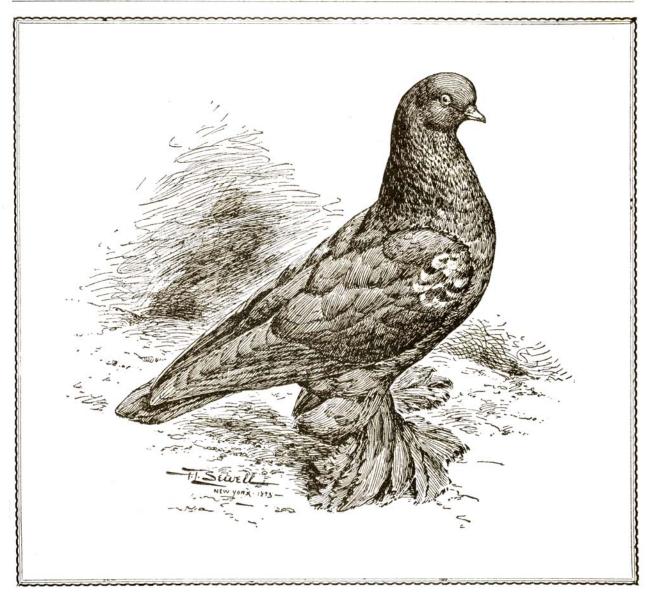


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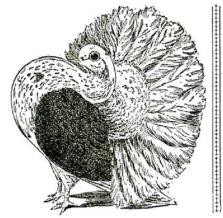
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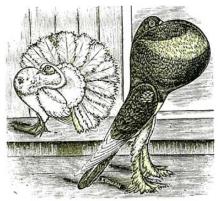
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PIGEONS.—First grand exclusively pigeon show of the American Pigeon Club, to be held at Baltimore, Md., November 30th to December 5th, 1893, inclusive.

EDITORIALS.

Our Portrait .- We take pleasure in presenting to our readers, through the kindness of Mr. F. S. Walton, the honored secretary and treasurer of the American Tumbler Club, the red rosewing muffed Tumbler cock winner of first, special and cup at Philadelphia and New York this year. This is beyond a doubt the best rosewing muffed Tumbler in America to-The artist, in delineating the bird, gave it an unpigeon-like feathering, and if the head and feet were removed any one would take the body to be that of some chicken. It is to be regretted we have no pigeon fancier in America who has the talent of delineating pigeons equal to Mr. Sewell's delineation of poultry. Many artists are of the opinion that a feather is a feather, but in this they are much mistaken, for the feather of a pigeon is as unlike that of a fowl as a pigeon is unlike a chicken.. Mr. Walton is to be complimented upon being the possessor of such a grand Tumbler, and we hope to see some of its progeny in the show rooms this coming season equally as good as their sire.

Year-old Barb classes at leading shows seems to be the desire of the Barb fanciers of the country, at least those fanciers who have been exhibiting their birds the past few years. That such a class would be of great benefit to the fancy we have not the slightest doubt, but we are positive it would not pay the show management. How to have such a class, and still not help to bankrupt the

show is the question at issue, and after a deal of study we have come to the conclusion that the only way to have the class and not entail any loss on those giving the show is for the fanciers of Barbs to be given a class for yearold birds and the best bird in the class be given, say, fifty per cent. of the entrance fees (after deducting, say, ten per cent. for the show management), thirty to the second and twenty to third bird. This is the only way we can see that will be equally fair to both the exhibitor and the management. In the past, shows have been entirely run on a plan to please everybody with the result that nearly all have been los-The sooner show ing ventures. promoters come to their senses and realize that to please all is to deplete the exchequer, the sooner will the fancy be benefited and the sooner will our shows be made solid paying enterprises, and the the opinion that the fault lies sooner, also, will exhibitors be assured that when they send a bird to a show the prize money are for the success of the Ameriwill accompany it on its return can Pigeon Club Show. In comhome. We know from experience that if you ask these everlasting aspirants for unlimited classification how many birds they will show in their variety they will invariably reply that if they have luck they might enter about three or four birds, or perhaps five or six, and invariably they are the only fanciers who have that variety. We remember, several years ago, a certain fancier wrote the secretary of a certain show that if his club would make a class for his variety he would enter enough birds, alone, to pay the premiums. The class was made, the show was held and the gentleman made just four entries at one dollar each and carried off \$12, a loss to the club of \$8, be-

ing, hall rent and other incidental expenses arising from the holding of shows. We advise all clubs holding shows to cut down their classification on many of the varieties shown in limited numbers until such time when the varieties are shown in sufficient numbers to give them proper classes.

Upon our recent trip with Mr. John H. Kuhn we made the acquaintance of many fanciers we have often read about but never have had the pleasure of meeting and at the same time renewed old friendships. We called on a great many of the fanciers, and to say we were highly delighted with our intercourse with them is but giving each and every one his just dues. All, to a man, regret there is so much bad feeling among the fanciers, but the majority, by a big margin, are of with a few disturbing elements of the A. C. A., and their wishes pany with Mr. Kuhn we called upon F. S. Walton, J. H. Drevenstead and Ed, Vahle, of Philadelphia; A. B. Hoskins, Glen Riddle: W. Harry Orr and F. A. Schofer, Reading; Geo. Eckert and Wm. Lentz, Allentown, Pa; Wm. Kraft and Oscar Seifert (unfortunately, we did not see Mr. Seifert, as he was in Chicago attending the World's Fair), H. V. Crawford, Montclair, N. J.; Hugh Clements and W. J. Stanton, New York, N. Y; E. J. Campbell, Centredale, R. I.; C. E. Twombly, Jas. Ferguson and T. Latimor, Jamaica Plain; Geo. Feather, Dorchester; W. D. Kendall, Atlantic; Alex. Ingram and Charles Ford, Quincy Adams; W. B. Atherton, Boston; N. T. Blake and H. John-

Brookline, Mass, We also met Mr. Pratt at the N. E. P. A. room, where we spent an agreeable time, In our next issue we expect to present to our readers a full account of the trip from the pen of Mr. Jonn H. Kuhn.

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IT STILL GOES.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

I have received a number of very pleasant letters commending my stand as taken in your issue of June 9th. One of my friends suggests that I must have been "red-hot." is not the term at all. It is best expressed by the two letters "p g," which everybody knows stand for the old Greek phrase "pot-gutted." I believe the phrase is obsolete now, but it still expresses a great deal.

In my opinion, what is needed now is a little of the "every-tub-on-itsown bottom" feeling. Things have come to such a pass that a fancier is afraid to spit out of his loft-window, for fear some critical fancier in Kalamazoo might aver that it is against the code of fanciers to ever spit within forty yards of a loft. If he ventures, in a nervous and hesitating way, the belief that it helps fertility to trim a hen's tail, he is in danger of being denounced as a traitor in the camp. It has reached such a pitch that a fancier can't do what he pleases with his own birds, but must do what a lot of fanciers-the majority of whom he never saw-tell him he must do. That is why I have thrown off all the shackles and propose to do in the future as I please. It must not be understood that I do not appreciate the warm friendship that has been so freely extended to me by the fanciers. No! a thousand times no! For the yearly meetings sides the use of the cages, feed-son, Wyoming; C. F. Haven, with the boys are the pleasantest times I have, and there is not a favor one of them could ask that I would not do, if in my power; but what I object to is the spirit of dictation that seems to rule just now and the prevalence of threats of every kind. A man can lead me ten miles, but he can't drive me an inch, unless he is a great deal better man than I am. I am just a little bit tired of being told that I must do so and so, or all the fanciers would be "down on me," and I must not say so and so or somebody wouldn't like it, and I must help this party with a certain point and sit down on another party to keep them from making a certain other point. In other words, I don't like having forty guardians over me all the time. I can run my paper and get a fair share of this world's goods and keep out of debt, and really feel that I can raise a few pitiful pairs of little pigeons without calling in the whole fraternity to aid me.

Yet, if I don't run things to suit my self-appointed guardians I am going to be read out of the fancy. Now I submit the belief that if to be in the fancy it is necessary to have to swallow such doses, a man can better retain his self-respect if he does as he pleases and lets the fanciers who don't happen to like him go to the devil. At any rate, that is the way I feel. I don't claim to be any better than anybody else, nor any worse. I don't think I know it all, but what I do think I am not afraid to say. If I am wrong I am no worse than lots of good men, for I never saw a man yet who had angel wings sprouting on his back. All I ask is to be allowed to exercise that good old American right of living in a free country and doing as I please, and when that is said all is said.

As I spoke of the many pleasant letters I received, I see no harm in producing one from an old and true fanciers, which it did me a great deal of good to peruse. He says:

F. M. Gilbert, Evansville, Ind.

DEAR SIR-With much pleasure I have read many of your communications in the several papers devoted to the pigeon fancy, but none have struck the key-note so effectually, in my opinion, as the last article published in THE FANCIER, and I quite agree with you in everything you say in regard to this continual wrangling It certainly takes and fighting. much pleasure from our hobby and is not instructive, but decidedly disagreeable.

a very decided line drawn between the fancier who is in it for pleasure and the one who is in it for profit. This is a combination that will never assimulate, in my opinion. The jeal-ousies that arise between such are only equalled by a church choir with two prima donnas, and this no doubt is, after all, the starting point of the many quarrels we hear among the Thanking you again for allowing me the opportunity of reading some of your straightforward sentiments, I remain, sir, yours faithfully,
F. M. GILBERT.

PIGEON SHOWS.

Already the question of pigeon shows the coming fall is being agitated, and Baltimore seems to be the point selected both by the A. C. A. and the A. P. C., both being early in the field with liberal prizes, one for individual specimens, the other for the purpose of drawing out a good number of exhibits from specialty clubs. The latter seems to me to be the most desirable and of the greatest advantage to the majority of fanciers, as it makes it advantageous to clubs to make a large number of entries, as by so doing they secure to the club cash which will allow the offering of special prizes without assessing the members for funds with which to pay them. The Tumbler Club could no doubt show 150 firstclass specimens in the different classes, provided splashes were in cluded in the classification, as there is no doubt a much larger number of handsomely splashed birds would be exhibited than there would be in some of the other varieties. This would give the club \$75, which, with the annual dues of the members, would go far toward making a fund from which to pay prizes. such are offered, each member should pledge himself as to the number of entries he will make by notifying the secretary, who would then know the exact amount of funds he would have to pay prizes.

Although the Tumbler Club is not a large one, I believe it is composed of members who are desirous of making it a success, demonstrating that the Tumbler family comprises some of the most beautifully marked birds that are to be seen at shows, aside from their interesting acrobatic feats, which make them a desirable acquisition to any fancier's loft. As the Tumbler Club has not as yet agreed There certainly should be on any standard, old birds should be know just how the birds are coming

judged under the present American standard, which breeders have been trying to conform to in mating their stock, having for years been trying to get specimens that would be win ners under its provisions. It hardly seems fair that the time and money spent to secure this object should be entirely ignored. In the forming of a new standard, it should apply only to birds bred in 1893 and thereafter. Unless the Tumbler Club agrees upon some standard, breeders will be at a loss to know, outside of forma tion, what particular markings will be required to be a prize winner. This should be settled before the fall shows are given, or it may largely detract from the number of entries. Another important point is, if two birds are equal in all respects except leg feathering, one having plain legs, the other grouse or heavily muffed, on what authority will the judge decide which is entitled to a prize, if one is offered, say, for splashed or mottled Tumblers? These matters should be fully understood, as on it depends the number of entries, from which largely comes the cash to defray expenses and pay prizes.

Now if the A. C. A. and A. P. C. could join hands in harmonious action there are enough fanciers to give the pigeon fancy a big boom. Cannot this be done, and the bad feelings that have appeared to exist between fanciers be done away with? I fear that the allowing of articles not tending to produce the best of feelings to appear in our pigeon papers has much to do with it.

J. H. WHITMAN.

92 BARB CLASSES.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

To say that I was greatly pleased with Mr. Newell's proposition in THE FANCIER of June 9 gives only a faint idea of the delight with which I read what, he had to say. If some leading organization can be persuaded to give classes for Barbs bred in 1892 at next winter's show it will be the beginning of a new era in the Barb fancy of this country and prove a novel and interesting feature of the show. Barb fanciers will be given an opportunity to compare their birds between infancy and adult age, for each of which there are already classes. They will

on in their development, and fanciers of other varieties will be attracted to this high-class pigeon, because of the broader field that is open to it. Mr. Newell promises to enter two cocks and two hens, bred in 1892, at New York or Baltimore, and proposes that Dr. White and I shall each do the same, so that the classes may surely be filled. Mr. Newell's proposition is an excellent one. Unfortunately, my stock is limited, and I could only enter one hen, although I would enter my share of cock birds. Mr. Newell will enter four Barbs, bred in 1892. I promise to enter at least three, and may be able to make it four. Now, I hope we will hear from Dr. White, Mr. Fick, Mr. Tiemann and others, so that the classes for one year old Barbs will become an assured fact. Right here, Mr. Editor, give us a lift by saving your say in this matter of a new class for Barbs.

J. S. RITTENHOUSE.

PIGEON ITEMS AROUND BOSTON.

BY OUR BOSTON CORRESPONDENT.

The recent visit of Mr. John H. Kuhn to Boston has already shown its effect upon the fanciers of this sity. Every one has been enthused with a desire to breed some fine ones to compete in the young classes at the coming American Pigeon Club Show, and if there is not a few winners at that show which were bred in his vicinity I shall miss my guess. Since there is to be so many classes given to young birds there is a rush or 1893 rings, and it is a pity the boys have to use rings on their muff ed varieties which are not suitable, owing to the mistake of the N. E. P. A. in ordering the wrong kind the first of the season. I have been told there is to be an American ring on the market next year that will have the register number, as will as date, and will be enameled and of the proper width and size, at a much less cost than the present ring.

The American Pigeon Club Show could not possibly come on a better date, for every one can have their birds in better condition then than two months later. They will be all through the mould and 1893 bred have never seen. There are about Salt Lake City, two pairs; to Fred birds that are hatched not later forty of this variety in one loft by Weiss, Evansville, one pair. All from

varieties, the youngsters who have just taken on their second feathers, will stand a lot of beating from older specimens.

The coming American Pigeon Club Show is to be run on strictly business principles, and every exhibitor will be paid his winning, either in hand or by check, on the last day of the show. Mr. Kuhn, the President of the club, has made up his mind to this, and will see to it that it is done, and that every detail pertaining to the show will be open and above

The classification will be liberal, and there is to be three money premiums given. With such inducements as these every fancier in America who has birds to show should make a good entry. Those having birds for sale cannot possibly find a better way to advertise their stock, and for every premium won they will get far greater returns than the amount of the remium money. Last season I entered a few birds at one of the big shows and had the good fortune to win a few premiums, and the result was I had calls from all over the country and sold more birds than I really intended to dispose of. It is shows that will advertise our stock, and all should take advantage of such a grand opportunity as will be held forth by the first show given by the American Pigeon Club.

I have never had an opportunity to visit the lofts of the Messrs. Blake and Johnson until one day last week. I had some idea of the quality of the birds in these lofts, but little did I expect to find so many fine ones. They keep mostly Oriental Frills and long muffed Tumblers. The Orientals are the finest I have ever seen; and I think, as a collection, they stand at the head of anything in the country. The Satinettes are especially grand in head points. They were not started breeding until very late, and there are very few young as yet, but in another month there ought to be a good number, as most of the old ones are on their first round of eggs. Mr. Johnson has most of the Blondinetts at his loft, and a handsomer sight I than July will be in fine show themselves. They were all imported imported prize winners.

form, with a little care. In some direct from one of the most prominent Oriental breeders on the other side. In the Tumbler loft of Mr. Blake I saw some of the longest muffed, self colored blues that have ever been bred in this part of the country. I thought I had seen long muffs on Tumblers, but I never saw anything like these. They show good color, and if they live will make some one hustle at the American Pigeon Club Show. Mr. Blake intends that they shall be there. Had I known what a treat I should find at the lofts of these two gentlemen fanciers I could never have stayed away so long and shall visit them again before many months, for I am interested to see some of the get from some of these Orientals.

> *** Mr. Robert Stowell, of Lowell, was on a visit to Boston last week and attended the meeting of the N. E. P. A. Robert reports things as lovely in Lowell, but says he is not breeding a great many youngsters this season. His business is such as to keep him away from most of the meetings, but he will be sure to attend the annual, which takes place July 5th.

> *** Mr. Pratt, of Quincy, reports fine luck with his Fans so far this season. He has made a specialty of white Fans for a number of years, and has got together a collection to be proud of. Somehow there are very few Fan breeders around Boston and good birds are really scarce.

> Mr. T. Latimar has just received another importation of Tumblers and a few more Turbits for Charlie Ford. Among the Tumblers was a fine pair of yellow saddles, very long booted and rich color, having yellow rumps and tails. These are quite rare and should be worth a long price to a Tumbler fancier. They will be seen at the shows next fall.

TRANSFERS.

From F. M. Gilbert breeder of the peerless strain of white Fans: To Chas. T. Lester, Creston, Iowa, one pair; to J. H. Whitman, Chicago, one cock; to Fred Robinson, Indianapolis, two pairs; to Shirley Webber,

SOME TIPPLER TALK.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

I often think it would be better if we could have more "pigeon" and less "man" in The Fancier. Now I have just received a letter from a Tippler fancier that I think would be very interesting reading for the average pigeon fancier, so I inclose it with his permission.—CHAS. L. LANG.

Dr. C. L. Lang, Meridian, N. Y .:

DEAR SIR-Yours of the 7th inst. to hand. In regards to what is a Tippler, they are nothing like the pigeon which you describe as a 'flight," neither do they belong to the same family as badges, saddles. etc. They resemble the old-fashion parlor or inside Tumbler more than anything else in shape. They are what might be termed medium-faced birds, with strong, black beaks and pearl eyes. They include many colors. Some have light bodies, ticked more or less with tortoise-shell feathers; tails and flights are dark. Some are very pretty; in fact, I don't think there is anything handsomer than a nicely printed Tippler pigeon. What I mean by printed is they are very nicely mottled on head, neck and breast with tortoise shell feathers, dark flights and tail, the rest of the body being much lighter. I have them in all shades, from the very light to the very dark tortoise-shell. The color don't amount to anything. They are bred for flying only; the longer they fly the more they are prized.

It is impossible to state the origin of this breed of bird. They have been breeding and improving them for over sixty years in England; there is nothing to equal them for long and high flying. From early morning until late in the evening is very often accomplished in a single flight. birds are all bred from record birds of from twelve up to fifteen hours. I have flown them in this country over eleven hours and a quarter. They are very expensive birds to buy, but they very soon pay for themselves, as they are splendid breeders and feeders. In regards to making them fly when breeding, it is best to let either all cocks out together or else all hens. By doing so there is always one of a pair in the coop to look after the young or eggs while the other is flying. You would have to let the Tipplers out by themselves; your Tumblers could not begin to fly with

them. The difference between Tipplers and Tumblers in flying is Tipplers fly very slow and never, or very seldom, tumble. When I see any of mine play that trick on me I always kill them, for I would not keep a bird that would tumble. They need very little encouragement to make them fly; you do not have to drive them, like other birds. While Tumblers-well, the d--l bimself could not keep them up after the first hour or so.

Just to show you what Tipplers will do I will let you know how I start my young birds. I am now training six youngsters; they are about eight weeks old, and I have only had them on the wing four or five times. The first time on wing they scattered in every direction; sec ond time they flew very nicely for about forty-five minutes; third time on wing they doubled their time to one hour and thirty minutes, and the fourth time on wing they again doubled their time to three hours. Fifth time on wing they were let out last Wednesday morning about fifteen minutes to six, and they again more than doubled their time, not drop ping until after twelve o'clock noon, over six hours. I shall try the same six birds this coming Sunday, and if the weather is favorable they will be put out at six A.M. for their record trial as youngsters at nine weeks old. After that my next lot of youngsters will be about ready to go through the same routine. All birds not up to the mark or that show any bad faults, such as trying to tumble or lagging, find their way into the pot. It is the only way you can keep them up to the mark. I think that you will now understand why I would not keep Tumblers. My hobby is long and high flying only. If you think of advise you to get the best.

I have held this letter over till Sunday. June 11, so as to let you know how the birds made out on their fly for a record. The six youngsters were let out at six A.M. and they made a grand start, but the fly proved a failure on account of the heat, which was very oppressive. The youngsters proved themselves very game by flying until they were about ready to drop, which they did at 11.10 A.M., five hours and ten minutes' mouths wide open, panting for breath. Will try them again. wide open, panting for

R. GRIMSHAW.

THIS SQUABBLING.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

Writing this letter may be time thrown away, but I hope it is not, and will ahead anyway and tell you how all this personal matter and squabbling, over what seems to be nothing, affected me, as one who has a weak place in his make-up for pigeons and who sees his way clear to keep a loft in the near future.

Eighteen months ago I subscribed to THE FANCIER, about which time there was an argument published in your columns about what band should be used. Very good. There was basis for argument in that case, and it was satisfactorily settled; then the Owl Club was proposed and I offered to join, being very much interested. Then came column after column of very poor reading. I say this in all due respect to THE FANCIERone man blackguarding another and getting a wordy lashing in return, which was all very good sport, maybe, for those concerned, but I just said to myself: Suppose I start a loft, I want good birds, which will cost me good money. If I have good birds I want to show them and try for my share of prizes. Now if I must get mixed up with such an outfit as these chaps seem to be, what guarantee have I that I will be fairly treated, or even my birds that I value being decently taken care of while in their hands at a show. So I got disgusted and concluded to keep my money and get interested in dogs or some other hobby.

Now I see that a few fanciers are beginning to openly kick over the traces, as I am convinced they have done privately for some time, and, as I see a reaction set in, my interest in the pigeon world begins to flame up getting in this class of birds I would again. I fail to see why I am not a fair sample of a beginner in the fancy. if I am, and others feel as I do about what they read. I will say that the pigeon literature of the last few months, if it continues in the same strain, will do more harm to the fancy than good. I am not shooting at THE FANCIER, but at the fellows who write the articles, and, if I may be allowed, will shoot in the name of the great army of beginners. I congratulate the few fanciers who have come out as they have in the last few weeks, and sincerely hope they will write many articles for THE FANCIER and continue to show their good sense by keeping out of arguments until something turns up worth arguing about. Then let them say what they have to say in a way that will make men in the position that I am feel that the pigeon fancy is worth going into.—E. S. BORDEN.

PIGEON ITEMS AROUND LOWELL.

BY R. L. WHEELER.

Among the fanciers here having the largest number and best quality of fancy pigeons may be mentioned the Messrs. Drewett, Stowell, Willetts, Noyes, Stevens, Brown, Heap and others.

Mr. S. Drewett's loft is a long building at the end of his house, divided into two parts, with a large screen pen on the sunny side, which is also divided into parts. There is a small room overhead, where he keeps his odd birds. Mr. Drewett breeds most all the varieties and has three or four hundred birds in all. He likes Helmets and has quite a number of all colors, both smooth-head and crested.

Mr. Robert Stowell breeds nothing but Owls, of all varieties and colors. His loft is a small shed on top of his house, and he gives all his birds their liberty. One of his red cocks, especially, has a fine head, beak and gullet, but is somewhat light in color. In the Chinese variety he has some fine specimens. He has about fifty birds in all.

Mr. Thomas J. Willetts has muffleg Tumblers, some of which he imported. I have never called upon him, but hope to before long, as I hear his Tumblers are first-class.

Mr. E. B. Noyes has had Tumblers, Homers, Turbits and Owls for a number of years, but I think his enthusiasm has somewhat died out of late, as I haven't heard of his doing much lately. I have written to him to call and visited his house one evening not long ago, but have failed to see him. His loft is situated in the front part of his barn, upstairs, separated from the rest by netting. Last summer he had about seventy-five birds.

Mr. Albert W. Stevens has Tumblers and white Fantails for his spec-

ialty. His Tumblers consist of both inside and outside, in smooth-leg and booted, solids and mottles. He has had baldheads, badges and saddles, but has none now. He has a screen pen in front of his loft, but allows his birds full liberty. He has about twenty-five birds and intends breed ing nothing but yellow booted Tumblers and white crested Fans next year.

Mr. Charles W. Brown has screened off one end of his cellar for a pigeon loft. Some of your readers will very likely smile at this and think it is not a very good place for pigeons, but Mr. Brown's floor is about four feet from the ground, and he has two windows in the pen, from one of which the birds go out into a large screen cage. This screen cage is on the south side, so that the pigeons have plenty of sun and air. The loft is occupied by Pouters and white Fantails. Mr. Brown believes in getting good stock at the start, so no doubt he will succeed in the fancy. He intends to keep about twenty-five birds.

Mr. Walter Heap is a fancier of Homers, of which breed he has about twenty birds in all. These are mostly bred from imported stock, and he has some of the imported ones now. His loft is a small house about six feet square and ten feet high. Mr. Heap was a member of the Lowell Homing Club, since disbanded. He informed me that in all probability a new homing club would be started here this fall.

Besides the fanciers mentioned, there are a large number, mostly boys, who keep Tumblers, Homers and a few fancy pigeons. At the time Mr. E. A. Hurd was living here pigeons were on the boom, but since he left the interest has somewhat lessened. The past winter quite a number of fancy pigeons were sent for out of town by parties here, so that the demand for a better quality of s.ock has struck the amateur fanciers of Lowell.

HOMER LOST.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

A Homer, banded 1030, left my loft Monday afternoon for parts unknown. J. S. HEISER.

A. P. C. SHOW.

The encouragement we have received for this, our initial show, far exceeds our expectations, and from the present outlook will surpass any exclusive pigeon show ever held in this country. Not only have we the promise of large entries from most of the prominent fanciers, but a large per centage of the specialty clubs will also meet with us, as the liberal cash prizes offered them will and should induce them to accept the opportunity of placing in their treasury a

placing in their treasury a fund sufficiently large to offer cups or specials on their specialty. Never has such liberal cash prizes and classifications been offered the pigeon fanciers as will be offered by the American Pigeon Club at their exhibition of November 30 to December 5, inclusive. We have used all honorable means to bring about a reconciliation with the opponents of our show, without success, and only regret their mistake in being so blinded by prejudice as to reject the grandest opportunity ever presented to exhibit their birds under judges who stand without a paralell in this or any other country, and to win under their decision will give the fortunate specimen a precedence not to be even rivaled by the Crystal Palace awards. We hope the blinded God Jealousy will vanish and that wiser and more sober-minded fanciers will over-rule the imaginary wronged. Should they continue to refuse to receive the light so generously and freely offered. they will never regret it but once, and that will be forever. And after the doors of this great American Pigeon Club Show are closed the poverty of words will be the cause of being unable to express their chagrin. Any information will be cheerfully given inquirers, if desired, before the premium lists are furnished.

R. S. RYAN, Sec'y. A. P. C. 1704 Bolton street, Baltimore, Md.

PIGEONS GO FISHING.

The use of Homing pigeons on the lakes is being successfully inaugurated by the Fairport (Ohio) Fishing Company. Two pigeons are sent out with each boat going to lift nets. As soon as the nets are in, one bird is sent ashore with information as to the quantity and variety of the catch, which can then be wired to market

men. The second pigeon is to be liberated only in case of accident to the boat, when it will be sent ashore with a message stating the trouble and the location of the boat.

REPLY TO "OBSERVER."

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

Some one purporting to be a member of the New England Pigeon Association, under the above nom de plume, has been making statements, through the columns of your paper, which are false from beginning to end, and, that the general public may more fully understand a few things they have read of late, I wish, as the secretary of that club, to state that his accusations are utterly without foundation and that, other than what I have read of this writer's raviugs, I have yet to hear of any disturbance of the nature he suggests within the ranks of the association. It is very evident that the author of these false insinuations is a sorehead, and I wish to warn the readers of THE FANCIER against taking too much stock in a man who personally attacks others and is ashamed to sign his name.

That the New England Pigeon Association has been run by a ring I deny, and the records are open to show that everything done by the club during the year I have acted as its secretary has been duly moved and seconded at a regular meeting. when there has been a fair attendance, and has been put by the chairman in the proper manner. Now I would ask any fair-minded man of common sense, does this look like a ring? I have tried to treat every member impartially, and if I have been led by a ring I have been totally ignorant of the fact. It has been, and is, my desire to see the pigeon interests prosper in Boston, and hope this writer, whoever he may be, will soon see that he is doing the fancy here more harm than good by his misrepresentations.

C. E. TWOMBLY.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

Again replying to "Observer, and this time finally. Don't feel "blue," old man. Whatever "spirit" has been shown by me, at least was entirely due to your original article. I agree

boys interested, etc., etc., and why not try it on yourself? Why do you pick out Mr. Twombly and myself as the ones who should do it all? Is it because, as the records will show, we have made about all the motions that have been made at the meetings, and the present condition of the club is largely due to our efforts? Perhaps this is the reason that you claim there is a "ring." I can see no other. It amuses me to see how thoroughly you understand the duties of a correspondent. Considering that his remarks are immaterial to you, you seem to take a very lively interest in

I don't know that I was particularly anxious to show that your phraseology was in error. I simply wanted to call your attention to the fact that Lawrence was not particularly near at hand, and that the expense and trouble of going there might possibly stand in the way of frequent visits, not but that a pleasant time is always to be had after a visit. Then again, don't you think the fanciers in general have heard pretty often about the Lawrence lofts and know pretty well what they contain? As to the cost of gas in Brookline, let me say that since reading your two valuable articles that are such good examples of what you request others to do, I have made arrangements to have the supply shut off, feeling that the two above mentioned articles will furnish ample light for the winter. It is quite possible that my grammar was incorrect. I don't claim to be perfect, you know. I think, however, that if you will read the paragraph over carefully you will find the error (?) more entirely due to your own carelessness. You evidently misinterpreted my meaning.

I had no desire to "intimidate" you, and if I did not make my requests in a gentlemanly manner it was from no desire to have them appear otherwise, and I have no desire to disprove your statements. You have already done that yourself. When a man makes statements and refuses to sign his name to them I don't think it at all necessary to keep up the argument. His word may be good, but I think the majority of his readers will have just a little doubt on the subject. Some things you don't have to say. As to the "ring"

"Not in the ring." Your remark that I said the association was run by a "ring" is too absurd to require comment. Your next sentence shows what you intended to imply.

Am glad you believe in giving accounts of your visits, etc., etc., and hope that you will do so often. should no doubt be much interested in them, especially if you should get over your bashfulness (?) enough to sign your own name to them. I don't suppose, however, that you could very well send in your article without giving some one a rap, and that being the case, you would probably resort to that most commendable practice, of "stabbing in the dark," as it were.

Quite likely Mr. Twombly's remarks re. resignations were based on his records. However, all I have to say re, this is that as far as I know there have been no resignations resulting from dissatisfaction with the management. Thanks for your reference to my "eloquence." Perhaps you think that all Mr. Twombly's writings are the result of conferences with me. No. sir. I'm not stuck enough on writing, and had it not been for you my "eloquence would still have been unknown. Oh, yes; I've known people to lose their tempers, and for the benefit of those who need to be told a thing with the hatchet-blow accompaniment. (I have seen such in the fancy.) I would say that my first article in reply to yours was not because I was tickled to death over what you had written. In fact, I will even admit that I was just a little disgusted at what you had said; for, as was evident to all, it was your desire to give the association a black eye, and I am perfectly honest when I say that I knew of no such feeling as you said existed. As I have said before, there have been no "jars" at the meetings, and I have yet to hear any open complaint. Of course I know that you and Hickey have made some very pleasant remarks, "under cover;" but even you two don't seem to be willing to make them openly. This being the case, where is the remedy? Your closing sentence is "a beaut." Poor fellows. One would infer from your remarks that our enemies were numerous, and yet they, with their large experience are willing to take a "back seat" in business, I would call your attention favor of two novices. Verily, "you with you entirely as to keeping the to the heading of your first article: people" are "dead game sports."

You are just a little "twisted" as to the length of time I have kept pigeons; have always had them; but your statement is practically correct, however, as my "experience" really does only date from about three years ago. Since that time I have met many fanciers; learned considerable from them; have always been glad to tell what little I have learned from experience and otherwise, and as far as I know, or have ever heard, (from any one but you) have done no "blowing." Your remark that you will not be a party to a newspaper controversy is the most sensible one I have yet read from your pen, and if you were not so extremely bashful (we will say) as to your identity I would be glad to shake with you. Talking is much better than writing, to my mind; but of course you cannot talk over a nom-de-plume. So saying I leave you, and as you have undoubtedly the best of feeling toward me, just think of me as wondering how you could have heard a remark that was whispered in your hearing. I look forward to the time when longer experience with the fancy will enable me to do likewise.

C. F. HAVEN.

[With the above reply this controversy must come to an end. While in Boston recently we found that everything was working along very smoothly in the New England Pigeon Association, and that the parties stirring up the disturbance are not even members of the association, and should therefore have no say. garding the formation of another club, that was all a huge joke.- ED.]

FELL'S POINT HOMING PIG-EON CLUB RACE.

The Fell's Point Homing Pigeon Club of Baltimore had its second race of the season, June 18th. The race was with old birds from Bedford City, Va., distance 210 miles, air line. The entries were: Alex. Westerman, 10 birds; John Kunz, 3; Luther Conradi, 2; John Hofmeister, 2; total, 17. The start was by J. T. Davidson, who wired: "Birds liberated at 5.30 A. M.; weather clear; no wind." At home the weather was clear, with north and northeast winds. The first returns were two birds to Alex. Westregistered number W13,467, counter-las he would have nothing to do with lelements eliminated from all clubs,

mark, 21, at 1.05 P. M. blue cock, W8855, countermark 38, at 1.10 P. M. The second returns were two birds to John Kunz's loft, a black checker cock, 7791, countermark 47, and a blue cock, 316, countermark 34, at 1.15 P. M. The third return was a silver cock, 305, countermark 52, at 1.30 P. M., to Alex. Westerman's loft. The next race of the club will be from Greensboro, N. C., 301 miles, June 25.

THE OWL CLUB.

TO THE POINT.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

To my mind the Owl Club is not much farther along than when first started. For heaven's sake, boys, what makes you so slow? If you don't want a club, why don't you come out of your shell and say so, and not sit around like mummies and see two or three other parties do all the work? I would rather go out and work in the harvest field all day in the broiling sun than to try and start another specialty club. Now, let's see. What has become of Eckert Ewald, Ehinger and Borden? We were to have help from each of these gentlemen, but "nary a word" from any of them. I think it is probab'e that they are all alive; if so, it would give a great many doubting Owl fanciers quite a relief to hear from all the above-named parties, and as many more as are interested in forming an Owl club.

Will all the fanciers who have offered specials and money kindly make the offers public again in THE FAN-CIER, stating what and were they desire their specials placed on, and where they are in favor of having the club meet with, the American Pigeon Club or the A. C. A.? I think if these two organizations keep up their baby tactics and foolish quarreling it would be a wise move to not meet with either, but with the New York or Philadelphia show. That was a "beaut" move of the Baltimore Columbarian Society, one which the members of that society should feel proud. I wonder how much "boodle" was in it for them, or are they merely a set of school boys? A short time ago I received a letter from one of our leading Owl fanciers and a member of the Owl Club, stating that if the club meant to meet with the American

it if we met with the above-named club. Now, just such trifling and petty whims as this will break up any organization if it has not a strong foundation, and the sooner just such notions are dropped the better for pigeon fanciers of America in general. I tell you, boys, this quarreling must stop. There is oceans of room for us all, and why not enjoy it peaceably? If we had a few more Col. Gilberts the pigeon fancy of the United States would not be in such an uproar.

To go back to the Owl Club again. I would like to make a few suggestions, which I hope will meet the approval of all the members of our club. First, in regard to cups. I think the club should offer three championship cups for young birdsone each for the best English, African and Chinese Owls, bred in '93, wearing the English or American seamless enamel bands. I think if we could get enough money donated for these three cups and a grand combination trophy, to be won three times before becoming the property of the winner by the best Owl in the show (English, African or Chinese), that this would be all the specials which the club need offer for the first year.

Of course this is only my opinion on the matter. We want to hear from every one else interested in the Owl Club. For my part I only breed African Owls, and to start the ball rolling I will offer a silver punch bowl, cup or gold medal for the best blue African Owl (cock or hen), to be won two times before becoming the property of the winner. Now, let's hear from every one else. Speak out. We want to get organized in a business-like manner and every one will soon be proud of the American Owl Club.-C. W. BUTTLES.

SHOULD UNITE.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

I was pleased to see in THE FAN-CIER of June 16th that the action of the Baltimore Columbarian Association, in refusing to recognize the American Pigeon Club, after having extended an invitation to that association to join them in giving an exclusive pigeon show in Baltimore the coming fall, does not meet with the approval of the better class of fan erman's loft. They were a blue cock, | Pigeon Club we could count him out, | ciers, who desire to see discordant

all sections of the country. The American Pigeon Club, although originating in the West, is not a Western club, but national in all its features. Its officers are selected from among the leading fanciers in different sections of the country, and should receive the support of all who favor harmonious action, and it is to be hoped that the members of the A. C. A., when they carefully consider the interest of the pigeon fanciers generally, will come forward with the olive branch of peace and join hands with the American Pigeon Club to make the Baltimore Show this fall the best that has ever been given in this country. There is a growing interest in the pigeon fancy in all sections, combined with a desire to see what improvement can be made in producing finer specimens of the different varieties than have yet been shown. To encourage this harmonious action will be required, and now is the proper time to show that no jealousy or ill-feeling exist among fanciers; and if it is not done with the motto: "United we stand, divided we fall" staring us in the face no good results can be expected from competitive pigeon shows.

J. H. WHITMAN.

HAY vs. GLASGOW.

EDITOR THE FANCIER .

Through want of time I was unable to pen a reply in your last edition to Mr. Hay's letter, which appeared in your issue of June 9, and as he indulges in wholesale penning of untruths I have seriously considered whether it is really worth my while to refute what he says. Still, were I to remain silent some of your readers might run away with the idea that what he has written are uncontrovertable facts, which they are not.

I repeat what I said in my previous letter, that it is not my intention to enter with him in a long paper controversy, nor will I. as, write what he may further on the subject, I promise your readers this will be my last. First, as to my heaping insults on Hay or his birds, I did nothing of the kind. As to insults, the boot was on the other leg, as I neither sought his company nor made any advance towards him right throughout the show. He, on the contrary, on several occasions, came to me and bullied me does, and, if I approved of protests, been for the last twenty years.

for the general welfare of fanciers in like a pickpocket in language considerably more forcible than polite, asserting all sorts of things he averred I had said about his birds to people in the show, without producing a single individual to whom I had said the things he imputed to me. Beyond stating the fact that his birds had manipulated tails, and that I saw him myself removing the leads from their tails when he penned his birds, I challenge him to produce a single individual to whom I said anything else respecting them. This he does not deny because he cannot, as it so happens there are others besides myself who can prove such to have been the case.

> Touching this leading question, "Critic," in your current issue, says: "If Hay had considered leading of tails 'faking' he would not have allowed me or any one else see his birds with the leads on." Now for your anonymous correspondent's infermation, as far as I am concerned he could not help himself, unless he had elected to take his birds back to his loft instead of penning them on Monday night, as I was there in the show room and determined, in my own mind, I would see him pen his birds, which he did not do until a notification was given-the lights were going to be turned down, although he had been there hours and hours before with his birds. If leading to give an unnatural spread to a bird's tail is not faking, then I don't know what faking is, and will leave your intelligent readers to consider the subject at their leisure. I know it is not allowable in the old country when there is proof of it having been done, and no one knows this better than Mr. Hay.

> But to revert to Mr. Hay's letter. He asserts I reported all over the show that his birds were starched, ironed; he used leads, cradles and pulled cushion feathers. Now, with the exception of my saying he had used leads I deny point-blank, as I told him in the room, that I ever made such statements, and defy him to produce a single person to whom 1 said such a thing. Why did he not do so, when I to his face denied the

could have disqualified his whole batch for showing what he himself admitted to me was a cock in the hen class, apart from the tail-leading process. So his taunt about my doubts or convictions does not apply. Touching the assertion Hav makes that the superintendent of the show stopped me in what he calls contemptible tactics at New York Show, I cannot do better than send you for insertion right here a letter received from Mr. Crawford, which speaks volumes:

FRIEND GLASGOW-Yours of the 9th inst. reeeived and contents noted. All I remember having said to you at New York that I was sorry there was so much said about the judging and hoped that it would stop, and asked you if you wanted to make a protest. You said no. If you did or said anything contemptible at New York I did not know it. I hope to see you at Mahwah some time next week, and will be pleased to see you at Montclair any time. Yours truly H. V. CRAWFORD.

Touching my suggestion respecting showing birds at Liverpool, I can assure Mr. Hay I have every respect for the honesty of judges-at any rate, many of them in this country-but, with all that given in, I daresay they themselves will admit they are not away up in the mysteries of the professional "tail faker," and those on the other side of the pond are, as some of them with whom Mr. Hay is personally acquainted know to their cost. He seems to have lost sight of the second part of my suggestion, that the birds were subsequently to be shown at New York, without ever getting into the hands of the owner; so that, all the same, he would have an opportunity of seeing the winning birds without visiting the old country.

As to Hay's challenge not being to loft attendants, but owners and breeders, I never said I would accept the challenge, but that I would try and get him accommodated to accept the challenge. I never crawl out of any act or saying of mine, nor need any one who tells the truth. If I may make an error I am always ready to apologize. I take it Mr. Hav does not deny he hails from Johnstone, in Scotland, and if the question is asked of the officers of the Fantail Club in England whether assertion, and bring his informants to Johnstone and a radius of fifteen my face. I don't require to go to Mr. miles around it isn't notorious in the Hay to know the rule appertaining to art of "tail faking" in Fans, it's dolprotests at all first-class shows. I lars to dimes the answer will be in the know the rules equally as well as he affirmative, and, what is more, has

Referring to Hay's remarks respecting the birds shown by Mr. Gilbert, that were purchased by Mr. Brown from Mr. Blair, of Johnstone, all birds don't require faking, nor do the two hens I quoted in my first letter, to beat any hen shown by Hay at New York. They were honestly shown, and that after traveling 1,000 miles and shown a week at Philadelphia, and was three days in being returned from that show to be present at New York. I should like to have seen Mr. Hay's exhibits compared alongside of them under similar circumstances. Although Mr. Blair, of Johnstone, knows how to make an indifferent bird into a good-looking one for the time being, I don't wish any one to run away with the idea he does not know how to breed good ones, I consider him one of the best, if not the very best scientific breeder, in the old country, and turns out some rare specimens every season, both saddles and white.

Touching the three parts grown feather in Hay's first prize hen, he has thought well to avoid my query, and goes off at a tangent and tells a lie, saying I told him a great cock of Gilbert's-Old Derby's tail about a week or two before had fallen out, and wants me to tell the reason why. Now Old Derby was on view at New York, and in rare fettle, and so Mr. Hay must have gone woolgathering when penning the query. The bird whose tail went all to pieces was neither Old Derby nor Young Derby, but a small cock purchased from R. Blair, of Johnstone, along with the two good hens. So now the fanciers of America know all about it, and this is what I said and how Blair's name came up at all, as referred to in another part of Hay's letter.

I cannot go on exposing the fabrications indulged in by Hay, as I have already occupied too much space, but must crave your indulgence for one or two more remarks. I did not say the birds were removed in my absence to a judging pen on Monday night. They were, though, removed to a walking pen on Tuesday and judged when I was not present, and not on Wednesday, as stated by Mr. Hay; and as I was not in New York when they were judged I don't know who attempted to bulldoze Mr. Stanton-certainly no one in Gilbert's behalf, to my knowledge, nor have I hen, Marked "N3,934," stopped to the it a point to gain their confidence.

heard of any one attempting to. still stick to my assertion that a "made tail" will not last out the week in a show pen, nor will it unless served as Mr. Hay did his, by removing them from the pen and manipulating the feathers into position every now and again. This, probably, he will deny, although plenty of us saw it done over and over again. They don't allow that sort of thing at the best shows on the other side of the pond. After judging, the pens are wired down and not even the owners are allowed to interfere with their own birds or anybody else's. is a matter worth the consideration of show committees here.

Mr. Hay's personal remarks I won't stoop to notice, but leave your readers to form their estimate of them and the source from which they emanate. In "Critic's" letter he mentions the fact that birds were shown with bands bearing the initials of owner and, according to English shows, thereby liable to be disqualified. He refers to Gilbert's exhibits. I drew Gilbert's attention to this when they arrived. Several other breeders in America adopted the same idea, which is not to be commended; nor is there any object in using such bands, as they are not seamless. Show committees should insert a rule against all marks or rings other than recognized age bands.

JOHN GLASGOW.

THE MAGPIE CLUB

ELECTS OFFICERS.

All the ballots for the selection of the officers of the American Magpie Club are in except one, and it could not change the result. The following officers were elected:

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THE ENGLISH TURBIT.

[The following essay, taken fr im 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.]

[CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.]

Some fanciers believe that it is all sufficient to rush off and give good prices for Turbits and neglect to give then proper care and attention.

When such a regretable thing happens the stock begins to deteriorate, for it is a truism that good birds require good quarters. If any fancier were to ask me the chief requirements of a Turbit loft I should instantly reply-cleanliness and light. When your birds have paired do not put their next-pans in dark corners, etc., as recommended by many books on Turbit management, but let them be so placed that they can be readily seen, if desired. And it should be borne in mind that darkness is favorable to vermin and dirt. Let your loft be so light that there is not a dark corner in it. Do not disturb the birds whilst on eggs, neither rush into the loft, as it will frighten them, and afterwards you will probably find a few crushed eggs in the nest pans, caused by the birds in their fright and anxiety. It is a good plan to give the birds warning by a few gentle raps on the loft door, so that the timid ones may get out of the way; they will thus become accustomed to your movements. Although the Turbit is a shy bird, I can enter my loft at any time and take up a pan and the sitting bird is not at all alarmed. They know my rap, and, knowing me, they have no fear. I make

They know my voice and footstep, and of their own sweet will come out to see what is going on. If it is not feeding time they return to their nests. This is one of the greatest pleasures a fancier has-to see the little fellows come out to meet him, with beaming eyes and fearless strut, all begotten by kindness. Do not disturb your sitting hens, but if you have cause to go to their nest to satisfy any legitimate curiosity, or for cleaning purposes, watch your opportunity, whilst your birds are feeding, unless they possess no fear of you.

There is another point I wish to impress upon you. See that the floor of your loft is not of a deep nature. If it is, your birds will never thrive. Let the floor be cemented, and occasionally strewn with a layer of sand. It is immaterial of what the loft is constructed, provided that it is weather-tight and free from draughts. Some have stated that Turbits cannot be successfully bred on tiers placed one above the other, that they do better with the nest placed on the loft floor. I have for many years tried both plans, and with equal success; in fact, I generally have both systems in practice at the same time. Now, if your birds are breeding in nest holes, or in pans on tiers, you must be very careful not to feed your old birds in the presence of the young, especially when these latter are about three weeks old. It is about that time they begin to be rest less, and commence to take their first peep over the edge of the nest pan. As the squabs are nearly always ready for a feed, it is a great trial for them to remain at rest in the pans whilst they see their parents feeding below. Consequently, if you persist in adopting such a course in feeding, you will occasionally find a squab on the loft floor with a broken leg or wing, or probably killed. So to avoid these lamentable contingencies, make it practice to feed in the outside flight, or any way out of the sight of the youngsters. See that there are no unmated birds, whether male or female, in the breeding loft, for, should such be the case, much annoyance, and perhaps the death of several young, will be the result. Be careful not to mate up birds that are too young, for the Turbit is a bird of slow development, and is at its best when about three years old. If you hazel large and full: heak short and short three years old. If you hazel large and full: heak short and statistics which are fine point a little above the head; short flight and tail, the former carried work at the turn. To do this properties the former carried well up and not drooping, carried well up and not long kell carried well up and not drooping, carried well up and not long kell carried well up and not long kell carried work at the turn. To do this property experied should take its proper place in the kit; the Long Rollers, which are generally the kell carried work at the turn. To do this property experied should take its proper place in the kit; the Long Rollers, which the kel these lamentable contingencies, make when about three years old. If you hazel, large and full; beak short and

persist in mating young Turbits, your breeding will eventually be a failure. Do not over-breed them; be content with a few pairs of strong youngsters, rather than many pairs of weaklings. Hoppers are very useful in the loft, but it is a good way to throw down their grain occasionally on the cemented floor, or, in fact, any hard substance; it will be beneficial as regards the beak. The nest pans should be changed occasionally, so that the squabs do not get soiled. However careful as regards cleanliness the fancier may be, his birds will suffer more or less from the pests which haunt the pigeon lofts. When the nests are made, and also when the squabs are in them, give them a good dusting with any insecticide powder, at all times taking the precaution not to let the powder get into their eyes.

Now a few words as regards color. The best colors for beginners to take up are black and blue. Reds and vellows are difficult to get perfect, and still harder to retain. If blues are inbred too much, ticked wings will be the result, and weakly young-Never inbreed if you can otherwise avoid doing so. Fresh blood should be occasionally introduced. In breeding, your birds will sometimes throw a dun-colored bird. Such being the case, I should advise you to keep it in the loft, as it will serve to improve the standard colors. If blacks are inbred and no fresh blood is used, instead of the raven-black wings so much desired you will see rusty-black. Do not mate black and blue, for the result will not be satisfactory. To improve blacks, red bred to blacks and the progeny again bred to blacks will be very useful. Should blues be ticked and bars not satisfactory, use the dun or introduce fresh blood. Give plenty of grit and salt, and a saline antiseptic occasionally.

General description of a good Turbit: Size: Small, very full in breast,

thick; wattle, a fair amount; gullet, as much as possible; frill, ditto; markings, white, with colored wings, each having ten white fight-feathers; legs short and free from feathers below the hocks.

Mr. Sinnette then explained a drawing of an ideal Turbit, and afterwards penned some 1892 and 1893 birds, and answered questions put by the members. At the close of his remarks a vote of thanks was unanimously voted to Mr. Sinnette for his lecture.

ESTABLISHING A KIT OF TUMBLERS, OR ROLLERS.

BY GEORGE SMITH,

From the Feathered World.

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The next question is, what birds are you going to keep? Some are fond of Rollers, others prefer performing Tumblers that seldom perform, but the majority at the present time go in for Tipplers. I dare say there are many not well acquainted with these varieties who imagine that they are all the same kind of pigeons; but this is not so. Rollers turn a dozen somersaults, or even more, before they recover themselves; Tumblers, as a rule, turu a single somersault; and a Tippler is not supposed to show any signs of performing. Rollers are great favorites in some parts of England, and to those who do not have much spare time to watch them, are the most suitable, as they are not supposed to remain on the wing so long as Tipplers. They are a breed of birds that soar in the clouds to a very great height, provided they are kept in good flying condition, and will give the owner a large amount of pleasure in summer time. To establish a first-class kit takes several years, and judgment, time and patience will wake a considerable difference to success.

An amateur about to take up this class of birds should seek the acquaintance of some old and well-known fancier who flies a kit of old established Rollers. If he is a true fancier, probably he will be willing to assist you in your undertaking, and let you have a few pairs of stock birds, or a matter of a dozen squeakers, bred from some of his stock. If you can get earlybred youngsters that are strong and healthy, they will begin to fly very well before the end of they will begin to fly very well before the end of the summer. I said early-bred young ones, but mind and do not have them before May or they will not be nearly so satisfactory—the east winds we generally have in March or April affect them very much, and, as a rule, they never do much good. A fancier should try and get to-gether about twenty birds, and by continually flying them together they will get to know each other and work at the turn. To do this prop-erly every bird should take its proper place in

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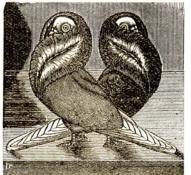
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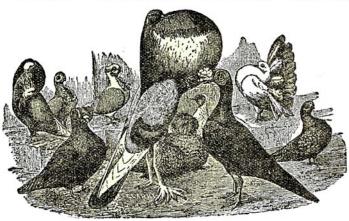
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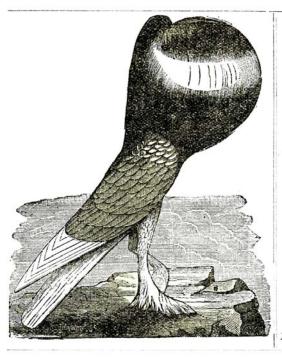
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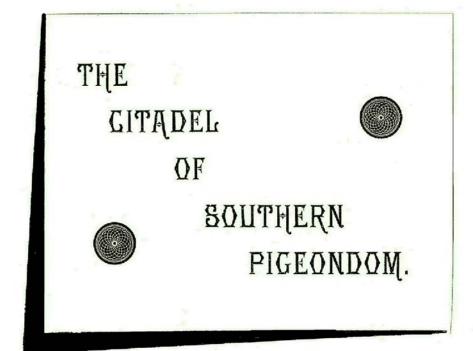
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