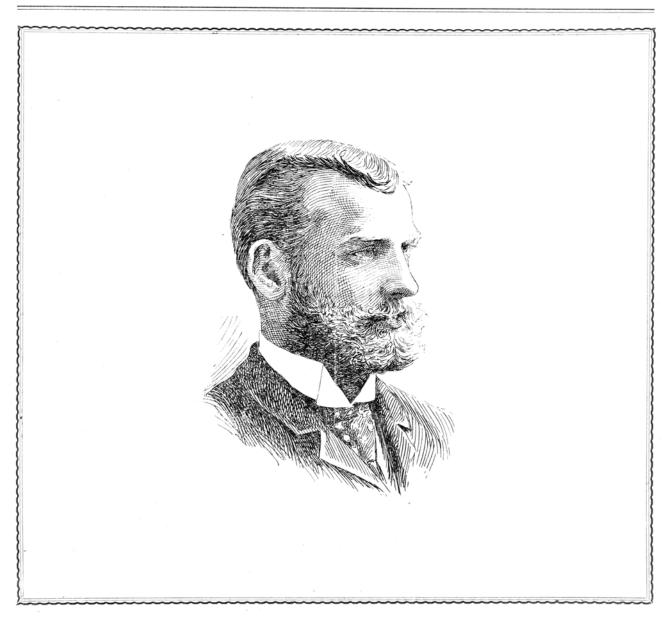


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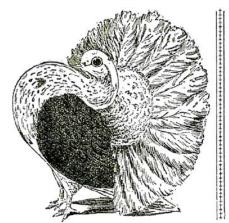
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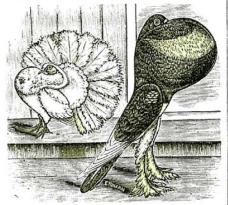
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#### EDITORIALS.

OUR FRONTISPIECE.-Mr. C. E. Twombly, whose portrait appears on the title page of this issue, is well known among Eastern fanciers as the Secretary of the New England Pigeon Association. Since being elected to that office he has taken a great interest in the affairs of the association, and to him is largely due the credit for the marked advancement in the pigeon world in his vicinity. He has been in the fancy but a few years and started with no knowledge whatever of pigeons. With a great deal of study he became aware of the fact that the only way to succeed was by honest dealing, hard work, and to breed only the best of not too many varieties and attend strictly to the improvement of the same. Mr. Twombly breeds barless Swallows as a specialty, and has succeeded in getting together a stud of this very handsome variety that would be hard to beat. Six birds from his loft were sent to Nashville last winter and won five regular premiums and special for best yellow Swallow in the show in very hot competition. This is the first time any of his birds have been shown, but we understand it is his purpose to send a good string to all the leading shows the coming season. Mr. Twombly recently published an exclusive pigeon paper called the Pigeon Fanciers' Annual, which contained many interesting and instructive articles, and displayed marked ability on the part of the editor. A copy was sent gratis to every fancier whose name and address could be found. Mr. Twombly is a man who generally speaks plainly his convictions, without regard for personal ends. We wish the gentleman success, and wish there were many more of the same sort in the fancy.

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Mr. James E. Spence, the Scottish fancier who was on the illfated steamship Naronic, was a well-known Broughty Ferry man. He was a son of Professor Spence, and was widely known as a pigeon fancier and breeder, and he had with him on board the Naronic pigeons to the value of about \$1200. Mr. Spence was a sergeant-major of the Broughty Ferry Battery of the First Forfar Artillery Volunteers, in which he took a very active part. Spence was a breeder of the practical type, and an interested reader of The Fancier.

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It is by no means an uncommon occurrence for pigeons, when they have young ones to feed, to faint and die through over-exertion, says a contemporary. I have known cases of birds in perfect health going off so, too quickly to be of no avail for treatment. The task of feeding the squabs when they become big and strong is by no means an easy one, and unless the parents are very vigorous and healthy there is always a certain amount of risk. It is a good plan to watch feeding birds and note whether one of them appears overdone with the exertion of attending to the wants of the young. If such be the case the bird ought to be relieved of the responsibility, and the young ones either fed entirely or else partly by hand, so that they are not so exacting in the demands they make of the old ones. It is not at all a difficult matter to rear squabs entirely apart from their parents as soon as they are beginning to show feather. quite as readily out of the human mouth as out of their parents'. It is best that corn so given be been in favor of exclusive pigeon throughout the fancy.

first steeped in water, so as to become somewhat softened. Any fancier with a little practice can become quite an expert parent in this way. Of course, it must be borne in mind that it is very risky to suddenly remove a pair of young birds out of reach of their parents while the latter are in full health, and such a proceeding may seriously affect the old ones by checking too quickly the natural usages of their crops.

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Fifty dollars subscribed for five Jacobin cups is what the wild waves are saying about now. Messrs. Hoskins and Blauch are the donors, and it is generally thought that the starting of this subscription fund is the prelude to a grand awakening movement in the Jacobin fancy. The suggestion of Mr. Blauch's name for Secretary pro tem. is a good one, for he is a worker of genuine ability. Then the names of Crawford, Hoskins, Tuggle and others as being associated with the contemplated club should create lots of interest in its behalf.

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Now that we have concluded to ignore all the silly poppy cock differences between several of our contemporaries our readers may expect more pigeon matter. The boom the specialty clubs are having shows a very healthy state of the fancy. With the revival of the Jacobin Club we shall have one for each of the following varieties, Tumblers, Jacobins. Turbits, Barbs, Owls, Magpies and Fantails. There is also some probability of the formation of an Oriental Frill Club. These specialty clubs with the assistance of local clubs and the energetic help of the fan-They will take food ciers we see no reason why ex-

shows and still are of same opinion and we know there is at least one organization in the country that will next season afford the fanciers a chance to show their birds at an exclusive pigeon show.

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That exclusive pigeon shows can be made a successs was fully demonstrated by the Cincinnati, Louisville and Nashville shows. It was owing to these shows that the fancy is in the advanced state it is in at the present day. They were the cause of a better class of birds being bred, a better class of gentlemen being induced to join the fancy, and the prime factor in the bringing up the prizes of birds to the present magnitude.

We shall in our next issue have a few words to say regarding several lofts we recently visited while on a business trip out West.

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Many fanciers have been led to believe that Mr. Abel has been working for the detriment of the American fancy by upholding his actions during the past few months, but time will show that the impression is wrong, and no one will feel this more than just those, who have spread it.

While out West this week, we overheard Mr. Kuhn tell the Messrs. Ormsby, Snyder, Korb and Reccius that he proposed to pay the premiums won at Nashville, and that his only reasons for not paying them was because he was not going to allow himself to be bulldozed into it. We have always tryed to impress the fanciers with this idea, but it seemed as if they were not inclined to listen to reason, but placed too clusive pigeon shows should not much faith in what some of the prove a success. We have always enemies of Mr. Kuhn spread

#### HE WON.

#### BY THE CORPSE.

Gus, he had a Swallow bird, Wings as white as snow. Gus, he looked them over well And found they wouldn't go.

To send him to the Nashville Show He thought would be just right. Presto! When birdie landed there His wings were black as night.

He took first prize in company hot, And Gus, he was right glad; But when his winnings never came, Poor Gus, he felt very sad.

"Alas! I plucked in vain," quoth he, "For, tho' birdie scored a win, I'm entries and expressage out And empty honors in."

No more to shows he'll send his ducks, No more he'll pluck at night, And birdie waddles 'round the coop His black wings once more white.

-American Stock-Keeper.

#### JACK CLUB AFFAIRS.

There seems to be a great deal of activity manifesting itself among the members of the old Jacobin Club and other Jacobin breeders to arouse the fanciers of this variety in the country to the importance of reorganizing the old club, which was formed at Louisville during the show there, being the first specialty club formed in America. The Jacobin fanciers should by all means encourage the movement, for it is evident that should the efforts of these ambitious members be crowned with any degree of success, there are plenty of fanciers only too willing to join the ranks of the club. The slow progress of the old club and its finally dying out altogether should have no deadening effect on the present new and inspirating movement. Let the plans for our new Jacobin Club be securely and well laid, let the officers be men of integrity, energy and practical breeders-men who will keep the club before the public and will work to keep it on a high plane of excellence, and, through the medium of offering specials, in which respect Mr. Hoskins has generously taken the initiative step, we may hope to breathe new life into the Jacobin fancy and create a spirit of emulation never seen before.

slow, but let us hope it is attended them don their thinking caps, rub and bicker for a time, but eventually

with plenty of sound deliberation and a due amount of sound judgment, so that when we again hear of the American Jacobin Club we may tell our Jacobin neighbor that it is a thing of permanence with confidence, and not be compelled to be propping it up all the time, fearing if we turn our back it will fall disjointed to the ground. On the suggestion of Mr. Crawford, it is thought Mr. M. B. Blauch, of Lebanon, Pa., a very enthusiastic Jack breeder, whose letter on this project appeared in last week's FANCIER, can be induced to take up the Secretaryship until things assume more definite shape. From all accounts, Mr. Blauch has lots of vim and push, and these essential requisites go a long ways to advance an undertaking of this kind. Mr. Hoskins says there will be a meeting of the old club just as soon as arrangements can be perfected and the members notified; so that we may hope it will be but a short time when we can look upon a rejuvenated Jacobin Club.

As a starter, on the indications of the revivification of the Jacobin Club assuming a bright hue, Mr. Hoskins starts the subscription for five cups. He says: "Since my friend, Mr. Blauch, is trying to arouse some interest in the Jack Club, I will make the following offer, as a beginner, for something definite: I will give \$25.00 to start a subscription for five cups, to be given for the best young Jack (raised in 1893 and banded with the recognized bands) of each color, viz., black, blue, red, yellow and white, the show at which the competition takes place to be settled by the club, but I think it should be either New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore Boston."

Now there is no doubt in the world but that a good strong club could be formed if all the Jacobin breeders in the country pull together. Let the movement be quick and decisive, and, as evidenced above, the specials will come in gradually but surely, and by the time show season puts in its appearance it is just possible the members of the club will be abun dantly provided for in this respect. Now let Crawford, Hoskins, Blauch The present movement for the or- and others of equal note take up the ganization of the club seems to be cudgel and apply it vigorously; let this flock. They may puff and snort

heads together and show us what the result will be.

As we go to press, a dispatch from Lebanon says: "Put me down for twenty-five dollars for the Hoskins' subscription for five cups."

M. B. BLAUCH.

#### VENTILATION.

BY NONDESCRIPT.

Thanks, Mr. Pigeon, for your kind expressions subscribed in last issue. You are evidently the kind of material that will not tamely submit to the whims of a few egotists who are deliberately attempting the control of the entire fancy to further their own selfish interests. It is to the interest of all to watch these tricksters and guard against their underhand moves. Of themselves, they can accomplish nothing, for their substance is that which inflates the bubble-wind-but if they can, through maligning insinuations and monstrous misrepresentations, gain the confidence of the honest fancier and unsuspecting show supporter, much harm will accrue from their workings.

Pigeon fanciers of America, do not be gulled by these self-expressed lords of the fancy. They are playing you friends to use you at their convenience. Stand on your merits as intelligent and honorable fanciers. Support the exclusive pigeon shows and aid and abet your own cause.

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Replying to your Boston correspondent, who is willing to make amends for erring in his statement about the American Pigeon Club having gone to pieces when he is convinced that he did err, I will assure him that the time will come, and that speedily, when he will be fully convinced that such organization is intact, with its best element and the support of the best fanciers. As to some of the charter members not being harmonious, every one knows who has ever associated with any club or organized body that there are black sheep in every flock, and these worthy knowit-alls who contemplate disturbance are the black sheep we want out of will have to humbly submit to the will of the majority or get out. The American Pigeon Club doesn't want them, and the quicker such blight is removed the healthier the growth of the ; lant will be.

I am not referring to my Boston brother, for he admits he speaks from hearsay, and furthermore adds that he will be pleased to find himself mistaken; but there are others who were present at the convention, and are thoroughly cognizant of its standing, who are now gloating over its imaginary gone to pieces. Had the organizers displayed a little more prudence and a trifle less courtesy in their convention at Nashville, we would not have the black goats in our circle.



Evidently some one has been working with underhand misrepresentations on Mr. Joos to get him to change shows for his Magpie special, which he before stipulated to be competed for at the first show of the American Pigeon Club. As having the pleasure of the above-mentioned gentleman's acquaintance, I know him to be a firm and honorable man and a gentleman who would not change his mind without good cause. As he has not yet decided on where to compete for it, I trust he will revert to his former good intention and let it go for the American Pigeon Club and the only exclusive pigeon show promised for this year. I will assure Mr. Joos that they know their business, and will see that the Magpie, as well as other varieties, are properly cared for, both as to classes and a judge.



It is now in order, Mr. Sly Worker, to do a little more personal correspondence with the other fanciers I mentioned as having offered specials, if you have not already consummated such dirty work. I'll wager you won't meet with so much success as you did in the Magpie matter. The balance know your caliber.



I would earnestly request all specialty clubs and their members to carefully consider the ground and see if they can profit by meeting with and supporting anything but an exclusive pigeon show or countenance

not encourage it. Our fancy should be our first consideration-what are its champions? Past events plainly answer, "Exclusive pigeon shows. Specialty clubs are formed, so their constitutions invariably state, to foster and encourage their respective breeds. If this is so, it is then plainly evident that they cannot ignore an institution that offers them such superior inducements as an exclusively pigeon show.

#### BALTIMORE COLUMBARIAN ASSOCIATION.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

The B. C. A. held its regular meeting last Monday evening, April 17th, at 5721 North Gay street. Our new President, Mr. F. A. Rommel, presiding. After the regular business was over, several of the members gave their experience in breeding, mating and diseases, and also spoke of the article in last week's Fancier's Journal, in regards to Mr. Haven's remedy for canker. We all agreed that the remedy was a good one. but could not understand why you should treat a healthy bird the same as a sick one, especially the short face varieties; if you start with them at four days old, you might ruin the shape of their beak and do the youngsters other injury, and too much handling is not good. As it was getting late, and wanting to save something for the next meeting, it was moved to adjourn.

H. TIEMANN, Sec'y.

#### IN THE FAR WEST.

They seem to like Gilbert's birds in the far West-even if they are not the proper caper in the East-for the Daily News, of Orange, Cal., says, in speaking of the loft of that wellknown fancier, Mr. A. W. Bessy:

"In the pigeon loft we found a cooing and fluttering company of sixty dainty birds. All these are birds of high degree, of the noted Gilbert strain from the loft of F. M. Gilbert, of Evansville, Ind., who has, we believe, the finest loft of Fans in the world. The prettiest variety is the any national association that does white Fantail, though the plumage

of other varieties is of wonderful beauty in color and markings."

Brother Bessy is a great believer in grand tail properties, and some two years ago bought some of the largesttailed birds that Gilbert had. In the "glorious climate of California" he has had great luck with them. Our readers will remember that, over a year ago, Mr. Bessy sent THE FAN-CIER a most flattering compliment to Mr. Gilbert, stating that he was the "squarest" fancier with whom he ever dealt.

#### FROM AN OWL BREEDER.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

I have purchased from Mr. George Ewald one pair of silver Chinese Owls and one blue cock. I also have the first prize pair of blues at the Cincinnati Crystal Palace Show, then the property of Mr. Ewald. I intend to breed whiskered Owls exclusively the coming season, using Tumblers for feeders. I am glad to see the Owl Club is started, and hope to be able to become a member. I am glad to see the stand you took in last week's FANCIER, and I opine you are about correct.-R. S. ROWLAND.

#### FOR A CARRIER CLUB.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

In THE FANCIER of April 14, under Baltimore Notes, by Rounder, I see he touches on the idea of forming a Carrier Specialty Club. As I am very much interested in the breeding of this grand bird, I would be much pleased to see such a club started, and would wish to become a member and do all I could to further the interest of the club. Should like to know what the Carrier breeders think about it .- P POWELL.

#### A RESIGNATION.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

Mr. T. W. Davis has resigned as President of the Peoria Columbarian Association, and Mr. Howard Hardin was elected to fill the position.

Roв'т. Joos, Sec'y.

#### BEN HUR.

We present to our readers this week a fine cut, from life, of "Ben Hur," Mr. F. M. Gilbert's two-year-old Fan cock, and considered by many the champion of his class in this country. Mr. George Brown, who bred him out of "Big Ben," the famous English winner, pronounced him a wonderful youngster, and he certainly is a grand bird. His body is



very small, station grand, and his spread is thirteen inches. He won third at Louisville, first at Nashville, first at Tri-State exhibit and first at Philadelphia. He is a perfectly trained bird and never seems so happy as when placed on the open floor and allowed to strut and show off. At Nashville he was always the center of a circle of ladies. He is a perfect specimen of the American standard Fantail.

#### PIGEON ITEMS AROUND BOSTON.

BY OUR BOSTON CORRESPONDENT.

As I promised last week to give the readers of THE FANCIER a description of what I saw at the loft of Dr. Kendall, I will endeavor to do so. First let me state, for the benefit of those who have never been to visit the Doctor, that the first thing on the programme is "What are you going to have?" And to refuse is a great mistake, for it would displease the Doctor at the start. Our party found Mr. Feather and a friend there before us, and, after a drink all round, the Havanas were passed and we adjourned to the lofts. These are five in number and each is as large as any loft around Boston. The first we entered is the smaller and is to be used for young birds. In the next are kept the fancy varieties, and here are found Swallows, colored and white Fantails and a few pair of Dragons. This loft has a window opening into a very large flight covering the entire top of an out-building, some 30x30 feet and about eight feet high. In the next loft we found the flying Homers and what the Doctor calls his small Runts, although some of them Quincy. There were Nuns, Turbits

their liberty. Passing on to the next loft, we found mostly Runts, and there are from fifteen to twenty pairs here that are as large as eagles. Silvers predominate, but there are also duns, blacks and reds. All the reds were bred by the Doctor last season, and one of the red cocks is the largest in the lot, and I think, without a doubt, the largest in America to-day. His brother and sister are not a long way behind him and all are fine in color; the parents of these birds are a dun cock and black hen, and were imported from Paris. They have been put together again and will probably throw some more reds this season. The other loft, which is the largest of all, is used mainly for feeders. The Doctor is very enthusiastic over his birds, and one cannot visit his lofts without noticing the amount of work and money that it must take to keep things in such apple-pie or-

I had occasion to go into the rooms of the New England Pigeon Association one day last week and was agreeably surprised to find hanging on the the field, I think, as Mr. Glasgow wall a very large frame covered with says, "They should be divided up photographs (twenty-four in number) of birds in the loft of Mr. Edmund

nine inches in size, the sex being written at the bottom of each photograph. It is a very fine collection and a credit to the artist who exe cuted them. Mr. Gavin informed me a short time ago that he was going to visit Mr. Quincy's lofts, which are located at his summer residence, on the coast of Maine, and I suppose that to him is due the credit for placing the collection on the wall of the club room. Probably he intends it as a surprise for the boys at the next meeting.

I see more is being said as to where those specials shall be competed for next season. Now it seems to me the proper thing to do is to wait awhile and see how things turn out and who is to hold a show. There will in all probability be a show in Boston some time next winter, and let me say just here if there is it will be a rouser, and that is where the specials or a few of them should be competed for. New York held a great show this year, and I think they should be well patronized next. With so many specials in among all the big shows to come."

At the last meeting of the New are fine birds. Those in this loft have and Owls, and each was some six by England Pigeon Association that organization was tendered an invitation to hold their show in connection with the East Middlesex Poultry Association, which is to hold a show at Malden, Mass., some time in December next. Now that is very good of the Middlesex people, but I do not think a show held in this way could be made to be a very grand affair, and my idea is, if the club votes to have a show, let it be a big one, open to the world and run on business principles from start to finish.

#### REARING YOUNG PIGEONS.

[CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.]

We now come to the most trying period of all, that is, when the youngsters are ten or twelve days old, for at this time preparation by the old birds for a succeeding nest is generally begun; they are, so to speak, "off with the old love and on with the new." There are not many breeders who cannot point with regret to the loss of many a promising youngster at or about the age given. It is at any time most trying to have a whole batch of juvenile pigeons thrown on one's hands to feed, but doubly so when they average the tender age of ten days or so.

Should the weather be fairly warm and the youngsters pretty well feathered, brooding may be to a great extent dispensed with, especially if there be two young birds in the nest to keep each other warm, though, naturally, brooding should continue until the birds are nearly ready to leave the nest.

Softened grain in conjunction with the biscuit preparation I have named may at this time be given, but soaked corn must, to retain its virtues, be carefully prepared; that is to say, it should neither be boiled nor baked in the oven, but steeped for several hours in water just lukewarm, Peas are best for most breeds, though Carriers, Dragons, Pouters and other capacious throated sorts may have an occasional handful of beans-not at one dose, but judiciously intermixed with other food. Hand-fed pigeons are frequently troubled with diarrhœa; beans being of a binding nature, may therefore be given to check this, but should be well soaked, for the digestive organs of young pigeons are not very strong. Tares and wheat are best for short-faced Tumblers and other small breeds.

At the time of hand-feeding, drain away the surplus moisture, add a pinch of prepared grit, shake together and adopt the following simple modus operandi: Be seated, place the youngster to be fed on your lap; with one hand hold the head, open the mouth with the fingers of this hand, and with the other administer the food; each grain should be given separately and time allowed for the bird to swallow before a second dose is given. It is surprising how quickly a large family may be fed. At first the undertaking will appear gigantic, but as experience is gained much of the early awkardness will pass away, and the process be performed with comparative ease. An objectionable feature in connection with handfeeding is the indolence it induces in the birds fed. Squeakers reared naturally soon learn to forage for themselves; not so those that have become accustomed to be catered for in the manner indicated above.

Feeders or foster parents are most useful, and when a good staff can be kept hand-feeding has rarely to be resorted to. To breeders of Carriers, Pouters, Barbs, short-faced Tamblers and some of the big gulleted breeds, a kit of common pigeons, to be used as feeders, are of priceless value; and although they are not absolutely necessary in rearing other breeds, a few pairs will be found extremely useful. For instance, (1) eggs may be forsaken; (2) squabs deserted or improperly fed; (3) one of the parent birds may die or other unlooked-for difficulties occur.

A temporary shift for a few hours will often work wonders. At times the stronger of a pair of squabs may be greedily devouring all the food, and, as a matter of course, if left to its fate, the nest-mate quickly succumbs from sheer exhaustion; whereas if feeders are used the one or the other may be moved, with advantage to both; and when the services of feeders are not required they may be permitted to rear their own offspring until they attain a suitable size to supply the contents of that succulent dish—a pigeon pie.

Mr. George H. Kern wants it said that he is not a member of the Mt. Clare Homing Club, but belongs to the Star Homing Club, of Baltimore, Md.

#### THE TIPPLER PIGEON UP TO DATE.

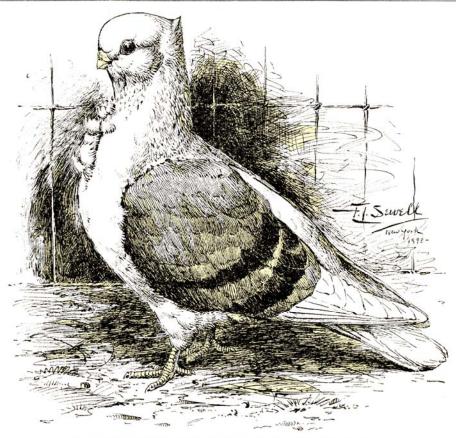
BY ARCHIBALD F. HEPWORTH.

From Poultry.

THE DISEASE OF TIPPLERS: THEIR CAUSE AND CURE.

Egg-bound.—As the name implies, this is a difficulty or inability to expel the ovum from the cloaca. It may depend either on the parts in the hen or of an abnormal condition of the egg. It is more commonly seen in cases when the first egg is about to be laid than in cases when several nestings have been gone through. It is not very common in the Tippler when allowed its liberty, but if confined during the breeding season is very apt to occur. When the state of the maternal parts is at fault it is due to a deficiency in the muscular expelling power of the cloaca. General weakness, overfeeding, and want of exercise cause the muscular fibres to be replaced by globules of fat, which lessens the contractile power. An unusually small fibrous vent is also another cause. When the egg itself is at fault, it is usually due to its disproportionate size to that of the bird, such as when a big strong cock is mated with a diminutive and puny hen. The egg-bound condition of course gives us no trable when the shell is deficient in calcareous matter -soft egg. Symptons.-The possibility of the conditions frequently escapes the mind of breeders, though when the case is examined the true state of affairs is not difficult to relieve. The hen takes to the nest as usual, but it soon becomes apparent that it is depressed and in pain; further, no egg is deposited. The depression increases and if the bird be examined the egg can easily be felt between the forefinger and thumb in the cloaca. If relief is not got the bird will die of shock and exhaustion combined.

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RYAN & GOULD'S BLUE TURBIT COCK-FIRST NEW YORK.

#### A GRAND BIRD.

RYAN & GOULD'S BLUE TURBIT COCK.

We present to our readers this week the blue Turbit cock of Messrs. Ryan & Gould, of this city, being a cut made from a drawing of the bird while at the late New York Show, and executed by the celebrated artist Mr. Franklane Sewell. He has won three firsts and two specials in England, first in a class of thirteen at Nashville and first in a class of ten at the New York Show. He was bred in 1889, but is as sprightly as a twoyear old. Many of our most prominent fanciers consider him to be the best all-round blue Turbit cock in America. He is the father of two young in the nest, and his owners are looking forward to something extra for the young bird class of '93. These enthusiastic fanciers have our best

stud of birds.

#### BALTIMORE NOTES.

BY ROUNDER.

I am pleased to see several fanciers have expressed their views upon the classification question, and I shall await further developments before having my say again, and I hope every fancier will express his views, so that we can get down to a perfect understanding regarding this question, and thus afford the show secretaries ample opportunity to fall into line next season by giving the classification which has been approved by the majority of fanciers.

Now that the question has been wishes, and no doubt they will be brought up by Mr. Blauch regarding

more than successful in breeding the reorganization of the Jacobin something grand out of their fine Club, I hope every Jack man in the country will at once respond and place this club where it belongs. It is a matter of regret that the first specialty club of the country should have been dormant for so long a time, but I hope that from now on the Jacobin men will see to their specialty club with as much vigor as the other fanciers look after theirs.

I would like to ask, in all sincerity, how long we are going to be treated to these bomb-shells going off, bitter contradictions, visions of slaughter, running blood and so on? I would like to wager a few pennies that some of these fellows take daily turns in hitting the bag, taking long runs to reduce superfluous flesh and resort to other expedients to get themselves in trim for the combat. I see Mr. Glasgow is anxious to prove a certain ar-

ument to the "hilt," if necessary; so we can conclude that instead of hitting the bag, Mr. Glasgow hies himself to some deserted barn on the outskirts of Mahwah, and there, armed with a huge broadsword, makes desperate lunges and furious charges on imaginary foes. I would advise those who are always itching to thump each others' heads well to beware of the wonderful hitting powers of Mr. Gilbert, for I am told he is a "really" fighter, and so I let the hint drop to avoid all contests in this quarter. Don't try guns with him either, for 'tis said he is a sportsman, and you know these confounded sportsmen do have a funny habit of bringing down the game every crack. Mr. Editor, seem to be in the squabble also, but I hope you will keep your promise and stop this eternal squabbling: if others want to do it, then let them go ahead-they will soon exhaust and hang themselves. I don't think there are a dozen fanciers in the country who care a farthing about such matters. What the fancy wants is a first-class pigeon paper, and I think your paper can lay claim to this distinction if it is kept free from personal matter.

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I fear Swallows have seen or are seeing their last days in our city, for I hardly think there are four fanciers in the city of whom it can be said possess a first-class collection of this va riety. Mr. Fick is to be congratulated for his continued admiration of Swallows. I had an opportunity some time ago to see Mr. Fick's collection, and I must say that I was greatly impressed with a good many of his birds. His collection of blue white-barred birds, in plain-head and snipped, are the finest I have ever seen, and it is certainly to be deplored that these varieties of the Swallow family are not more generally bred. Of the plain-head variety I noticed a very fine hen of extra good shape, color, bars and foot-feath-

ering. This bird, Mr. Fick informed me, has won several prizes, which I think she well merited. Among the snipped variety I saw many fine birds. There were also very many fine birds among the plain variety, especially in the blacks.

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Besides Swallows, Mr. Fick is also breeding some very fine Barbs and Magpies. The loft is over an unused stable and is about fourteen feet square and five feet high; in fact, he uses the stable for a loft. From the loft to the back wall of the dwelling there is a roof covering the entire yard, and on each side, to the top of the fence, is wire netting, making an aviary about fourteen by sixteen and twelve feet high. Running water in the aviary is a very good feature and affords the birds an excellent place to bathe.

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Speaking of Magpies reminds me that there seems to be some likelihood of a club being formed for this variety and that Mr. Fick proposes to act as Secretary pro tem. This is a commendable move on the part of the Magpie fanciers. Keep the ball moving while the matter is fresh, and we shall soon have the pleasure of seeing a first-class club of Magpie men.

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Young birds are beginning to show themselves in the nests of the fanciers, and I think a few remarks relative to their care would not be inappropriate at this time. When your young birds are hatched you should see that the egg-shell is removed and that the young are placed in a good nest, as not infrequently the young birds are not given a nest sufficiently well made to protect their feet from "sleeping," and before you are aware of it you find either one or both the legs stretched out on the side, and the bird is unable to walk, and you are compelled to kill it, when a little care on your part in seeing that the

nest was properly constructed would have been the means of saving it. Then, when the young bird is about a week old, see that a clean nest pan is furnished it at intervals of three or four days, as the excrement accumulates so rapidly that the bird very shortly becomes lost to sight, and it affords a splendid harboring place for vermin. I will say more on this subject next week.

#### THE FAKED TAIL EXPOSED.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

Wishing to be thoroughly posted on the infamous system of "faking" Fantails. I wrote to a friend in England, and herewith present some extracts from his letter. I wish to say, in the start, that he is a thoroughly honorable and reliable gentleman and a practical fancier than whom none stand higher in the United Kingdom. As he requested me to use no names, I shall omit that part, but they will be produced at any time they become necessary. Said he, in speaking of a lot of birds: "You can depend on it that if - sent out those birds, their tails were all 'made.' 'He is not so good at 'tail-making' as ---, but for all that he does it to a greater extent. His birds were all passed by the judge at the last - Show for haviug 'made' tails. I never saw such cheek in my life as to put them in a show-pen, but an outsider could see nothing. - 's birds were also passed, and at the same time I thought he was badly used, but the party who judged had bought birds from him, and I suppose he had paid for his experience. Most Fan fanciers will help their birds, but 'making' tails is a different thing, and in this country winning with made tails is a thing of the past.

"At our best shows all our club judges are breeders, and are not slow to detect the unnatural tails, which can be done by any one who has ever bred Fans for any length of time. It is very easy to detect a 'made' tail. A made tail is naturally a thin tail, the edges of the feathers doing little more than touch each other. The cushion feather looks unnatural and rough, by being pressed out of shape. The filling feathers at back of tail are loose and straggling, not fitting up to

the broad feathers. The strong feathers of the tail are loose, often seeming to hang by the skin; so much so that you can blow them about wi.h the least puff of wind. Then there are many ways of 'faking' a tail, but all are easily detected by an examination of the feathers; but you must handle the bird to detect the fraud. I think I have made this as plain as possible. It is of the greatest importance that you put down tail-making. Expose and condemn the practice; select judges who will carefully examine each bird in hand. Do as we do in this country, and when the tailmakers find out that their birds are passed over they will soon begin to see that the practice will not pay."

Have just received the new catalogue of the World's Fair, and am pleased to see that one of the principal clauses is this: "All birds must be shown in their natural condition."

F. M. GILBERT.

#### SALT FOR PIGEONS.

BY A NOTED ENGLISH FANCIER.

Is it necessary to give pigeons salt? This question is often asked, and can only be answered in the affirmative. Certainly, it is as necessary to the existence of pigeons as it is to human beings that they be supplied with salt in some form or other. One has often heard of pigeons who have their domiciles on the sea-coast flying to the sea, when at low tide, and taking a good drink from the pools left by the tide on the sands, in order to obtain the desired supply of salt necessary to their existence.

#### VERY STRANGE.

A few weeks ago we were present at a poultry and pigeon show at which we met a fancier who was exhibiting some pigeons, and, as we were interested in the variety of pigeons he was exhibiting, we had a look though the pens containing his birds. We found all the birds healthy with the exception of two, and we drew his attention to the fact. He informed us that all his birds were in excellent condition except those that were kept in one aviary, and, try what he would, he could not possibly keep the birds in this particular aviary healthy; "In fact," he said, "I am at the present time giving them

like to investigate it. After carefully examining the two birds we found them in fairly good condition, but they were dull about the eyes and lacked vivacity. On questioning our friend as to whether they were well supplied with grit, he told us that they were. We also inquired concerning the food and water he was giving them. These we found were in every way suitable.

#### STRANGER STILL.

"Are you giving them a supply of salt in any form?" was the next ques-To this question tion we asked. came the reply that he was not, as he did not think it at all necessary. After explaining that this was evidently the cause of the inert appearance of the birds, he mentioned that those birds which were in perfect health, and which were kept ln another aviary, were not being supplied with salt. Here, then, was a very puzzling predicament. The only information we could obtain further was that the birds which looked so well were kept in an old aviary, while those whose appearance was so dejected were kept in a newly-constructed one. As the case was getting more and more interesting and. complicated, we were determined to find the solution.

#### THE SOLUTION.

After many questions and answers, we ascertained that a year ago he placed a "salt cat" in one corner of the old aviary, and that he often saw the birds pecking amongst the grit in this particular corner, but it had never occurred to him that owing to damp weather the salt had dissolved and become mixed with the grit, and that the pigeons were obtaining their supply of salt in this manner. As the birds in this aviary were still keeping healthy without the (perceptible) supply of salt, he did not consider that those in the new aviary required any. Upon our recommendation he at once furnished them with "salt cat," and we since learn that the whole of his birds are in perfect condition.

HOW TO PREPARE "SALT CAT."

For the benefit of those of your readers who do not know how to manufacture the compound "salt cat," we give instructions how to make the cod liver oil capsules." As the case mixture: Two parts of sharp gravel, interested us, we thought we would one part old mortar (well pounded), York Show.-H. V. CRAWFORD.

one part coarse salt and one part loam; these should be mixed dry. This mixture should be kept in a box and should always be accessible to the birds. There are several kinds of grit advertised which contain several ingredients, among them being salt, such grit being in reality what is salt cat, and which answers all its purposes. Those fanciers who do not care to go to the trouble of making a mixture will find a piece of rock-salt answer admirably, but it is also necessary to see that the birds are provided with a liberal supply of gravel.

#### NEW YORK POULTRY AND PIGEON ASSOCIATION.

The New York Poultry and Pigeon Association has just elected the following officers:

President-T. H. Terry.

Vice Presidents-Robert Colgate, Philander Williams, T. A. Havemeyer, Junior.

Treasurer-Chas. M. Griffing.

Secretary and Superintendent-H. V. Crawford.

Attorney-Albert Reynaud,

Executive Committee-T. H. Terry, Charles M. Griffing, H. F. Crawford, George Purdue, D. E. Newell.

Directors-Robert Colgate, H. V. Crawford, George Purdue, D. E. Newell, Chas. M. Griffing, G. P. Reynaud, Thos. H. Terry, Philander Williams, T. A. Havemeyer, Jr.

#### THREE FANTAIL CUPS.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

We have offered, by a member of the American Fantail Club, three challenge cups. They are:

For best white Fantail bred year of show, colored " saddle

The conditions are as follows: Breeders must be exhibitors; cups must be won three times by same person to become owner of same, and to be competed for annually at the New

## **+ HOMING DEPARTMENT. +**

Open to fanciers of Homing pigeons throughout the United States and

Canada, who are earnestly requested to contribute liberally to this Department.

#### WORLD'S FAIR FLIGHTS.

Pigeon fanciers throughout the country are taking great interest in the homing contests which will be July 1 and September 1, under the direction of Chief Buchanan, of the Agricultural Department. A special class has been created in the live stock department for the experiment and fanciers generally have signified their intention to enter birds. The contests are open to all individual Homing pigeon fanciers in the country, without regard to club, association or vicinity. Rules have been established to govern the trials, and the birds will be liberated and start on their homeward flights from the plaza at the East front of the government building on the days set. No fancier can enter birds save those from his own loft. A register will be kept of all these entries, and each bird will be under control of the live stock department as soon as it is entered.

The contes's are divided into three classes, each class offering a first, second and third prize. Velocity of flight and sagacity in finding their trackless paths home will be the points in the contests. Each bird will have fastened upon its leg an official brass band, which will be immediately returned to Chicago upon the arrival of the homing bird at its destination. In mailing these counter-marks certified credentials must accompany them, and the envelope must bear the postmark of the office where it was mailed in order to authenticate the returns. In addition each bird must have its name and that of its owner stamped upon the wing feathers.

All returns must be reported by a certified telegram to the chief of the department of live stock, and by mail, on day of return, inclosing countermark band for verification. In computing the time of arrival and average velocity made, an allowance is made of six minutes to the mile for reaching telegraph station and an additional minute for catching the bird

-distances to telegraph office to be traveled on foot and in no other way. All entries must be mailed to the chief of the department of live stock on or bofore June 24 and bear official postmark of that or previous date on envelope or they will be rejected. These entries must be written neatly and plainly, giving owner's full name and residence, the club he belongs to or flies with (if any), number of bird. color, sex, the air-line distance from the point of liberation to the home loft, together with distances to be traveled by the owner or his representative, on foot, from his loft to the telegraph office from which he is to report arrivals; also street and number of such telegraph office. All these distances must be made by mathematical calculation by a competent professional surveyor, and bear his name and residence on the entry blank.

#### AMERICAN FANTAIL CLUB.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

As all the ballots save a very few are in, and as they could not possibly change the result, I am able to give you the officers of the above club, as follows:

President—F. M. Gilbert, Evansville, Ind.

Vice-President—Samuel Casseday, Louisville, Ky.

Secretary—P. F. Hager, Nashville, Tenn.

Executive Board—Dr. T. W. Tuggle, Columbus, Ga.; T. A. Havemeyer, Jr., New York City; Geo. E. Peer, Rochester, N. Y.; Andrew Muehlig, Ann Arbor, Mich.; John Glasgow, Mahwah, N. J.

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Please add to the club list Joseph
Gavin, Malden, Mass.; Chas, Dieker,
Dayton, O.; John G. Orr, Princeton,

Ky., and A. J. McLean, Charlestown, Mass. This gives us, up to date, thirty-eight members, and I must say that I am proud of the honor of being President of a club comprised of so many true fanciers. I am satisfied that, with such men in its ranks, the Fantail Club will take a high place and keep it, and that, too, without any bickerings and petty jealousies among its members.

It would be very flattering to the officers if they could have seen the ballots come in. There is hardly one of them who did not get votes for all the places, from President down; and this makes me feel that the "personnel" of the board will be acceptable to every member of the club. I can easily understand that my election was simply a complimentary one, because I had taken an interest in the formation of the club; but I thank the boys all the same, and will try not go into any "combinations" (especially in colored Fans) while I hold office. If this joke is too deep, Wagner and Glasgow can explain it.

I had a pleasant letter from a Fantail friend to-day. In settling up an expense account I owed him \$16.70, and he so notified me, but he added: "Never mind sending it; put it into the Fantail Club for cups."

There are several important questions to be decided on, and at once, but it can be done with no expense or trouble. I think a circular can be so worded as to cover all vital points, and I trust that when the members receive them they will reply promptly, so that we may know at once "where we are at."—F. M. GILBERT.

The readers of THE FANCIER should always carefully look over the advertisements, as they are being continually changed and new material substituted. Those that have new ads. or have had old-ones rearranged this week are Messrs. Erdelmeyer, Scheid, Dunn, King, Roberts, Bayle, Beust, Kendig, McClure, Fetterolf and Wutke.

#### PIGEONS, AND ALL ABOUT THEM.

BY RICHARD WOODS.

From Fanciers' Gazette.

COLORED PROPERTIES-(Continued. THE ANTWERP-Continued.

RED CHEQUERS

come next in order of importance, though it is questionable whether present-day examples of this color are worthy of this distinction. Certainly, here and there one drops across a rich-coloured evenly-marked red chequer; but, as a rule, both coloring and markings are sadly defecttive. Any old breeder could explain why, but not so the novice in pigeon culture, and for whose guidance these articles are penned. Let me, therefore, explain that the various colors or varieties have so much interbred that it is impossible, with any degree of certainty, to fortell what color or class of markings the offspring of any particular class may be. Nothing could be more suicidal in the interest of red chequers-or any other coloured chequers, for the matter of thatthan this indiscriminate and indiscreet mixture. Chequer breeding is an art that few people understand. It won't do to trust too much to chance, for to be successful in producing rich colored well-marked chequers one needs to be conversant with several generations of the breeding stock. It is quite a common failing to imagine that a pair of correctly marked chequers will "throw" youngsters of similar orthodox pattern, and it is equally fallacious to suppose that the sort "that's wanted' cannot be produced from either sparsely or heavily marked birds. Now, my experience teaches me that capital colored specimens may be bred from either, providing, of course, they are mated with judgment and skill. For instance, it is desirable

ground color. If this be of the right shade, markings may be produced of almost any shade or pattern, either heavy or light, or of that happy medium which so well befits the redchequered Antwerp. The exact modus operandi, however, must be withheld until I come to breeding for color. I have, I fear, somewhat overrun my theme, for I have not yet explained the shades of color a redchequered Antwerp should display. Briefly, then, they are as follows: The ground color should be of a warm reddish tint, and the markings many degrees darker of the same color, as nearly as possible approaching bloodred. Chiefly to be avoided is that nasty harsh looking brick-red tint which, I regret to say, is only too commonly prevalent.

BLUE CHEQUERS,

but where are they? Echo answers "Where?" for Antwerps of this color are indeed an almost unknown quantity. What a pity they have been allowed to drop out of existence, or nearly so, for one rarely sees a specimen nowadays, whereas ten or a dozen years ago they were not only fairly numerous, but of more than passable quality. A blue-chequered Antwerp is a handsome pigeon and worthy of cultivation and support. My description of the blue-chequer Dragon is the best I can give of what an Antwerp of this color should be.

#### BLUES

are equally scarce, though equally pleasing, and equally worthy of encouragement. What few there are run much too light in color and lack that uniformity every whole-colored bird should display, the back or rump, as it is commonly called, and around the hocks being frequentlynay, nearly always-very light or quite light.

This completes the recognized colors of the Antwerp, but it has often that chief attention should be paid to occurred to me that greater variety ate Philadelphia Show.

might be attembted. How grand a black-barred silver would be, and how pleasing a pure white! One word more, suggesting reds and yellows, and I cease for awhile my dissertation on the color properties of the Antwerp pigeon.

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#### SPECIALIST FANCIERS.

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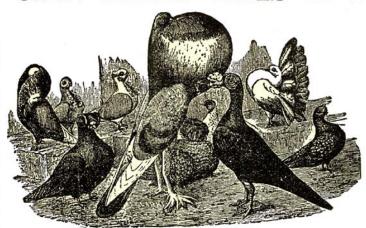
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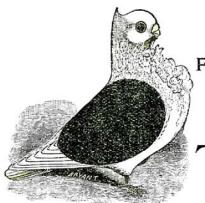
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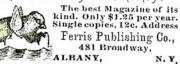
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