, purple-bellied, ashy or dun-tailed specimens. It cannot, I think, be generally known that it takes years of plodding, patient breeding to efface these glaring defects. I cannot, therefore, too strongly urge those Tumbler breeders who are desirous of improving their stock to fight shy of stud birds possessing any of these faults. Far rather would I breed from a bird with grizzled flight, for, great as such a blemish certainly is, it is not so strongly hereditary as the purple-colored mixture already described. A self-colored red Tumbler worthy of the name should be red, shall be red, must be red, in every part, and without too great a display of that beetle-green sheen so desirable in blacks but undesirable in reds. I would especially point out that the redder the iridescence on the lower part of the neck, the back and the breast, the brighter, deeper, sounder and richer will the general body-color be. There are many shades of red, that described as blood-red (though not actually blood-red) being the color required. Seeing is believing, and ocular demonstration of a dark but brilliant and even colored red is the only sure way of gaining information as to the exact shade required. I would, however, ask my readers to specially guard against that hard, harsh tone of color known as brick-red.

### YELLOWS.

I could write quite a volume concerning yellows, but as “discretion is the better part of valor,” I must refrain, or our friend the editor will fetch out his proverbial scissors and use them, too! Joking apart, the different shades of yellow pigeons vary so greatly that it is quite perplexing trying to deal with them all. Unlike reds, although closely allied, yellows may be of various shades without being considered unorthodox. Some persons fancy a stronger or deeper shade than I hold up as my ideal; but no one, I think, advocates the cold, stone-like and washed-out tint that reminds one of ichor. Something between the two extremes best befits my ideas of what a perfect-colored yellow should be. I would never deny a light-shaded yellow, if it were bright, rich and uniform;

neither would I altogether ignore a yellow of deeper hue, if quite free from that atrocious ruddiness I hold up both hands and arms to disparage. The term ruddy does not, perhaps, sufficiently convey to the mind the objectionable color I mean. Let me, therefore, add the words coarse and ochrey. I cannot condemn too strongly yellows of this class, and although far too numerous in some breeds, they are not to be found to any great extent among long-faced Tumblers. Correctly colored yellow Tumblers, whether mottled, rosed or self-colored, are entitled to be classed among the most delicately beautiful kinds of fancy pigeons we possess, and, like most other things beautiful, their superior excellence is often of a fleeting nature. Let me explain. The soft delicacy of a correctly colored yellow pigeon renders it highly susceptible to injury by light, sunshine, wind and rain. But this statement needs qualifying, for pigeons of all kinds and colors need a certain amount of light, sunshine and air to keep them in robust health.

It is, then, from an *excess* of light etc., that all yellow pigeons should be kept; in other words, the light must be subdued. And whilst sunshine is beneficial to health, its direct rays should not be permitted to enter any loft or apartment in which rich-colored yellow pigeons are kept. The question is: How to obtain the benefiting influences of sunshine without its bleaching qualities. I have found that by fixing up over the windows, or on the sunny sides of an area or flight, a screen composed of thin Hessian cloth, or other fabric of light texture, the much-prized richness and uniformity of color is not impaired. Screens of this kind should be movable, so that on calm, dull and sunless days more air may be admitted. Something of this sort is far better than relegating our pets to semi-dark, dungeon-like quarters. Wind, especially when blowing from the north and east, makes sad havoc with warm-toned, bright-colored yellows, and rain is equally destructive to this evanescent shade. It will be remembered that these remarks are not based on mere hearsay, but are the outcome of a life-long experience with yellow pigeons.

Now, although dun is not a recognized color of the long faced Tumbler, it will not be out of place to remind my readers—especially those who



cultivate other breeds, dun Carriers, dun Turbits and dun Magpies, for instance—that every work that I have written concerning the evanescence of yellow equally applies to the much-approved shade of dun. Yes, much-approved shade; for there are numerous shades of dun, as of yellow, the cold, dull and hard-looking gradation being almost unsuceptible to change from the effects of light and atmospheric influence. I would here mention that a slight humidity, and rather high and equable temperature, are favorable to the preservation of good-colored yellows and duns. It is generally supposed that food, and the manner of feeding, have much to do with the color properties of pigeons, and up to a certain point it undoubtedly is so. But let me disabuse the minds of those persons who imagine that naturally pale and washy-colored birds can be molted out deep, rich and solid by the use of any particular grain. Such a consummation as this cannot be. It is, however, quite true that, by judicious feeding, the health can be maintained; and if brightness and richness of color are innate qualities, robustness of health will tend to bring these desirable attributes to the surface.

Hempseed has been recommended as a color-feeder, and whilst not being altogether averse to its *discriminate* use, I have failed to discover any just reason whereby I can recommend it. Indeed, rather than do so I would go to the other extreme and condemn it, for its properties are heat giving and stimulating; so that its good qualities are outweighed by the bad. Flaxseed, or, as it is commonly called, linseed, is much more likely to exert a beneficial effect on the plumage. But even this, owing to its liability to loosen the bowels, must be used sparingly. Let me briefly explain that the oleaginous nature of this seed tends to brighten up the plumage by supporting new feather growth. It will, therefore, be well understood that its use should be confined to that period of the year when pigeons moult.

Having expatiated on the color properties of blacks, reds and yellows, there remains a few words to be said about whites. Much cannot be said, for white is white, and nothing more—no, nor less. Purity of color, without any “ticking” about the eye, throat, flights, tail and other parts should

be sought. A pure white Tumbler, in tip-top condition, and displaying a fair amount of iridescence on the neck, is a most pleasing pigeon. But there are so few points to breed for in whites that they are never likely to become very popular with fanciers of the higher classes.

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### A BOSTON BROADSIDE.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

I am sorry to see the spirit which is manifested by Messrs. Haven and Twombly in your issue of last week, as it is entirely antagonistic to that feeling of harmony which should prevail among all fanciers. It is immaterial, so to speak, as far as I am concerned, what appears from Boston each week, only why not keep the “boys” interested and have something new once in a while. Because a person's loft was written up a year or more ago, is that a reason why we should hear no more of it? Do not let the interest flag, and the way to accomplish it is to renew your acquaintance with the members of the fancy, at least semi-occasionally. It is evident, from the reading of Mr. Haven's article, that gas is but \$1 per thousand feet in Brookline, and when, his stock of jokes (?) giving out, he finds a supposed error in the phraseology of my last article, he becomes so excited that in the very next paragraph he makes a serious mistake in grammar. Be sure you are right yourself, Charlie, before you criticise.

The statements which I made in my previous communication I reaffirm, and am ready to stand by, when asked in a gentlemanly manner. Intimidation is the last means of resorting to, however, as I am not the sort that intimidate easily. You simply say my statements are false, and until you make an attempt to prove their falsity I shall contend that my word is as good as yours. I did not say that the association was run by a ring. Mr. Haven said that. However, now that he has broached the subject, I will add that it has been common talk among members of the society for some time, and some breeders have been deterred from joining on that account. There are more New England breeders outside the society than in it, and such will continue to be the case just so

long as this is true of the society. As regards accounts of my visits, I am pleased at all times to convey anything which may be of interest to my fellow-fanciers through the columns of their only exclusive paper, and I hold it to be the duty of every true fancier to contribute his mite in order that the paper may hold its present reputation of being the brightest and newsiest paper of its kind published.

In relation to Mr. Twombly's query I will say he is supposed to have the records of the proceedings of the association for the past year, and consequently his question of who of the prominent members have withdrawn is a needless one, to say the least, and he knows it as well as I. With the assistance of Brother Haven, whose eloquence is astounding, Mr. Twombly has put up a very good bluff. It is evident, however, that a tender spot has been touched, in Mr. Haven especially. I refuse to be a party to a controversy. It does not help the fancy any as a rule, for sometimes persons have been known to lose their temper. Did Mr. Haven ever hear of such a person, I wonder? I will leave the fanciers of Boston and “vicinity” (how does that suit Charles?) to judge of the truth of my statements, and to them this remark which I heard whispered in my hearing the past week will be most significant. It was this: “Well, boys, we may as well take a back seat; those two fellows can do more blowing and tell you more about pigeons with their two or three years' experience than we can with double and triple the experience.”—OBSERVER.

### AMERICAN PIGEON CLUB JOTTINGS.

In perusing the last issue of THE FANCIER it occurred to me that the American Pigeon Club, of which I have the honor to be a member, has rather an uphill road to travel in its good work of progression to the American fancy. When we started this club at Nashville last fall, it was with the intent of giving to our fancy an organized body of active workers and reliable fanciers who would each year provide an exhibition at which all exhibitors might safely enter their stock, with the assurance of getting justice of award and their prize money in full. If there was any premeditated antagonism to any other



body or society, I was not let into the secret; in fact, the minutes of the meeting will prove to the contrary, for, if my memory serves me right, Mr. Glasgow was appointed a committee of one to confer with the other members of the A. C. A. who were not present and invite them to rally around our standard. I don't think an organization could have been effected had the antipathy referred to have existed, as all the charter members of the American Pigeon Club were then members of the A. C. A., except, perhaps, a few novices to whom the Nashville exhibition gave birth in the fancy. The A. C. A. was ever recognized as only a social club which met annually for a kind of jollification and a chat over the experiences of the past and the prospects of the future; so I don't understand how it could be construed that the formation of a national body, whose purpose would be activity and the advancement of the fancy's interest by themselves providing annual exhibitions, should be antagonizing to any social organization which made no pretense or claim to such a course. I think they should, instead of trying to throw cold water on our efforts, rather hail with gladness our advent, as surely there could be no more appropriate place of meeting for all such social organizations as at the great exclusive pigeon exhibitions proposed by this national club. Yet, we find them in an attitude quite reverse to this essential harmony, proposing to give a show on the same dates and at the same place as that selected by the American Pigeon Club. This sort of jealousy is sheer folly, for the fancy of the country is not strong enough for party divisions, and such jealous opposition will not aid, but demoralize, the fancy and keep the new recruits, who are naturally timid at first, from affiliating with either.

The American Pigeon Club does not merit such an arbitrary attitude of other bodies; its principles are to do good to the common cause of all fanciers; it is not controlled by any individual, clique or section; its territory is the universe and its constituents the leading fanciers from all sections. In appointing the advisory board the committee were particularly careful to select material from the most scattered sections, insuring its nationality beyond a doubt.

It has given the dates of its initial exhibition to the world, offered a classification and prize inducements unexcelled, and I am assured that the judges will be gentlemen of integrity, possessing a minute knowledge of the breeds on which they are called to pass judgment. Every dollar will be paid before the show closes and every class properly written up by your humble servant, the "official reporter."

It now remains for the fanciers of America to say whether they will show their appreciation by support with an entry to an exhibition calculated only for their and the general fancy's good, and thereby insure to the country an annual exhibition which shall be of the import to America what the Crystal Palace is to England, viz., a criterion of quality for the best of all varieties in the country.—C. J. TANNER.

#### PIGEON ITEMS AROUND BOSTON.

BY OUR BOSTON CORRESPONDENT.

Mr. John H. Kuhn, the king pin of all American fanciers, accompanied by Mr. John D. Abel, the well-known editor of THE FANCIER, arrived in Boston Sunday morning and gave the fanciers here a good surprise. I had been informed of their coming by telegraph, and although I missed them at the depot it did not take me long to find them. Upon being told that they were here to make the acquaintance of the fanciers in Boston and that their time was very limited, we began to hustle. Some of the boys had met Mr. Abel, but none of us had ever had the pleasure to shake the hand of Mr. John H. Kuhn, the man we have read so much about. They were greeted on every hand with a hearty welcome and shown high esteem. Every fancier called upon expressed himself as highly pleased at the stand Mr. Kuhn and the American Pigeon Club have taken in regard to the show to be given by them in Baltimore. We all fully appreciate the honor these gentlemen has bestowed upon us by coming so many miles to get personally acquainted with the pigeon fanciers of our city. Every fancier we met expressed his intention to support Mr. Kuhn and the coming show in preference to all others, and to send a good entry.

Mr. Kuhn seemed highly pleased at the way the boys all received him, and says he was surprised to find everything in Boston so different from what had been represented to him, and feels very sorry that he did not have time to visit every loft and see every fancier in our vicinity. A great many birds were shown these gentlemen that they little thought ever existed. There are a number of good fanciers here who have good birds, but have never taken the trouble to show them; and I think, after having two of the leading lights in the pigeon world take the trouble to come to see their birds, they will wake up to the fact that those who have show specimens should not keep them at home when there is a chance given them to show at such a show as the A. P. C. are to give in Baltimore the last of November. I overheard two or three breeders, who have never shown at a large show, tell Mr. Kuhn they had decided to show with the A. P. C. for the first time, and by the way everything looks at present that this will be the grandest pigeon exhibit the country has ever known; and I think, if ever a club deserved to be well patronized, the A. P. C. is the one. Mr. Kuhn, as the president of that body of fanciers, will spare no pains or money to make every detail complete, and every one who knows Mr. Kuhn knows full well whenever he is back of an enterprise of this nature success is assured. After all Mr. Kuhn and Mr. Abel have done for our fanciers they should have the individual and combined support of every true and fair-minded lover of pigeons in America.

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I have just received, through the kindness of Mr. Walton, a fine picture of his cup-winning rosewing Tumbler. It was my good fortune to see this grand pigeon at the New York Show, and in comparing the bird with the picture I think the artist has hardly done him justice. The picture has a slightly coarse look, which I did not notice in the bird; and, if I remember rightly, he does not stand so straight as the artist would lead one to believe. Mr. Walton has shown that he appreciates a good bird by having him reproduced on paper in such an artistic manner. I shall have my picture framed, and hope those fanciers who have had photo-engravings of



their birds will have some printed in some such way as Mr. Walton, that we may have them in our picture gallery.

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At the request of Dr. Kendall, the secretary of the N. E. P. A., wrote to Mr. Buchanan, of Chicago, to ask if there was any way to have a class for Runts at the coming World's Fair Show, and I understand that it is too late to add classes, but that if Runts are entered in sufficient numbers suitable premiums will be given. This, of course, is better than no class at all, but, nevertheless, Runt fanciers will have to take their chances.

### WESTERN STRAWS.

BY C. J. TANNER.

Mr. J. H. Whitman, our old Chicago friend, had the misfortune to lose by thieves eight valuable birds, comprising Fantails, Tumblers and Swiss Pigeons, on the night of May 26th. He offered \$10 reward for the capture or any information of the thieves. If there is one thing more annoying than another it is to have our pets stolen, especially during the breeding season. Perhaps they have either eggs or young which would get cold and die. It is bad enough to lose a specimen by death, but to have them stolen from us is annoying beyond measure. Some bad boys have recently been depredating on some of the Louisville lofts, one fancier having several fine birds stolen, while another has lost some Homers and a very fine Dragon, imported bird. It is a difficult matter to do much with these youthful miscreants, even if one can get them convicted, being a difficult matter to prove that a pigeon has more value than twenty-five cents a pair (market price). Mr. Whitman writes as follows of the A. P. C.'s proposed exhibition:

"I think the A. P. C.'s idea of giving prizes to specialty clubs a good one, and if the Tumbler Club exhibits with it I will show twenty birds."

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Mr. C. J. S. Baron, our local friend of Fantail fame, writes he will show from fifteen to twenty birds, all Fans, at the American Pigeon Club's initial exhibition; and, in addition to this support, will offer six of his patent automatic drinking fountains (galvanized iron, price \$1.25 each,) as special

premiums, to be placed where the committee sees fit, except on Fantails. He also says: "When I sent in my name to become a member of the American Fantail Club I offered \$2 to assist in getting up a cash or cup special on best collection of colored Fans bred in '93 by a member of the club. Now, I will increase it to \$5, and further provide the same shall be contested for at the first grand show held by the American Pigeon Club."

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Mr. Fred. Sauer, of New Albany, Ind., is trying to close a deal on some of the very best Pouters to be had in the country; and these, added to his already well-known stud, will provide spirited competition for the Eastern crabs who meet them at the American Pigeon Club Show next fall. There are several good fanciers in New Albany who will undoubtedly exhibit when they are made familiar with the mode of transportation, we are going to try and arrange for the Western entry.

### THE MAGPIE CLUB.

As we wish to make this society popular, it was decided by myself and a few members to organize a special club. At present we have ten members, and letters have been sent to all to make their selection of president, first vice-president, second vice-president, secretary and treasurer from the following members: Robert Joos, A. M. Ingram, W. Ehinger, Samuel Rabbit, Henry Tiemann, Chas. Pollock, Geo. W. Spohn, Frank Erdelmeyer, Louis G. Muller, G. A. Fick. We invite others to join us in making the Magpie Club one of the best in the country. Twenty-five dollars has already been donated for cup or prizes.

G. A. FICK, Sec'y pro tem.

### POUTER CLUB.

As the Pouter is termed the king of pigeons, could not a club be formed for this valuable breed which is so well known to all fanciers? I am heartily in favor of this. If all fanciers of Pouters want one as well as I do a club would be formed at once. Let other breeders write and see what can be done.—F. D. FOGLESON.

A. P. C. Show—Nov. 30 to Dec. 5.

### VENTILATION.

BY NONDESCRIPT.

We clip the following from the Fanciers' Journal: "We publish in this issue a protest signed by Baltimore fanciers against the show to be held in the Monumental City by the American Pigeon Club. This is indeed a remarkable proceeding and plainly indicates that there is bad feeling between the American Columbarian Association and the above. This is indeed a lamentable state of affairs, and we hope wiser counsel will prevail and harmony be established between the two bodies."

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"The Fanciers' Journal has no desire to criticise the actions of organized bodies of fanciers as long as these are confined to the clubs themselves, but when the fraternity itself is affected by them it is time to call a halt. It is our candid opinion that all the misunderstandings are started by a few individuals, and we regret to say the latter do it in a covert manner. That the A. C. A. has been made a cat's-paw of in the past by designing members is patent to all who are acquainted with its history. It is doubtful whether the A. P. C. would ever have been started had the A. C. A. been more liberally advised, but when men simply seek to further their own selfish interests, instead of trying to formulate a broad, progressive policy the crack of doom is not far off."

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"The American Pigeon Club contains excellent timber and its members come closer to the requirements of true fanciers than in most bodies of that kind. The A. C. A. should recognize this, and instead of the knife should extend the hand of good-fellowship. Pigeon fanciers should be united into one grand fraternity, and there is only one way to do it—drop all selfish motives and work for the common good of all."

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From the foregoing, it seems there are other level-headed journalists besides the editor of the "only exclusive," gentlemen who recognize the oppressive measures brought to bear by the opposite gentry, and who have the nerve to call them at their game of bluff.



The A. C. A., though, should not bear the odium of all these insults, for under that banner is embraced both the good and bad; rather let her disengage herself from the contaminating influences of the few subtle intriguers, hold herself aloof, and thus avert her ruin, for as sure as light cometh after darkness, so sure will light dawn into the minds of the better and peaceable contingent, who will not forever submit tamely to the coercive measures imposed and the disgusting exhibitions of malicious enmity towards a body whose aim is the elevation of our fancy, and will sooner or later nauseate the better element and cause the withdrawal of their support.

The protest of the Baltimore Society stands unparalleled in the pigeon history of this country as an absurdly nonsensical move, and any man of common brains will at once recognize the futility of such a course.

Oh, no, my lads! You've reckoned without your host this time. The infant American Pigeon Club refuses to be thus strangled. Change your tactics and next time use more diplomacy. The more stones of this character you throw the more liable is your glass house to be broken by the rebound. Such blandishments of warfare only serve to turn the sympathy of the fancy to the oppressed, and since the publication of the protest against the show I have seen more letters of promises of an entry than ever before, and these from the very best fanciers, too; going to prove that, besides the sympathy of the press, the American Pigeon Club has also the sympathy of the *people*, and the *people* is what we want, for we propose to be the *people's party*. Our principles are as broad as the heavens, and, as I stated some time ago, "the will of the majority" will be the law of the A. P. C.

Referring again to the protest, they state that a *Western club* styled the A. P. C. Where *did* they get their information a *Western club*—how absurd! I, as an Eastern man, beg to protest against any such construction. If the American Pigeon Club is not a *national organization*, with as many interests East as West, then I wish to declare myself *non compos mentis*. Doesn't look like a *Western club*

would choose its secretary and also its treasurer from the extreme Eastern State of Maryland; yet we find Baltimore to be the home of these official appendages to the American Pigeon Club, and good men they are, too—gentlemen of stamina and unimpeachable integrity and possessing an unlimited quantity of executive ability.

Mr. Ryan's appointment to the position of secretary no doubt created sundry ripples of excitement. Bob was a dark horse to most of the boys, but I venture to assert, beyond a doubt, that he will in the near future shed plenty of *light* on the pathway of the new "still-born." The right man in the right place, I should say, and the spell of *apathy* is at an end.

That letter from our Western friend Gilbert should remove, beyond a shadow of doubt, any hostile impressions which had been formed of the American Pigeon Club—another link in the chain of oppression being forged by the contemptible opposition. They struck the wrong man, though, when they tackled Frank. Though generous to a fault and as kindly-natured as a woman, there is a mine of solidity and determination in this fancier's character that repels all shafts of coercion, and hereafter it will be generally understood that there is no such word as *must* embodied in Frank's dictionary. Many other fanciers were treated to the same kind of medicine, doubtless from the same source, and perhaps some of them have a better appreciation of such contemptible methods after reading Mr. Gilbert's experience. Such methods as these only serve to widen the breach and cement more strongly the adherents of our national organization.

If this is a free country, which I think it has been acknowledged to be, it is certainly the American Pigeon Club's privilege to give an exhibition when and where they please, as well as any other society which may see fit, and the absurdity of a protest against it, on the grounds that it is a *Western club* and trying to force a show against their wishes, is apparent to all. Their memories are certainly short. Have they forgotten the move which prompted such arrangements?

Against their will!! Why it was their own wishes and their unsolicited invitation which started the project. Had it not been for that, the society would undoubtedly have chosen another site, as Baltimore was not thought of until the invitation was extended. I will, however, state that the American Pigeon Club (this *Western club*) intended putting up its first exhibition in the *East*.

### THE OWL CLUB.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

In regard to the Owl Club, I would respectfully suggest that Mr. Klusmeyer make the following change in his nominations for same, should he see fit, viz.: That the executive committee be composed of Borden, Nagle, Ehinger, Cassedy and Lackman. I think the initiation fee should be \$1. I would like to hear from any of the members in regard to this, as we don't want to make it so high that it will keep out amateurs.

C. W. BUTTLES.

### AUSTRALIAN NEWS.

BY GEM.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

By the next trip of the "Australasian" Mr. A. J. H. Gray, son of the secretary of the New South Wales Poultry, Pigeon, Canary and Dog Society, expects a shipment of Swallows and Archangels. These varieties seem to be "catching on" here.

The annual meeting of the Summer Hill Homing Pigeon Society took place on April 7th. The club's finances are in a satisfactory state, having a balance of £2 15s. 6d. and assets to the value of £7 10s. and 200 conference rings. The receipts were £40 10s. 2d. and expenditures £37 14s. 8d. The longest fly of the season was won by Mr. A. J. Cooper's bird, from Cootamundra, 187 miles, and the fastest time was recorded by a bird belonging to Mr. Hassell, from Gunning, 125 miles (1580 yards per minute).

Conference rings have been imported by Mr. A. B. Stanfield for 1893, which are for disposal. Considering the great discussion there has been in America about the rings, it may be as well to state that two or three



different rings have been presented to the fancy here, but the English ring cannot be bettered.

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VICTORIA.

I hear of the yellow Jacobin hen that was imported by the S.S. "Damascus" having been sold to W. S. McKee, the price being the longest paid for a bird of this variety in the colonies.

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The pigeon fanciers here have had a successful breeding season and some "tip top" young birds are likely to be seen in the show pen this season.

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With the columbarian society's issue of 1600 rings to the pigeon fancy of the colonies it says more than words, and surely there is a good one above the average amongst them, or I'm much mistaken.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

This colony has, I hear, lost one of the most ardent fanciers and most energetic workers on their behalf in the person of Mr. W. Welch, who has returned to New South Wales. He will be a valuable acquisition to the pigeon ranks of that colony.

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Mr. E. W. Van Senden, the well-known fancier and breeder of Owls, etc., has left for England. It is quite on the cards that he will go to Chicago. I'm sure he will get a good reception if it's known he is coming.

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Homing is still carried on with zest here. Two new clubs in existence, viz., Semaphore and Port Pirie. One club (Glenelg) is *non est*, and the Excelsior and Adelaide Clubs have amalgamated. Birds are still being received from New South Wales and others are expected from Belgium.

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The breeding season has been poor here as far as quantity is concerned, but the quality is better than the average, Nuns and Dragons being especially good.

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The Homing season proper was opened by the South Australian Homing Club on April 1. The weather was unfavorable and the young birds made very poor time. The "Deutschers" made a weak display, but will no doubt recompense for this later on.

As a trial of whether the Sydney-bred birds were as good as they are represented by some fanciers to be, M. C. Tonkin, of the South Australian Homing Club, sent one of the Sydney birds for thirty miles the first fly. He homed in good time and high jinks was noticeable about the owner's residence that night.

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QUEENSLAND.

A fairly good breeding season has been experienced here and some good birds are about. The Queensland Society are revising their schedule, and an increase of prize money is promised. Many birds have been received from Victoria and New South Wales, and something above the average should be brought out to do battle for their owners. I expect they will be exhibiting in the sister colonies before another season is over.

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THE ENGLISH TURBIT.

[The following essay, taken from the Feathered World, was delivered by Mr. C. W. Sinnette, of New Wandsworth, S. W., before the members of the South Metropolitan Fanciers' Association, at the Bedford Hall, Clapham Road, S. W., Eng., recently.]

At the request of the committee it is my pleasant task to address you this evening. The kind way in which my last essay on "The English Turbit" was received is still green in my memory, and has stimulated me to further efforts. The origin of the word Turbit is a matter of much speculation with our French neighbors; it has always been known as the Pigeon Cravate, on account of its frill, whilst amongst Dutch fanciers it is called the Cortbeke, or the Short-beaked. The Turbit has been claimed by some writers to be one of the most distinct breeders of fancy pigeons; but, for my part, I do consider that it can lay more claim to that distinction than any other of the fancy varieties.

I am strongly of opinion that the English Turbit was originally bred in the East, from whence we received the other varieties of frilled pigeons; but when, and by whom they were first introduced is unknown. It is sufficient for us to know that the Turbit has been settled long enough in these islands for home-fanciers to name it "The English Turbit." Whilst living on the Continent I had many opportunities of comparing the birds found there with British-bred

Turbits, and I have no hesitation in stating that, taken generally, they will not stand comparison with ours. The impression left on my mind by the foreign Turbits was that they bore a great resemblance to those which we bred some thirty years ago. These were quite "boaty" in appearance, had scarcely any gullet, and head long and thin. Of course some good birds are to be found on the Continent, but all, or nearly all, were bred in this country, or from birds sent from here. The English Turbit has improved wonderfully in body structure during the past few years, and to win nowadays it should possess a "cobby" build, combined with a good thick, short beak, well set in a round skull; good peak and frill, sprightly carriage and good body color. Of course it is but very rarely that we see a bird possessing all these desirable properties, but we are gradually drawing nearer and nearer to our ideal. The Oriental Turbit cross has been much used by English fanciers to give that desirable shape of head so much sought after, but the use of this latter bird in the breeding-pen leaves a legacy behind in the shape of a dark tail, and since it takes much time and patience to breed out the dark tail, and such good-headed birds are now to be found amongst us, I should advise the disuse of the Oriental Turbit, especially by young fanciers. Turbits are fairly prolific, and are sufficiently hardy to stand the rigor of our trying climate.

The essentials of a Turbit loft, or aviary, are—cleanliness, freedom from damp, good ventilation, and no draughts. It is useless to put birds in a loft where they cannot enjoy these essentials. Damp and draughts will soon bring on roup and its kindred ailments; and dirt and vermin will run any stock so far as their health and intrinsic worth are concerned, and this is especially so with Turbits.

[ TO BE CONTINUED.]

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STRAY HOMER.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

TALLY, VA., May, 31, 1893.

One of my neighbors a few days ago captured a Homing pigeon labelled "C. H. C., 45-16." Please assist me to find the address of the owner.

JNO. J. ROBERTS.



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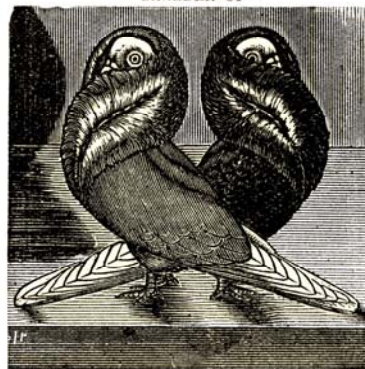
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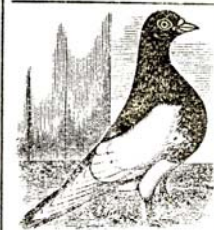
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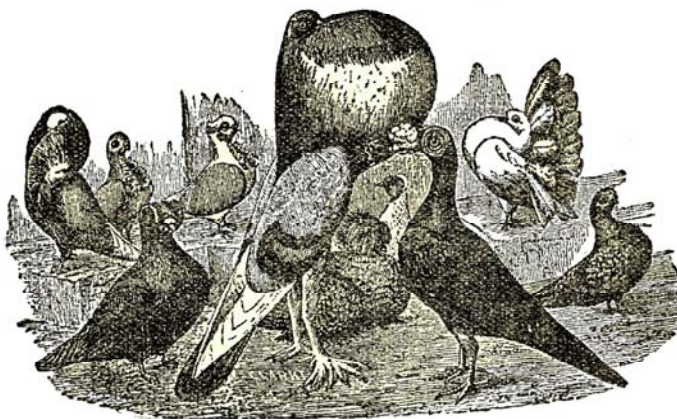
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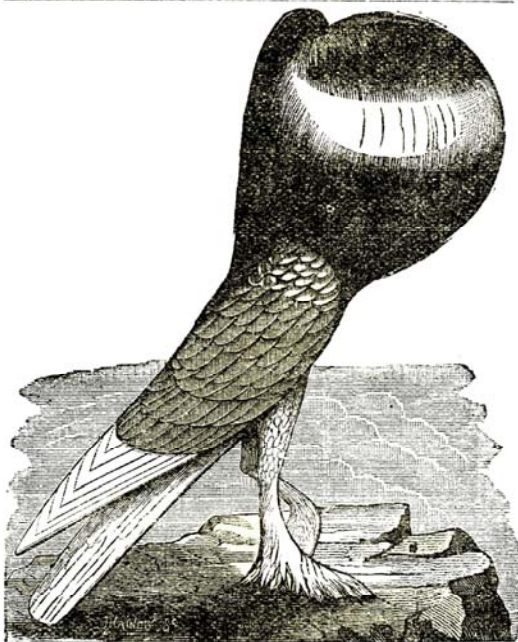
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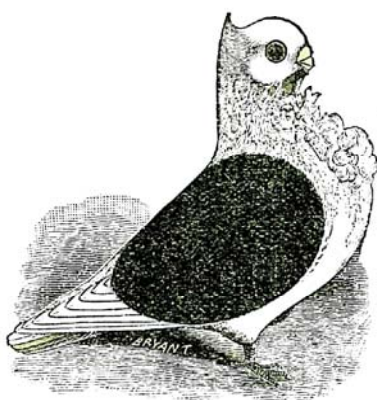
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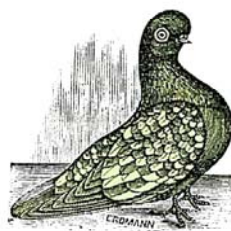
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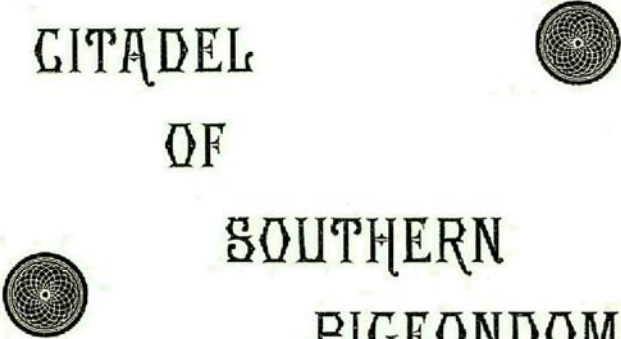


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