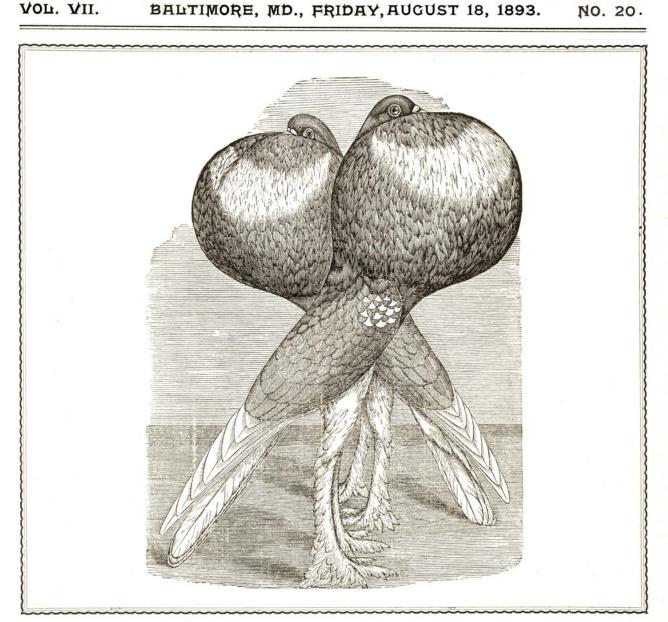


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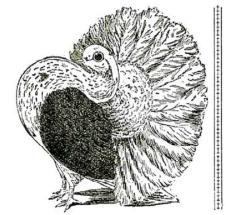
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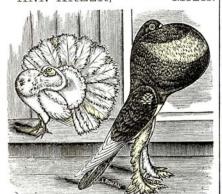
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#### EDITORIALS.

On the 11th of July, 1893, Charles T. Schroeder, by Julius H. Wyman, his attorney, sued out an attachment on original process in the Superior Court against the land, tenements, goods, chattels and credits of John D. Abel to the value of \$300. The plaintiff gave bond in the amount of \$650, and the attachment was issued. The defendant was unsatisfied with the amount of the plaintiff's bond, and moved the court to increase the same, and Judge Harlan signed an order requiring the plaintiff to give another bond in the penalty of \$1650, in lieu of the original bond for \$650, on or before the 11th inst, The plaintiff failed to comply with this order and Judge Wickes thereupon granted the defendant's motion to quash the attachment, and directed the sheriff to return to the defendant the goods and chattels seized under the attachment. Mr. M. Starr Weil was counsel for Mr. Abel.

-The Daily Record.

Baltimore, Aug. 16.

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The above is the cause of The Fancier not appearing the past month.

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After a month's enforced silence we again step before the fancy, refreshed and strengthened, to begin again our work of keeping the fancy informed of the doings of the pigeon world. Our rest has made us a little rusty on matters columbarian, but it will only take us a very short time to again be to the front with all the latest and best news, for which THE FANCIER has always been noted. Upon the return of our outfit and the possession of our office we found ourself overwhelmed with letters from fanciers all over the world wanting to know why they did not get this or that issue of THE FANCIER.

As it would have required a great deal of time to answer each individual, we trust none of our subscribers will feel offended because of our silence. THE FANCIER WILL appear regularly each issue, as heretofore, from this on, and we shall endeavor to make it even more interesting than before. To our friends we extend thanks for their kind solicitude for the paper's welfare, manifested through their inquiries, and if what many of our subscribers say, that they cannot get along without THE FANCIER, we have a good right to feel proud upon our success in giving the fancy of America a journal devoted to the pigeon fancy second to none in the world, and upon this merit, and with the idea ever uppermost to furnish the latest and best news and gossip, we depend upon the support and encouragement of all our patrons.

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As will be observed in another column of this issue, the American Pigeon Club has decided to withdraw its show from this city. That this step is highly commendable, and one that will reflect credit on the body, is certain. We know for a solid fact that there has never been a show proposed in the country which has had a larger following and more offers of support than this one. With all this, and its officers working in harmony, the club thought that, in order to stop all factional fighting and squabbling it would be best to withdraw their show and hush the croakings of a few malcontents, who are never happy until they are right in the midst of a contention of some sort, and who look up of success in the autumn and winevery little thing to stir up strife ter shows awaits them and what amongst the fanciers. dict a short life for these scribes, ise more certain of realization, and the time is not far distant says Feathered World. In the forelock.

when no journal will lend them a listening ear. The sooner the The American Pigeon Club, in allowing itself to be in any way connected with such strife, even though it be in the position of the aggrieved-and it has been clearly demonstrated that this is the position it occupies-would not be carrying out one of its chief principles, to advance the American fancy. Such talk does not advance the fancy, but only brings it into disrepute, and in this latter achievement (?) the American Pigeon Club wants no hand. The club abandons the field to any other association or society with the best of feeling towards all, seeking to gain the friendship of all and to cultivate the enmity of none.

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This week's issue is a few days late, owing to the late return of our effects, but nevertheless we think it will be worth reading. Will our former correspondents please send us their manuscript as early as possible for the next issue?

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The American Fancier is the title of a proposed new weekly which will be devoted to poultry, pigeons, dogs and pet stock. The first issue will appear September 2d, from Johnstown, N. Y., and it is to be edited by Mr. J. H. Drevenstedt. The price of the paper is \$1.50 per year. It has our best wishes.

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By this time most pigeon fanciers will have bred all the young birds they require for this season, and therefore it behooves them to take stock and see what promise We pre- can be done to render this promfirst place it is by far the best and cheapest to clear out all delicate birds; endless trouble and disappointment invariably follow attempts to patch up feeble constitutions. To remove them either kill them or give them to somebody who who has no others to attend to; your loft will be less crowded, and those which are left consequently will do all the better.

Next, thin out all which are faulty, and for that reason not likely to be of much use; thin out but do not clear out, since among the faulty ones probably are to be found the best stock birds for another year. On no account continue to breed from old birds which you intend to show, and separate the young as soon as the sexes are recognizable. Birds ought not to be shown until they are well through their moultespecially young ones. Be patient, let them get well developed and you will have far more reason for congratulation than would otherwise be the case. Now, too, is a good time to look to all necessary repairs, both within and without the cars; ere the nights begin to get longer fanciers ought to be up betimes, before business hours, and attend to all these matters personally, instead of driving them off later and then having to trust somebody else to see to them, because it is too dark both morning and evening—the only times many fanciers have to devote to their pets-before and after business hours. And not only for this reason, but also because it is better to do any repairs, whitewashing or such like, now, instead of having to disturb the birds just at the time they ought to be getting into good show form. Fanciers, of all men, should learn to take time by the

The latest novelty in connection with pigeons is reported from France, says the same journal, where an enthusiastic pigeon fancier has produced by a series of careful crossings a bird which, whilst retaining all the characteristics of the Fantail, has in addition the hood, chain and mane of the Jacobin. The illustration before me is stated to be taken from a photograph of two pigeons, and first appeared in L'Aviculteur, and now, together with the description, is reproduced in Chasse et Peche. The breeder of this latest curiosity wisely does not intend to exhibit his newlydeveloped variety until he is able to show at least six pairs of birds. The engraving shows a pigeon with a good spread of tail, the carriage and build of a Fantail, and with the head thrown well back, but this latter being adorned by the feathering peculiar to the Jacobin, faulty as well as deficient in rose.

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Whether this type of bird will become fixed, or taken up seriously, remains to be seen. the meantime, it is interesting to note the occurrence as showing how nature may be moulded by human ingenuity. My contemporary says: "Pigeon fanciers have doubtless thought that they had exhausted the mysteries of breeding developments as strange as can well be imaginee. they have overlooked a combination which, whilst quite natural, seems to unite the maximum of grace, although at the same time presenting · in realization the maximum of difficulty. We have before us the photographs of a pair of pigeons, bred recently, after long and patient attempts, by an amateur, whose modesty is such that for the present he begs us not to mention his name.

does not intend to show his precious pigeons until he can exhibit six pairs alike in all respects. These pigeons are Fantail-Jacobins; that is, they possess the tail of a Scotch Fantail, with the hood, etc., of a Jacobin. are all white, for their breeder, having wisely decided not to complicate his task by difficulties of coloring, contented himself by taking pure white birds from which to develop the product, thus leaving himself only the selection for form and disposition of plumage. Even then the task was a hard one, and for seven years it has been labored at, very often on the point of total discouragement. But no tenacity of purpose is so strong as that of a pigeon fancier, and the success which has now crowned this particular one's efforts have already made him forget his trials. Soon the Fantail-Jacobin will be recognized as a variety and figure officially in exhibition schedules. Already amateurs have been known to pay extravagant prices for a pair of Scotch Fantails or Jacobins; what price will they not pay for a perfect pair of this developed variety. Rich amateurs have bright days in prospect, and writers on pigeon literature can add a new chapter to their works. So true it is, that in this world, a work, however perfect it may be, is never complete, and that in all, especially in aviculture, there will always be something new."

We are in receipt of the following communication from Mr. W. I. Buchanan, in charge department of live stock of the World's Fair:

date for the close of entries for pigeons has been extended by He this department to September 1. birds only should be paired.

The date of the exhibit is fixed at October 16 to October 21, inclusive. The date on which the entries for poultry will close have not been changed and will be August 15. Will you be good enough to call the attention of your readers to these facts? entries for pigeons mailed on or before midnight September 1 will be received. Blank forms will be furnished any person applying for them, as well as premium lists. The entry list from Canada in poultry and pigeons amounts to over 2,000 birds, and I sincerely hope the show from this country will be of as much importance."

#### COLD EGGS.

A CHAPTER ON IN-BREEDING.

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It is evident, therefore, that if in-breeding in itself were harmful, wild creatures under the influence of such a cause repeated at nearly every generation, would so degenerate that they would eventually become extinct. nature all is ordered for the preservation of the different species. the same likewise to the detriment of the ailing creature-that is to say, for instance, if it be weak, unable to evade its enemies, unable to seek its food, it is certain to perish; consequently only the vigorous survive. If inbreeding in bird culture be so hurtful, as is often asserted. why do not feathered creatures instinctively avoid it when they are so abundantly furnished with all the other instincts necessary for the preservation of their spec-"I beg to advise you that the ies? The true element of success in all breeding is to be found in judicious selection, and healthy

#### THE MAGPIE.

This variety has of late been given quite a boom through the formation of the American Magpie Club, and it is earnestly hoped by all true lovers of this bird that the members will all keep their specialty to the front, for it is certainly one of the prettiest of the Toy family.

I can well remember when such a bird as the present Magpie was not even known, for at that time the shell crested variety held full sway and even to this day some of the breeders still prefer the crested birds. Unfortunately, there are no classes provided for the crested birds, and in consequence of the plain-headed variety having the call, the crested would not have a ghost of a chance in the show pen if they have to compete together. For my own personal preference I would take the plainhead variety, as they present a more finished appearance than the crested The crest, being a ridge of reversed feathers and causing a break to appear at the back of the head, naturally makes the head to appear much broader than it actually is, and, of course, tending to obliterate that snakiness so essential.

That the Magpie is a beautiful bird -in fact, one of the prettiest of the Toy family-I think every one will admit. In England, where the Magpie has been improved for the past ten years and brought to its present state of perfection, the fanciers are now working on what is to be an ideal bird to breed up to. Having had quite a few Magpies in my time, perhaps a few words of those I have had may prove of interest to my readers. Nineteen years ago I purchased my first pair of Magpies. The cock was a red and the hen a yellow, both capped. From these I raised several pairs of young, which, the next fall, I traded for another pair much superior in quality to my first venture. After breeding these two pairs for several years and crossing the young, and by judicous matings and merciless weeding, I had gotten together what was considered the best stock of breeding Magpies in my part of the country. I had studied my birds so closely that I was almost certain what this bird mated to such and such a hen would produce. But,

satisfied, as to my eye there was a something about the birds that greatly detracted from their appearance, and I never could tell precisely what the trouble was until about four or five years afterwards. ited a fancier's loft about 80 miles from our city and there beheld the first plainhead Magpies I had ever seen, and it did not take me many minutes to find out what it was that detracted from the appearance of my birds-it was the cap or crest!

Arriving at home I looked over my birds, and the more I looked the more unsightly they became in my eyes and the less I cared to keep them. So going to a dealer, who had been after my birds for some time, I sold him the entire lot and purchased three pairs of plainhead Magpies from the fancier whose birds had wrought so marked a change in me. These I bred and added to until I



had quite a nice stock, some of which I have to the present day.

Magpies are very good breeders and feeders, and if care and judgment is used in selecting your stock the larger percentage of young will be well marked. The old advice of "get the best to start with," laid down by so many of our pigeon writers, holds good in this variety as well as in all others.

The Magpie Club just formed vill no doubt adopt a standard, and as getting up a standard is by no means an easy job I herewith give the standard as adopted by the Magpie Club and West of England Magpie Fanciers' Association, and think our American club will do well to adopt

Size—Small, I find, from actual

weigh for cocks from 91 to 101 ounces, and when standing in a natural position will measure from sole of foot to top of head from 8 to 9½ inches in height, and the length from tip of beak to end of tail, without stretching, from 121 to 14 inches.

Shape-Apparently long, slender and snake-like, chest full and round, but not broad, the body round, shoulders well defined, but not carried too prominently as in the Dragon, legs set well back to show breast.

Carriage is a very important characteristic of the Magpie, but if the shape be good and true the proper carriage is almost sure to follow; it should be smart, sprightly and, if I may use the term, ladylike. The body well poised on the graceful and slender limbs, the neck and body forming a continuous easy curvethe Hogarth line of beauty-but the neck must not incline backwards, head and beak carried nearly horizontally, flight and tail neatly folded to complete the tout ensemble. When possible, birds should be trained to the show pen before exhibiting, to enable them to display their proportions to the best advantage.

Head must be long and thin, round on top of skull, showing a soft easy curve in every direction-the term snake-headed is often used, but, to my mind, does not apply, as many snakes which I have seen are flatheaded, which is quite the reverse of what we want in the Magpie-as nearly even in substance throughout as possible, not wedge-headed, no stop at junction of head and beak, but rising with a gradual curve from front to back, fine and neat at back of skull, lean face, with no approach to Owl or short-faced Tumbler form. Junction of head with neck to be neat and almost imperceptible, without throatiness.

Beak should be long, thin and nearly equal in substance throughout with slight hook at end of mandible, but no dip in lower mandible, free from coarseness, furnished with wattle, slight, of fine texture, pale in color, approaching salmon color, free from stain or marking, except in blacks, blues and duns, in which colors a very slight Vandyke mark on tip of upper mandible is admissible.

Neck long, thin, quite free from gullet or fullness at the throat, thingood as my stock was and as good measurements, that good average nest at the point of junction with and true as they bred, I still was not specimens, in good condition, will the head, swelling gently towards the shoulders, which it should join with a graceful and gentle curve.

Eye and Eye-cere.-Eye white or pearl color, pupil intensely black and clearly defined, what is commonly known as a "fish eye," the eye-cere is seen in various tints, from nearly white to a coral red. I consider in blacks the deeper the red the better, and a shade of pink in other colors, but do not put much stress on this point. The cere should be small and fine in texture, no approach to a Barb eye is admissible, but just enough to show a delicate and even border to the eye, and no more. The general effect of the eye, although prominent, is mild in expression, not bold as in some breeds.

Legs and Feet.-Legs rather long than otherwise, straight, not knockkneed or cow-hocked. Shanks thin, lean and free from feathering, covered with fine scales. Toes long. thin and well separated, also free Toenails white, from feathering. both legs and feet bright red in their

Tail and Flights.-Tail rather long, the feathers narrow and closely folded, containing not more than 12 feathers. I have known strains that frequently threw birds with thirteen and even fourteen feathers. Not swallow-tailed or divided in center. The tail should be carried in a line with the back, just clear of the ground, but not cocked up at all. Flights rather narrow, closely folded, carried close to side, tips resting on top of tail, about half an inch from end, not crossed.

Color.-The whole of the body, except head, neck and breast, back, saddle and tail, pure white, the color on the colored portions to be bright, deep and lustrous as possible; in blacks the irridescent colers and metallic sheen are most important; wherever the color extends it must be of one rich even depth, extending even to the shafts of the tail feathers. Many otherwise good birds often run chequery or ashy about the top of rump and root of tail, which is very objectionable. In order of value, I estimate the colors thus: First, black; second, yellow; third, red; fourth, blue: fifth, silver; sixth, dun. Blues and silvers should have black tail bars.

Markings.-Cut on breast sharp and evenly defined, without artificial assistance, the color extending down- | Montclair, August 5.

wards to about the tip of the breast bone, or a very little below, running across the breast, either in a straight line or slightly curving upwards towards shoulders, showing a slightly convex form. It is advisable to raise the wings, and if many foul feathers are discovered between breast and vent markings, the breast should be carefully examined for foul feathers or trimming. Cut on Shoulders-Color extending across the broadest part of the back at the shoulders. from side to side at intersection of the wing with body, tapering evenly and smoothly towards the tail, and forming an elongated heart or Vshaped saddle, showing no ragged edges on shoulders. Cut at Vent-Even and extending only a very short distance from beneath root of tail, no foul or colored feathers extending towards thighs or belly.

Plumage close and compact, but not hard-feathered.

Disqualifications .- Trimming or plucking of foul feathers, dyeing or oiling, dark or gravel eyes, heavy markings on back, feathered legs or feet, Tumbler form of head or body. chequered or ashy back or rump, and want of condition.

#### SCALE OF POINTS.

Size 10. Shape 9. Carriage 9. Head 8. Beak 8. Neck 5. Eve and Eve-cere 5. Legs and Feet 3. Tail and Flights 4. Color 12. Markings 12. Plumage 3. Total, 100 points.

MAGPIE.

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From Harry S. Adams, Philadelphia, to H. T. Klusmeyer, Jr., Easton, entire stud of Owls, consisting of white, blue and silver English and silver, blue and powdered blue Chi-

From N. C. Moore, Philadelphia, to H. T. Klusmever, Jr., two pair white Chinese, one black Chinese cock and one white African Owl hen.

The Jacobin Club had a meeting at

#### A COLUMBUS LOFT.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

Being called to Columbus, Ohio, a short time ago on business, and having a few hours to spare, I concluded to call on my old time friend, Mr. C. W. Buttles, of 1070 Madison avenue. I accordingly took a car for his residence. On my arrival I found Charlie was out, but was informed he would shortly return; so taking a seat on the cool, shady veranda, picked up the last issue of the only and inimitable paper for pigeon fanciers, THE FANCIER, and proceeded to enjoy myself until Mr. Buttles' re-

I did not have to wait long, for presently Charlie arrived, followed by two fine Llewellyn setters, he being a dog as well as a pigeon crank. After a hearty handshake, we repaired to his lofts. After donning our linen dusters we entered the main loft, devoted to Owls. Mr. Buttles has a very nice arrangement for showing his birds, it being a wire cage about 3x3x4. Getting a chair and lighting a cigar, we proceeded to enjoy ourselves.

The first bird for examination was the blue African Owl cock Prince. first at Newark, first Columbus State Show, first Ohio State Fair, the only times shown. He has a grand heavy skull, very short beak, down-faced and has plenty of substance; splendid gullet, frill perfect, color and style away out of sight-the best headed and all-round cock we have seen for a long time. Mated to him is the hen winner of several firsts. Prominent among them is first at Philadelphia in '92 in strong competition. Very fine in beak and skull, with good down face. Three youngsters from above pair, if nothing happens them, will make things hum in young bird classes at the first Owl Club Show. Yellow cock first at Newark, N. J., very fine heavy skull, but a little light in beak; but is generally conceded to be the best yellow African Owl cock in America to-day. In Tail Turbits-Mr. Buttles' hobby as well as Owls-he has as fine a collection as I have ever seen. Among the collection is the blue-tail cock second at Nashville. Mr. Buttles has a fine lot of Jacks, Tumblers and Homers he is going to close out, affording some one an opportunity to secure good birds cheap. He intends breeding nothing but Owls and Tail Turbits.

After looking the birds over thoroughly we repaired to a cool spot to talk over Charlie's latest-the Owl Club. Well, he is in it heart and soul, and if all the rest of the Owl breeders felt as Charlie does it would be the greatest club on earth; and undoubtedly it will be a success, and all wishing to join should send in their application at once, as the Owl Club is a positive thing.

After a hearty farewell I left for the depot. I shall probably report my visits to other lofts.

L. C. DENMAN.

#### MUEHLIG'S POUTERS.

A TRIP TO THE ANN ARBOR LOFTS.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

Now that your paper has taken the commendable step of shutting down on those belligerent correspondents, it can doubtless spare somewhat of its valuable space-so long monopolized by these gentlemen as a battle-ground-to those who have matter of interest to communi-An account of a visit I recently paid to Mr. Andrew Muehlig, of Ann Arbor, Mich., may perhaps be acceptable to fanciers generally, and Pouter men in particular.

That worthy representative and upholder of the American Pigeon and Fantail Clubs I apprised at his place of business in the afternoon. To rise from his seat, squeeze my hand to an almost shapeless pulp in the fervor of his grasp, and produce his cigar box. was the work of a moment; and having exchanged mutual expressions of good-will, etc., the conversation verged on to pigeon topics, and after inquiries as to each other's success so far in '93, we betook ourselves to Mr. Muehlig's residence, a short distance

The lofts, three in number, are lo bated at the rear of the house. In the first and largest the lordly Pouter holds full sway; the second is appropriated to the use of Fantails only, and the third is occupied by commonplace, but by no means to be despised, Antwerps, highly prized on account of their qualities as foster parents. But to return to the Pout ers. The colors in this variety to which Mr. Muehlig has for several in the arduous task of house-build-

are reds, whites and biues. Amongst the former I recognized the wellknown champion Rex and mate, birds which have done their owner credit at several of the large shows last year. From the young of this color I noticed several which, after another moult, should be able to give a good account of themselves, should they be exhibited. But in breeding reds this year Mr. Muehlig has not been so successful in point of numbers as with his whites and blues. With them his efforts have been well rewarded, having already an average of four to the pair; and a grander lot of youngsters I have seldom seen, very upstanding and all "legs and arms," as good youngsters should be: limbs well set back and close together, and leg feathering excellent, with but few rough or spare limbs One, especially, amongst them. struck me as being a bird from which, in due time, great things may be expected-a blue-pied cock, fine form, great length of limbs of fine shape, remarkably slender girth even for a youngster, and, although not five months old, blows an ideal pouting crop, bulging beautifully from fine slender waist. This Pouter, owing to his being plain on wings and rather close on crop, might not, however, find favor in the eyes of many of our Amerian Pouter men, but Mr. Muehlig and myself, I trust, are not "marking" fiends, and see no reason why a properly-proportioned-and as a natural consequence well balanced-Pouter should be discarded for what. as compared with other deficiencies or striking outs, is but a slight defect. Nevertheless, I feel assured, I recognize to its full value the additional enhancement this property (correct marking) lends to a fine specimen; at the same time maintaining that such is by no means a sine qua non in Pouter culture.

The Fantails next called for my attention, Mr. Muehlig pointing out a few whites with excellent style and large and well-filled spreads. A blue Fantail cock struck me as being one of the best in this color it has yet been my luck to behold-an enormous tail, thickly feathered, very short back and prominent chest, fine body structure and great style for so large-tailed a bird.

Mr. Muehlig is at present engaged years devoted his energies and skill ing, having decided for the benefit of

his health, and donbtless also that of his birds, to pass the remainder of his leisure hours in the suburban part of the city. I accompanied him to the spot selected as his future home, and as the lot has a width of 150 feet and depth 140 (I think those are the correct figures), there can be no doubt but that a pigeon loft, or series of them, superior even to the ones he will now abandon, will occupy a considerable portion of the landscape. Mr. Muehlig further assured me of the fact, which places my conjecture beyond doubt, and, moreover, extended a cordial invitation to call about October 1, by which time he hopes not to be found "at the old stand," but removed to new and more "commodious premises."

A. W. McClure.

#### BALTIMORE A. P. C. SHOW WITHDRAWN.

The heading of this article will doubtless cause considerable surprise and conjecture as to the evident determination of this club to hold its initial exhibition in the Monumental City. The American Pigeon Club was formed for the advancement and elevation of the American pigeon fancy. If all the fanciers would only recognize this, our show would have been an assured success. We thought after the embarkation of this enterprise, and when the little jealousies and oppositions of our retarders began to be apparent, that these feelings would be lived down, and that wiser counsel, after mature deliberation, would prevail. stead, however, we find them to intensify, and other circumvent tactics to retard our progress begin to manifest themselves. While we know it to be the will of the majority that this exhibition should take place, and also feel that the best element of the fancy would exhibit with us, still in our broad-minded spirit of nonantagonism we do not wish to offend even the few, and we hereby relinguish the field to any association that may deem itself capable of providing an exhibition which shall attain the end we have been striving for, and which we now give up as an impossibility, viz., "to please all and offend none."

JOHN H. KUHN, Pres't.

R. S. RYAN, Sec'y.

#### AUSTRALIAN NEWS.

BY GEM.

Mr. W. J. C. Mills, of Annandale, New South Wales, a fancier of an enthusiastic turn of mind, has been instrumental in framing a code of rules for the guidance of a Dragon cup, to be competed for at the Petersham and Leichhardt Fancy and Homing Pigeon Society in December, 1893. All birds are to be rung with this year's ring or bear the above society's stamp. Competitors are allowed to exhibit as many birds as they think fit, and all subscribers must be members of this society. The birds are to be judged by Wood's standard. It is the intention of the promoter to work annually to have a cup for the above variety if the members will support the same.

The pigeon fanciers in Australia have taken a determined stand in deciding not to exhibit their birds at any society's show where the judges' names are not announced in the schedule. After the disgraceful manner in which the pigeons were judged at Newcastle Show, N. S. W., by a fancier who considers he is an A1 judge, and last season placed the same birds in high positions, they are quite right in demanding this. The Balman Society (N. S. W.) have already found this out, inasmuch as the pigeon entries were 167 less than last year, and it has been decided to abandon the show this year. This society will not be alone in this respect if judges' names are not announced in the schedule.

The Australian Canary and Pigeon Improvement Society (Melbourne, Victoria) have evidently left the pigeon fanciers out in the cold, eight entries being required before the full prize money will be paid in this section. It is the general opinion that the society is for canary men only. So say I. Another falling off will be experienced in the number of entries in the pigeon section of this society, that's certain.

stealer at South Brisbane, Queens-He stole ten pigeons valued However, he will not trouble pigeon-houses again for three months.

A homing and fancy pigeon society has been formed in Brisbane, and great vim is being infused into same. The office-bearers are: President, T. W. Connah; vice-presidents, W. Stephens, A. E. Luga, T. Heaslop; auditors, D. Fraser, H. W. Luga; treasurer, W. Spanklin; secretary, Chas. A. Osborne; committee, W. Cottell, E. Langdon, A. Salter, J. Beard and A. Muelin.

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About eighteen months ago a fairly large and valuable consignment of English Carriers were imported from Miss Chalcraft, England, by Mr. H. C. Dellow, of Annandale, New South Wales. They were related to this lady's Dairy and Crystal Palace cup and medal winners. They lately found a new home, also all the young stock, which are very good, bred from them. Mr. A. B. Stanfield, of the same colony, is the purchaser at a high figure.

The first-named gentleman has, I hear, received an offer of £14 for a pair of English Owls, the cock of which is admitted by competent judges to be the best Owl south of the line. How is that for a good price?

The quartette of Show Homers imported by Mr. A. B. Stanfield, Alexandria, N. S. W., from his namesake at Southsea, England, is fully up to expectations. A dun chequer hen is the pick of the lot-a regular plum, having any quantity of substance, grand sweep and good color. A blue chequer cock, bred from the best Show Homer at present in England, is a good one; but an older bird of the same color, who has won under John Day, the well-known English judge and breeder, is a far better bird, and will make his mark here, while his mate should make a good record in the show pen.

Mr. A. J. Cooper, honorable secretary of the Summer Hill Homing Society, has been instrumental in issuing and forwarding a circular to all the homing societies in Sydney, New South Wales, with a view to a Homing pigeon association. The motive An example was made of a pigeon is a good one, but the rules it is proposed to have would make it unworkable. However, it is on the tapis and maybe will be formed. The object is to amalgamate all the so- different shows. A petition has been cieties and have delegates from each drawn up and signed numerously by

to draw up a code of rules for the guidance of same; any disputes, etc., that could not be settled by an individual society to be referred to the association. So far, however, nothing has been done by any of the older societies, but I hope to be able to inform your readers in my next that the H. P. A. is in working order.

\* \* The South Australian Poultry and Dog Society have, it seems, ignored the pigeon fancy, inasmuch as it has decided to hold the annual show on September 1 and 2, which will necessitate the breaking of the breeding season. A lesson was taught them last year, when the pigeon section made a poor, miserable show; but they still adhere to the same date. Another failure stares the society in the face.

A homing record for South Australia for velocity was "put up" by Mr. Hollingsworth's "Talk o' the Hills," on May 6, when 1524 yards per minute was recorded for 144 miles. The record for velocity and distance combined is still held by Mr. W. Welch's blue Homer hen "Auburn," who, in January last, flew 43 miles at the rate of 1376 yards per minute.

The colony of New South Wales has had a gain to its pigeon ranks at the expense of South Australia. Mr. W. Welch, who originally came from the former colony, having returned. His lofts (Arthurville) have been demolished and the stock scattered. "Auburn" being presented by Mr. Welch to a Mr. John Cameron, Melbourne, Victoria. The Excelsion Homing Club, of which he was honorable secretary, has amalgamated with the Adelaide Homing Club; but I regret to state the members do not work together, and the former club is likely to be resuscitated.

\* \* \* "One of the Carrier's main points is plenty of daylight under the tail," remarked a Sydney fancier and breeder of this variety of some 18 months' standing. How is this for good? Even America's novices will surely smile at this.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

A great deal of "fuss" is being caused in this colony by the appointment of judges to adjudicate at the

fanciers, who desire that the judges' names shall be stated in the schedule. This is perfectly feasible, and when the outside societies do it I see no reason why the big societies cannot do ditto. So far nothing has been done with the petition, but upon it depends the success of the pigeon section of the New South Wales Poultry and Dog Society's Show, which is to be held August 23 to 26.

\*\*\* A consignment of pigeons, consisting of two pairs of Carriers-a dun cock and black cock and two dun hens-and a pair of Barbs-dun hen and black cock-was recently received by Mr. A. B. Stanfield from G. Stanfield, of Southsea, England. Taken all round they are very good and should get placed in some of the forthcoming shows. The Barbs are bred by the latter gentleman, while the Carriers are Captain Mather's strain. The importer is a good allround pigeon man of English experience. He now possesses one if not the grandest loft of Carriers-blacks, whites and duns-in Australia. He purchased the whole lot of the birds imported by H. C. Dellow from Miss Chalcraft, the noted Carrier breeder and exhibitor in England, and which were all related to her Palace and Dairy winners, and all their progeny in Australia at a big figure, as also a pair of imported whites, which have obtained honors throughout Austra-

The Homing season in this colony will soon be started, and I predict some of the keenest and largest races on record in Australia will take. The Petersham and Leichhardt Society is out with a few good specials, and more are to follow. New members are being enrolled in the different clubs. New fanciers are commencing to keep these useful feathered pets and everything points to a good season. The greatest drawback is the hard times.

#### VICTORIA.

The pigeon section in the Victoria Poultry and Dog Society's Show has received little response from its pa-"No wonder!" is exclaimed when the classification is bad. Antwerp hens are asked to "measure strides" with cocks; ditto in Pouters, The prize-Barbs and Turbits. money is reduced and an entrance ability he will "do" America before fee of 3d. charged. These and other returning.

minor items all help to stop the entries "rolling in." The pigeon men this season seem to be ignored by the different societies; for instance in the Balmain (New South Wales), Escendon and the Canary and Pigeon Improvement Societies' Shows the pigeon section has been poorly pa tronized. The first-named total was about 47, the next 43 and the last 200. The pigeon men will be recognized by the societies, thus the great falling off in the number of entries. Bad times have a little to do with it, but not such as above indicates. The quality of the birds shown at the two last-mentioned shows was excellent.

A little ill-feeling rankled in one fancier's breast, who considers he should have won the challenge trophy given by the Intercolonial Columbarian Society (of which he was a member) for the best Owl at the Canary and Pigeon Improvement Society's Show, held on June 29 to July 1 last. The rules governing the competition state: "Members only are allowed to compete for these trophies." This gives one to infer that it is members of the I. C. S. who are alone eligible, but the committee of the C. & P. I. Society ruled otherwise and stated: "You have to be a member of both societies." I consider the gentleman has been wrongly treated, as the rule cannot be read any other way than that you are to be a member of the I. C. S. Nothing whatever is in the rules to give the remotest idea that you are to be a member of the I. C. S. and the C. P. & I. Society also. It is a smart bit of work which will do neither society good in the end.

#### SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Another exodus from this colony this time-it is Mr. W. M. Anderson, who owned the sensational Wirrilla, a Homing pigeon that flew something like 590 yards a minute faster than the second bird in a race from Rose. worthy, or Stockport (I'm not sure which) in a drenching rain, and the record for the colony was put up for 1892 in this race, viz., 1289 yards per minute. He has left for England, where he intends to remain for about three years. When returning, some real "tip-top" Homers are to be brought back with him. In all prob-

A Homing club is to be formed at Broken Hill, known as the Silver City, on account of its wealthy silver mines. Some pedigreed stock has been sent along that way, and there is talk of endeavoring to fly from Adelaide to Broken Hill, 300 miles (crow fly).

Homing continues with the greatest zest and the fancy is entirely neglected. The fastest time recorded since my last notes is 1,0081 yards, by W. J. Kendall's "Stanley," flying 34 miles, under the auspices of the Port Pierce Club.

#### QUEENSLAND.

The newly-formed Brisbane Fancy and Homing Pigeon Society opened with a homing match on July 1. Slow times were recorded, the weather being very bad. The first monthly show is to be held on September 2.

The boys attending a certain dayschool in this colony evidently know "a little" about catching pigeons. Maize steeped in rum is taken to school and thrown to the birds, who, after having a good feed, become silly. They wait for this event to happen, when the pigeons are quietly taken. "Boys will be boys."

#### TRIMMING YOUNG FANS.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

I find the breeders of Fantails usually disagree about the best method to adopt in trimming the tails of young Fantails. Being a decided Fan crank of the deepest dye, I have necessarily given the matter much This season I have given thought. my young much attention and very few have carried their nest tail longer than two weeks after leaving the nest.

Last year an old fancier who bred pigeons before I was born told me he always cut a young bird's wing to prevent interfering. Late last season I trimmed several wings, and in every instance the bird so trimmed carries its tail too high, while those tails were trimmed carry them in the proper position, but with too much V in the bottom; while those carrying the tail high have by far the most circular tail. I have found that a Fan, after having its wings trimmed, will throw its tail over the head for balance. Having lost that necessary

prop, the flights, and being weak, it Pouters and a few Swallows. Archis unable to carry the tail as it should be carrried.

Examine the flights of an old birdsee the frayed flights. These are their balance and they are lost without them. In trimming the sides of the tail one loses that most desired effect-the circular tail with the narrow V at bottom. The feathers being cut, the weight is lessened and the result is too much space at bot-I have trimmed several tails recently on the sides, leaving the two lower feathers on each side and six or eight in the center. The weight of these lower ones is each day bringing them closer together, and when they have dropped to the required position I will trim them also. This should make a well spread tail and not lose the circular tail by trimming, and still be strengthening the rump of the bird. I am a firm believer in trimming tails in young birds, as it prevents wry tails, open centres and gives the young a chance to learn to eat before it is obliged to carry a large, burdensome tail. I should like to know the best method usedone that in no way lessens any de sired point in the bird. An article by Gilbert, Hay, Glasgow, Rutter, Ward and other Fan men on trimming young would be read with pleasure by many, I am sure, and would be a lesson in the art to many an inexperienced beginner.

ED. B. PAGE.

#### LOWELL FLASHES.

R. L. W.

If a pigeon show is held in Boston next winter a large entry will probably go from Lowell and also a large number go to see the birds. This city has taken a decided boom this year, and the fanciers now want a better quality of stock. Within a year there will doubtless be several fanciers here who will exhibit birds at some of the leading shows.

Tumblers and Homers are the birds that "take" here, and there are more of these two breeds than all the others combined. Fantails are well liked by most every one, and Jacobins and Turbits are in more keen demand now than formerly. The enough to raise it. It is the most other varieties that find favor in the promising youngster of that age I eyes of amateurs are Owls, Magpies, ever saw.

angels, Barbs, Nuns and Trumpeters are scarce.

In Lowell there are more Fantail, Homer, Jacobin, Magpie, Pouter, Trumpeter, Turbit and Swallow cocks, Nun, Owl and dun Tumbler hens, than there are of the opposite sex. Fanciers having a surplus of the opposite sex would do well to write fanciers here, as an "evening up" would be desirable.

\*\*\* I recently was the recipient of a visit from Mr. W. B. Sanders and a They also friend, from Chelsea. called on the Messrs. Drewett and Stevens. Fanciers visiting Lowell at any time are cordially invited to call on us.

I have tried your Boston correspondent's method of feeding squabs, described in THE FANCIER some time ago, and find it the easiest way I ever tried. The only drawback 1 see is that one would not know how much water they require.

Pigeon thieving has been the rule and not the exception here, although I haven't heard of any one losing any birds lately. I think some boys were arrested recently in Malden who formerly lived here, but I am not informed of the particulars of the case. I have iron bars across my windows in the barn and my loft, so that no one can effect an entrance, and think this would be a good thing for some of your readers to adopt, as I find it a simple but effectual contrivance for keeping out burglars.

#### A DAY IN BALTIMORE.

On a Thursday morning, a short time ago, I found myself in the Mecca of the American pigeon fancy-Baltimore. I at once made my way to the business place of Mr. H. Tiemann. Without much time unnecessarily wasted in talk, we repaired to his lofts, where he has an excellent collection of many varieties of pigeons. I was especially well impressed with the good quality of his Barbs, Magpies and Tumblers. Mr. Tiemann had a young Barb in the nest only 10 days old which will be a hard one to beat, if the owner is fortunate

After leaving Mr. Tiemann, Mr. G. B. Hart accompanied me to his home. where I participated with him in an excellent lunch, prepared by Mrs. Hart. Lunch over, an inspection of his birds was next enjoyed. Mr. Hart's specialty is Orientals. He will give breeders of those varieties a hard rub at next winter's shows. His Satinettes are especially grand.

We now went to the lofts of Mr. Loffler, who, like so many other Baltimore fanciers, has been in the fancy many years. He is a pleasant gentleman, and is at present the owner of a grand stud of Turbits and a few other varieties.

Mr. George Kuffner was the next man seen. I certainly am greatly obliged to Messrs. Hart and Loffler for taking me to his place, for nowhere else in America-and perhaps nowhere else in the world-can more correctly marked Magpies be seen. Mr. Kuffner has, by the patient selection of breeding stock, obtained st ecimens of this pigeon which are perfect in feather marking. It is a lovely sight to see them feeding, because of this correctness of marking as seen on the backs of his birds. They are also grand in that snakiness of head and neck which is so much desired.

In company with Mr. Hart, our next points of attack were the residences of Dr. White and G. A. Fick, Mr. Hart knowing by this time my especial weakness for the Barb. But we are not yet in Barbland, for on the way to Dr. White's we pass the office of Dr. Meyer, the Owl man of the Monumental City. The Doctor has a grand collection of blue and silver Owls. A young bird with the '93 ring will give Owl fanciers something to look for next winter. I shall not be surprised if it proves to be the best bird in its class of this year's hatch.

Dr. Meyer accompanied us to Dr. W. W. White, whose Barbs have won such a distinguished position in the fancy in the last few years. The progeny of the birds owned by him have never been beaten in competition. Every one of the birds owned by the Doctor is a gem. The famous old red cock was on the nest at the time of my visit. He is mated to a yellow hen, a prize winner in England, and to my eye the sweetestfaced Barb I ever saw. I hope this mating will produce some young for the owner this year; they should be wonders. Another grand pair is one of blacks. The hen is the most massive-headed bird of this sex it has ever been my good fortune to see; they, also, should produce wonderful The stud contains other young. birds of first quality. The mention, however, of two pairs will give a key to the quality of birds in this loft.

From Dr. White's residence we walked to the domicile of Mr. G. A. Fick, where, through the kindness of himself and his mother, I enjoyed a good supper. Mr. Fick's loft contains a noted collection of Swallows, Barbs and Magpies. The Barbs, naturally, first caught my eye. Of these one pair is especially fine. It is a pair of blacks-the hen importedfrom which there are already several young of great promise. Here I also saw the imported Magpies, which have been astonishingly prolific during the time they have been in the Fick loft. These birds are of very typical structural formation, good, snaky heads and necks and of a very lustrous black. Of Swallows there is quite a large collection, containing some of the best to be had. Mr. Fick is secretary of the American Magpie Club.

After tea Mr. Fick and I found our way to the home of Mr. Broemer, with whom we enjoyed good pigeon talk. It being too late in the evening to see his Archangels, we made an effort to see the editor of THE FANCIER, but were unsuccessful, the entrance door being locked and no doubt business hours over.

After I had a good night's rest at the hotel, Mr. F. A. Rommel accompanied me to his home, where I saw his superb collection of Trumpeters. Birds of such feather, crest, rose and foot-feathering, are to be seen nowhere else in America, and Mr. Rommel has them in black-mottle, black These birds are and solid white. breeding exceptionally well this summer and the young are growing into birds of magnificent type. Next to the Barb, I believe the Trumpeter would be my hobby, because of his stateliness of manner, oddity and tameness of disposition.

The time for going home had come, and I bade Mr. Rommel and Mr. Hart good-bye in the B. & O. depot, after twenty-four hours' enjoyment such as can only come to a pigeon den,

generous, big-hearted fanciers those of Baltimore. I regret that at this time I did not get to see Gaddess. Ryan & Gould and a few others, but time would not allow it.

J. S. RITTENHOUSE.

#### NEW AND NEWSY.

H. E. Bissell reports having about 100 young birds out flying and a lot of birds on eggs. He says: "The birds are breeding in great shape." Well, we should say so!

\*\*\* The Western Pigeon Club is in fine condition. The club is about two years old and expects to send some of its crack birds to the World's Fair exhibition, in October.

\*\*\* Charles J. Tanner says: "I see your correspondents are complaining of not having raised many young. I have had splendid luck; have about forty youngsters, and some very warm members among them, especially in blacks and blues. Epsom salts is the agent I use to keep down canker this hot weather, and it's immense."

Mr. Tanner met with a serious loss the other day. A blue Turbit henthe best he owned-flew out of the coop door while he was showing his better half a grand young black he had succeeded in raising. Charley consoles himself with the knowledge of having another young hen which, with age, will be her equal.

\*\*\* Mr. Ch. Wagner, of Detroit, Mich., will join the Pouter Club if one is formed.

A Homer recently flew into the window of the residence of Mr. O. C. Lillybridge, 1013 West Mulberry street, Baltimore, Md., and was cap tured by Mrs. Lillybridge. The bird is stamped "John F. Hinkle, 5605 Woodland avenue, Philadelphia," and its leg band is one of series S, and numbered 8087.

Joseph Dewees, of Govanstown, Md., caught a Homer, August 15th, marked E. and G., No. 28.

#### NEXT NEW YORK SHOW.

The next annual show of the New York Poultry and Pigeon Association will be held at Madison Square Garsuch as can only come to a pigeon den, New York City, February 8, 9, lover, through meeting a host of such 10, 12 and 13.—H. V. CRAWFORD.

#### IN THE OWL'S INTEREST.

COMMENDABLE WORK OF AN OWL CLUB ENTHUSIAST.

On Sunday I boarded a train with the idea of visiting the Allentown fanciers. After about a half hour's ride and a few steps from the depot I found myself at the residence of Mr. George Eckert, of Owl fame. After a little pigeon talk we went up to inspect his birds, which he has on the third floor of his palace-like stable, where the birds have plenty of light, running water, and most of them have their freedom. And as to the birds-well, they are a sight for any fancier to look upon, especially if he admires the Owl. Among them are some grand whites, blues and silvers, especially a blue English cock, which is good in size, grand in beak and skull properties. This gentleman has also youngsters in the nest that bid fair to be some of the winning birds in the '93 class. feasting our eyes on what I think is the best stud of Owls in this country, and finding time growing shorter, I took my leave, with the intention of visiting Messrs. Roth and Lentz: but as luck would have it, neither were home. This ended the Allentown trip.

On the following Saturday I again bid adieu to Easton for a two-days' visit-this time to the fanciers of Philadelphia. Arriving there shortly after noon, I at once went to work to hunt up William Ehinger, of North Fourth street. And right here I want to tell J. George Nagele that he must not feel slighted at my not get. ting around to his place, as I had promised him in my last letter. The time passed so quickly that it was night before I knew it. I intend making another trip to Philadelphia before many moons and will make it my object to get to your place first. After arriving at the residence of Mr-Ehinger, I was informed that he was in the loft, and on entering I found him diligently perusing the last issue of THE FANCIER, which he had just received from the hands of the postman. After a how-do-you-do and handshake we proceeded to look around the loft, which is divided into four parts. The first and largest is devoted entirely to the Magpie, of which he has grand birds in all colors and to the number of about one hundred. The members of the Magpie

Club did well to elect him their president, as a more genial and wholesouled fancier cannot be found, and any one visiting Philadelphia and not stopping to see him and his birds will miss half of their life, and I do not think, taking his Magpies as a whole, they can be beat in this country, each and every one possessing that much-desired property of being snaky in appearance. The other lofts contain some extra good Owls and Oriental Turbits, and I think from the quality of the youngsters the Oriental breeders will have to hustle to beat them in the '92 class. After thoroughly inspecting Ehinger lofts, and partaking of a good cigar from Billy's private box, we went to see a gentleman by the name of Hoepfner, on Girard avenue, who, Mr. Ehinger thought, could be induced to join the Owl Club.

We found this gentleman home, and it was not long before we were in his lofts, which are two in number. and contain Snells, Orientals and some grand white English among them, being three he raised this year, which, if banded, would make some of the white Owl breeders open their eyes at this winter's shows. also noticed a pair of blue Priests that for color and markings would be very hard to beat. After inducing him to purchase a few dozen enamel bands and band the rest of his youngsters, and asking him to think of the matter of joining the Owl Club, we took our leave, only to come to another fancier and breeder of the Carrier for a number of years back.

This in the personage of James Mander, of Second below Girard avenue. After an introduction we went to see this gentleman's birds and were really surprised at the quality of his stock, he having purchased the stud of Blondinettes and Satinettes from Mr. Pettit, the artist, which, added to his loft of Carriers, gives him a collection to be proud of. In Carriers I noticed an extra fine dun cock of excellent color and a good-sized, walnut-shaped wattle; he also has a youngster in the nest that will be heard from later on.

After very near drowning with perspiration, we wended our way to the store of John Spealer. Here we were met with the greatest of all surprises in the shape of Owls with white bars, which are not only very odd, but very pretty. All of his latest hatches ident Haven in Messrs. Haven Ingram, Ford, ner, Rough, Finn. Records of pretty.

come with full white bars and are very good in head and frill. He also has some very good lengthy and grand blowing Pouters in all colors. After smoking a few cigars and indulging in a few glasses of root beer (?) I bid adieu to these gentlemen, with the expectation of seeing Harry Adams early the next morning, which was Sunday.

After a refreshing sleep and a rousing breakfast, I wended my way down South Sixth street. After a short walk I came to the residence of this gentleman, who is an ardent admirer and breeder of the Owl, of which he has kept a few good ones ever since he was a boy, only for his own amusement and recreation; hence he did not advertise, as all his surplus went to a bird store. After discussing different matters, we went up to his loft, which is in the third story of his house, and spent nearly half a day watching and discussing the merits of some of the best Owls this country today owns. He originally got his birds from Mr. B. Hankins, of Bordentown, N. J., and with patience and judicious matings has produced some excellent specimens of the Owl. One of his latest achievements is the producing of the powdered blue (Chinese) Owl, which is something very grand, being good in beak, skull and frill; its color is just as distinct as that of the powdered blue English. He also raised a young blue English which, if it had a band on, would chase some of its competitors hard for first honors.

Upon looking at my watch I saw I had about ten minutes to make the train, so with a hasty good-bye I left. Homeward bound—well pleased with my first trip among the Owl fanciers, and I heartily wish them all an excellent breeding season.

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#### N. E. P. A. MEETING.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the New England Pigeon Association was called to order Wednesday evening, August 2, at 8 o'clock, President Haven in the chair. Present: Messrs. Haven, Ferguson, Latimer, Ingram, Ford, Pratt, Twombly, Wagner, Rough, Carter, Bowman and Finn.

Records of previous meeting read and approved.

After considerable controversy over the dues question, it was moved by Mr. Latimer that the annual dues, which for the past year have been \$6, be reduced to \$4. This motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

The classification and premium list for the following year was discussed, and Mr. Bowman moved that a committee be appointed to take charge of this matter and make the necessary changes. Mr. Finn's amendment, that the committee consist of three members, was carried, and Messrs. Bowman, Ford and Twombly were chosen by the chair.

There being no further business to transact, a motion to adjourn was carried.—C. E. Twombly, Sec'y.

#### JACOBIN CLUB MEET.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

The first preliminary meeting of the Jacobin Club was held on Saturday afternoon, August 5, at the residence of Mr. H. V. Crawford, Montclair, N. J. The following officers were elected for one year: President, Atwood B. Hoskins, Glen Riddle, Pa.; vice-president, George Ewald, Cincinnati, O.; secretary and treasurer, M. B. Blauch, Lebanon, Pa.

The subscriptions towards five cups to be offered by the club amounts to \$85 thus far.

1t was decided to offer them in the young bird classes, viz., black, red, yellow, white and blue, to be won three times for the best young Jacobin, either sex, bred in the season previous to show for competition in their respective classes.

The contests for the 1893 birds will take place either at New York, Baltimore or Cincinnati, and, judging from some of the remarks made, there will be a lively time. The place will be decided at the next meeting, which will be held in Philadelphia in September, when also an executive committee will be elected and constitution and by-laws formulated. The club also expects to secure a competent judge from abroad in order to have fair and square judging, which feature alone should be an incentive for every Jacobin fancier in this country to join it.

The club cannot boast of a large number of members, but those who have joined thus far are full of push and energy and will use every endeavor to make it a success, and it is hoped that a few more breeders of this variety of fancy pigeons will apply for admission before the next meeting. Every honorable fancier is welcome.—M. B. Blauch.

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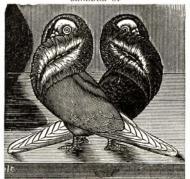
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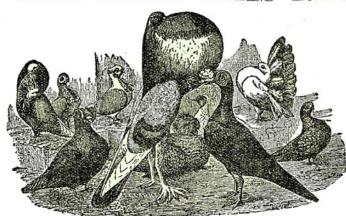
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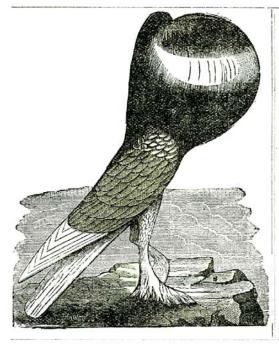
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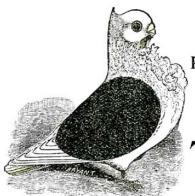
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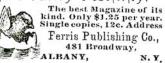
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