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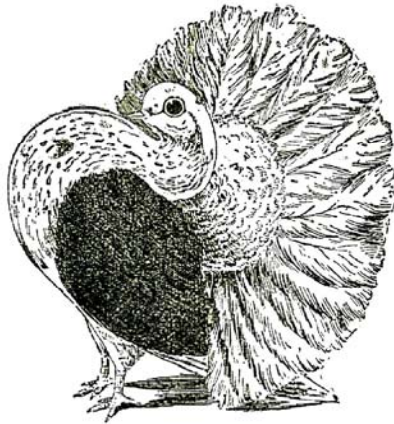


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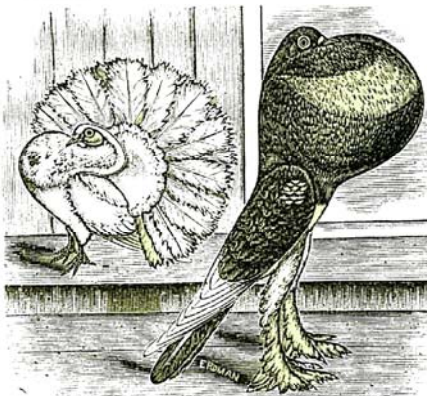
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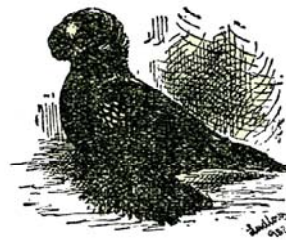
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EDITORIALS.

OUR FRONTISPIECE.—We present to our readers this week, on our title page, a cut from life of "Queen," another of Gilbert's 92 birds, out of "Belle Durland" and "Derby." She is the image of her mother, only a little finer in body. She has the same broad feathers in her thick tail and carries her head well down on her cushion at all times. At Philadelphia she was in the pink of condition and showed up in great shape, having the same "wavy" motion as old "Derby," her father. She has the same plump chest, which is such a point in all of Gilbert's birds.

While out West last week we had the pleasure of meeting such fanciers as the Messrs Kuhn, Tanner, Gilbert, Ormsby, Snyder, Korb, Reccius, Ewald, Lackman, Lienhard and Boyd. Of the lofts and birds of some of these fanciers we speak in another part of the paper.

After all the blowing and gas-ing indulged in by the Nashville Association, and after all their vain threats against Mr. Kuhn and regarding the prize money won at Nashville, Mr. Kuhn has at last stated that he will pay the premiums, and if some of the would-be-smart people had not talkod so much, no doubt the money would have been paid long, long ago. A man of Mr. Kuhn's caliber is not to be driven, and, as we have stated many times before, it is a downright shame that such a benefactor of the pigeon fancy should be so disgracefully treated. The fancy wants more such men as John H. Kuhn and less of the traitorous element.

Mr. George Brown, of Chesterfield, Eng., will arrive in America

during the coming month, and will be the guest of Mr. F. M. Gilbert, of Evansville, Ind., with whom he will visit all the prominent lofts of the West and take in the World's Fair. We hope Mr. Brown will stay on this side long enough to visit several of our big shows next season.

Last week's FANCIER, with three original portraits, newsy reading and wealth of advertising, seemed to catch on with a vengeance, and the demand from newsdealers and others has been so heavy as to make big inroads on the pile we always reserve for future demand. The past four days have brought all sorts of testimonials—big and little, great and small—from the polished criticism to the honestly-expressed, more commonplace opinion, but all conveying the same flattering tone of praise for THE FANCIER. Its universal popularity is well known among pigeon fanciers. They say they like it because it is the best; because it contains all the news of the pigeon world, bright and interesting pigeon reading, and thoroughly alive to the wants of pigeon fanciers and right up to the times in general tone and make-up. It is never satisfied with its work, but is constantly striving to do better, spending money and securing exclusive news that no other journal can get, introducing improvements and innovations that keep it far and away in the lead of American journals that give space to pigeon matters. Its able articles are reproduced, quoted and made the foundation of endless comment—though seldom with credit—more extensively than any other American journal. This is practical proof of its pre-eminent position universally. It goes right to the live, progressive and energetic

pigeon fancier and is read and re-read by him. This fact emphasizes its value as an advertising medium, and explains why it has more advertising and more advertisements than all the other journals combined. The paper that the pigeon fancier reads is the paper for pigeon advertisers. The subscription list of THE FANCIER is showing the effect of this great spurt it has made the last few months, and its circulation is rapidly spreading in every direction. The fanciers are happily aware of the journal that is benefiting them the most, and they are accordingly working for its interest. We hope all our friends will accept our sincere thanks for this great help. We trust each of our readers will hand some friend a copy of the paper for examination; if you have no copy that you care to spare to show him, don't hesitate to write us about the matter, and we will see that you are furnished with them. If this is too much trouble, just scribble his name and address on a postal, mail it to us, and we will give it the same attention and think none the less of you. We want to get THE FANCIER in the hands of every pigeon fancier in America, and in this work we most respectfully solicit your aid and co-operation. The more new names we get, the larger and better the paper is going to be, so you can see you will be repaid, in a measure, for your trouble. Think over this and let us hear from you.

From indications, our oft-repeated admonitions to the fancy regarding the American Pigeon Club's future will no doubt bear fruit before many days, for the club is destined ere long to bloom into a very healthy and energetic baby. That the club will grow

we have not the slightest doubt, and that it will be the means of promoting a new era in the pigeon world goes without saying. A. P. C. is constructed on such a broad and liberal-minded basis that it cannot be otherwise than a benefactor to the fancy. Its idea of holding exclusive pigeon shows in various sections of the country should alone commend it to the unbiased fancier as an institution whose great aim is to bring the American fancy to the front, and not to further the interests of any one clique, as has been so falsely represented. True many good pigeon shows have been held in connection with poultry shows, but this is not what the progressive pigeon fanciers of America want. Why the pigeon men should play second fiddle at shows is a mystery, and there has not been one combination show in the country, with the exception of the last New York Show, but that pigeon fanciers have had to knuckle under and play the subordinate position. Pull yourselves together, gentlemen, show your spirit and independence and support the show or shows which are gotten up for your special favorites. By this plea we don't wish to imply that combination (poultry and pigeon) shows should not be supported, but exclusive pigeon shows should be given the preference. If two shows fall upon the same dates and one is an exclusive pigeon show and the other a combination show, by all means give your aid to the exclusive pigeon show. It is these exclusive pigeon shows that have caused the fancy to grow and develop so rapidly; they have brought out a better class of birds, infused new life into the fanciers who were almost forgotten, and caused better prices to be paid

than were ever given before. It is for these reasons that we so strongly appeal to the fancy to support exclusive pigeon shows and an institution willing to give the fanciers of America such shows. With renewed life in the ranks of the American Pigeon Club, it is fair to expect that we may have an exclusive show in the near future.

Judging from our individual knowledge of the progressive ideas of this club, we are led to believe that, if the club holds a show, they will offer prizes on young birds in many of the different varieties, and we would therefore caution every one to band all their youngsters with some approved band having the year on it and being enameled.

The importation of pigeons is of such frequent occurrence that it hardly is given more than passing attention nowadays, but when such high-class birds as the winners of first and silver medal at the Dairy Show, and a hen winner of second in competition with cocks at Cambridge, arrive we cannot help but give them a royal welcome. Upon opening our English mail on Tuesday we found among other interesting notes in the Fanciers' Gazette a paragraph from which we take the following: "Mr. F. W. Joyce shipped by the France, which sailed on the 5th, to a fancier at Baltimore, U. S. A., the 1892 yellow agate cock first and medal at the last Dairy Show and the yellow agate hen second at Cambridge." We immediately hastened to Mr. Gaddess, with paper in hand, to inquire if they had arrived. What was our pleasure to be informed that they had just arrived and also that we were the first to have the pleasure of examining them, with the excep-

tion of the owner. That they are an exceptionally fine pair of birds is putting it rather mildly. The cock is a very rich yellow and has an exceptionally fine head and carriage, with plenty of rise over the rump, which is so much admired by short-faced Tumbler fanciers. An illustration of this bird was given in the Fanciers' Gazette in its issue of November 25, 1892, and which Mr. Gaddess says is hardly as good as the bird himself. In the near future we shall give our readers the pleasure of seeing the illustration referred to. The mate that came with this cock is also a very fine one and has the best head of any short-faced hen we have ever seen. Like the cock, she has very good color, style and carriage, and we very much miss our guess if these birds are not heard from at some of our shows the coming season. The birds arrived in splendid condition, and Mr. Gaddess is to be complimented upon the acquisition of such fine specimens to his loft, which already contains as fine as any in the country.

Mr. Tanner's appeal to the Turbit fanciers of America, in another column, should be heartily responded to by the lovers of this beautiful variety of the pigeon family. There are many good points in the article which should be fully discussed, so that when the show season comes upon us again no one can say that he does not know what a show specimen should be like, and no judge will then be able to state that he could not disqualify a bird because there was no provision made to that effect.

Our friend Gilbert writes: "If ever I try to get any more pigeon photos. it will be some day when I have a lot of time I want

to kill. I fear that the next man who takes any pigeons to be photographed by our leading artist here will have to be swept up off the floor. I had a dozen of my best birds at his gallery and we worked a-half day on them and only got four pictures, and they don't show what the birds are. I worked an hour on old Derby, and at the end of the time his head was swaying up and down just as it was at the start, only more so. My Scotch hens acted like they had watch springs on their insides, and I couldn't do a thing with them. One of my friends wrote me that they were the worst-looking cuts he ever saw. Granted. Every night now I pray that he will take some of his birds to be photographed and see how the old thing works. I'll bet he will lick the photographer, wring his birds' necks, kick himself out into the street and walk home with the empty coop under his arm. That's what I felt like doing, but the photographer was somewhat of a boxer himself."

The Barb Club is destined to be a sure go, and every lover of this variety should at once send his name to Mr. W. W. White, of this city, for membership. Dr. J. S. Rittenhouse, writing to a gentleman of this city, says "I feel satisfied there is no other pigeon that gives greater pleasure in its cultivation and that requires more patience and tact on the part of the fancier to successfully raise the young than does the Barb. I will at any time be ready to join the Barb Club and contribute my share to making it a success, either by contributing toward a cup or in any other way it may be thought best to stimulate an interest in our fancy. We should be able to form a good club."

PIGEONS, AND ALL ABOUT THEM.

BY RICHARD WOODS.

From Fanciers' Gazette.

COLORS PROPERTIES—(Continued.)

THE MAGPIE.

This, the most popular and the most extensively cultivated of the many Toy varieties, owes much to color for its notoriety, so much so, in fact, that were color made a secondary consideration half the charm of the Magpie pigeon would be lost. No one admires elegance of form, or is a greater advocate for "type and character," than the writer, but in appraising the merits of all Toy pigeons—the magpie in particular—color should undoubtedly hold a foremost position. It is very well to decry the angular shaped head, that is such an eyesore, or to condemn stained beak specimens, but even these defects, glaring though they be, must not be remedied at the expense of color—color of plumage, of course, I mean. Throughout the realms of pigeondom it is impossible to find another breed in which dissimilitude of color is so strikingly illustrated. The Magpie, no matter whether it be black, red or yellow, attracts the attention alike of the novice in the pursuit of pigeon culture and the old veteran whose experience has given him an insight into the beauties of every breed with which Englishmen are familiar. Not only so, but casual visitors at shows—*i. e.*, those who are unversed in the relative positions fanciers class the different sort of pigeons, speak of the Magpie as a truly beautiful bird.

BLACKS,

owing to their striking contrasts of color, and also being the original stock, have the greatest number of admirers. A good black always did, and always will, take some beating. Much of what I have said in dealing with black pigeons of other breeds equally applies to the Magpie, but in order that there may be no misapprehension as regards the exact degree, it may be mentioned that nothing but the deepest and densest shade should be tolerated, and this is not all, for it is quite possible to obtain density of color, minus brightness, but such will not do for the "perfect" Magpie. What is required is a com-

bined density, richness, and brightness, and this can only be obtained in conjunction with that lovely beetle-green sheen which has but to be seen to be everlastingly appreciated. Mind, I don't say that a black Magpie should be sweepingly condemned when this much-prized sheen is absent, but I do say that lustre of plumage should be encouraged and cultivated, for it will be found that "beetle-green blacks" never, or very rarely at all events, have defective colored tails, and by defective-colored tails I mean quills of a light shade, and a grizzling at the base of the feathering. Black Magpies exhibiting a purple sheen are by no means uncommon, they are nevertheless incorrect. It will be noticed that the head is often duller than the saddle markings; this, too, is a defect, that the rising generation of breeders should by careful attention to pairing, try to obliterate. There are dozens of black Magpies that look well in the pens, but when handled many faults of color are revealed, and perhaps the most common of which is the grizzling of tail feathers mentioned above.

REDS

come next, both in order of importance and popularity, though it is questionable whether a score of perfect-colored Reds are to be found among the hundreds, perhaps thousands, of Magpie pigeons that are in existence. Time after time have I waded through the Magpie classes at our principal shows, hoping against hope to find a red that could *truly* be called red. One fails here, and another fails there, the head and beak, as well as the large tail feathers, being the chief centres of color-weakness. And when one does happen to drop across a bird that is fairly uniform, it is either of too dull, or too light a shade, or if bright the sheen is frequently of a wrong color. I detest a green iridescence on a red Magpie. It may be asked, what then is orthodox? To which I would curtly reply that the redder the sheen the better I like it. Many red Magpies are of a nasty brick-red color, that clearly denotes gross indifference to color, in breeding. Then again others are the other extreme—much too dark, dull, and heavy. Now from neither can rich, bright, uniform and warm colored birds be bred—at least not without a great expenditure of both time and patience. Mind; my criticism of

the red Magpie is a general one and must not be taken as a condemnatory of all, for some extremely handsome reds turn up now and again.

YELLOWS,

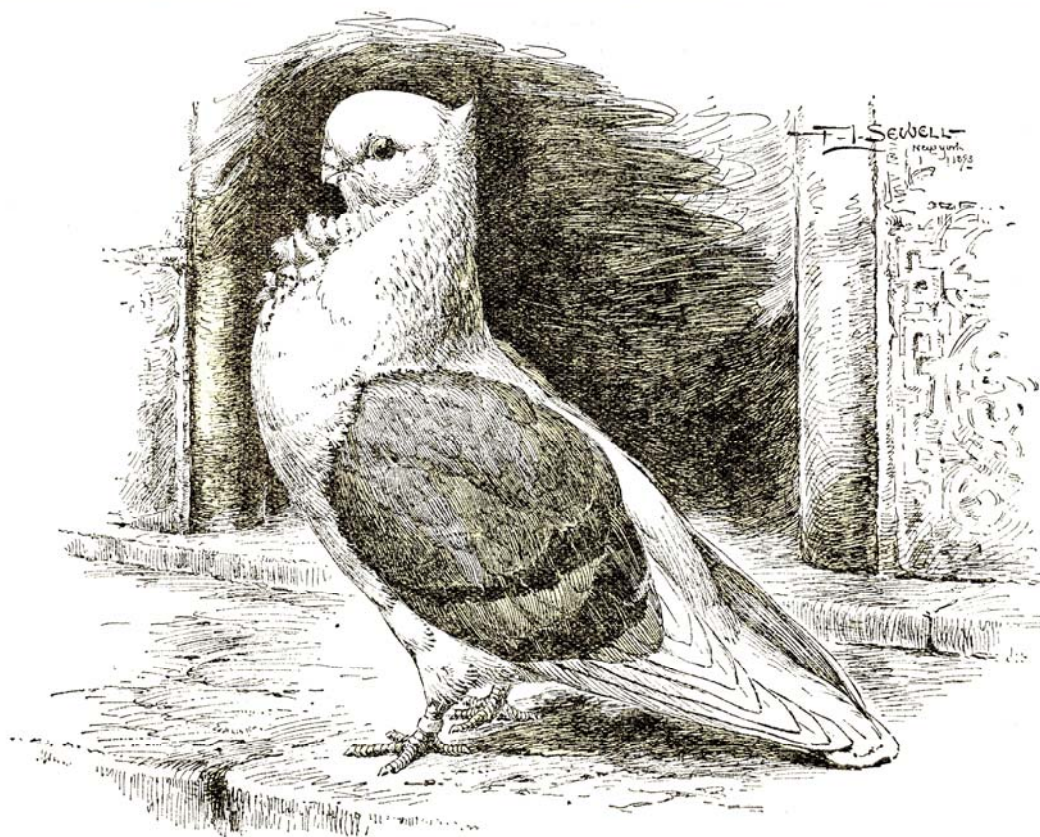
as a whole, have been vastly improved during the last decade, not but that some rich-colored specimens were in existence years ago, but they were mostly in the hands of one or two breeders. It is not so nowadays, for yellows are uniformly good, and at a large show needs close scrutiny and a practiced eye to detect and select the best from perhaps a score or more good ones. It is often a mere question of light and shade or the taste of the adjudicator, for it must not be thought that all persons agree as to the depth of color a yellow Magpie should be. For my own part, I do not like a very deep-colored specimen; such invariably are coarse in feather and lack that delicate beauty emblematic of the Magpie pigeon. Pale or washed-out yellows are equally unpleasing, and to a breeder practically valueless. A yellow Magpie should be of uniform shade throughout, and of that rich, bright, warm soft-looking tint which classic breeders alone can appreciate at its full worth. Time and space forbids my enlarging on the beauty of red and yellow Magpies, though I must crave for a few lines touching the weakness of these colors, the black being the most faulty; then the tail feathers are often of a dun or smoky hue when the saddle, head, and breast color is fairly good. One word more pointing out foul things, and I briefly mention

DUNS, BLUES, AND SILVERS.

Duns should be deep in shade, but bright, and easily distinguishable from blacks—uniform of course. Blues must be free from "ticking" and of almost celestial brightness. But how many such are there! Few indeed. Silvers are of modern origin and exquisitely pretty, viewed with much favor by "novelty hunters," but will never rival blacks, reds, and yellows for the pride of place owing to their less striking contrast of color.

[TO BE CONTINUED].

Food, clean water, ventilation, and cleanliness in the loft are essentials to the well-being of pigeons. Purchase the best food obtainable (not mixture) but just what your birds require. Peas, tares, wheat and dari are the staple feeds.



WILLIAM T. LEVERING'S BLUE TURBIT HEN—FIRST NEW YORK.

A FINE BLUE TURBIT HEN.

We give above a lifelike portrait of the best blue Turbit hen we have ever seen on exhibition in this country, and she is owned by Mr. William T. Levering, of Baltimore, Md. Mr. Levering is probably the largest exclusive Turbit breeder in the country. Besides being an extensive breeder of this variety, he is also a very liberal patron of the shows, having spent more money for exhibition purposes during the past few years than any other fancier in America. As may be seen from the illustration, the subject of our sketch is an extra fine headed bird, possessing extraordinary down face, good gullet, fine peak, mane, frill, color and bars. The position of the head when the artist sketched this beauty was unfortunately not the best that could be desired, and, as a consequence, makes

the body appear rather long. This is not the case, however, when the bird is in proper position, having a very nice body and being small and short. She was bred in 1892.

PIGEON ITEMS AROUND BOSTON.

BY OUR BOSTON CORRESPONDENT.

The April issue of the Poultry Bulletin has endeavored to give us a boon in its pigeon department, and, as is usually the way with aspirants, the editor has begun by picking flaws with other people's work and finding fault with the way other papers are run. He is evidently jealous because his paper is unable to show as many columns of advertising as certain exclusive pigeon papers. It will be a long time before he can, and I think if he would be a little less personal in some of his editorials his paper would be shown more favor among pigeon fanciers.

While looking at the collection of photographs that were recently hung in the rooms of the New England Pigeon Association, it occurred to me that it would be a great scheme for fanciers having birds to sell to have them photographed. By so doing, upon having a call for such and such a bird, they could mail its photo. to the intending purchaser, and in this way show him just what it is like. I think this would save a great deal of correspondence and would certainly save the expense of express charges for sending birds on approval. Take, for example, the Fantails of F. M. Gilbert, which have been lately reproduced in *THE FANCIER*. I am sure it would be unnecessary for any one to see the birds to know just what they are.

I met Mr. A. P. Pearson to-day and had a long talk with him about pigeons. He is as much interested in the fancy now as he ever was, and is thinking quite seriously of starting in again before long. He says he will breed badge Tumblers if he does, and

it goes without saying that he will have some good ones. Mr. Pearson has a fine loft over his store, and the only reason he ever sold out was for the want of time to care for his birds. We shall all be pleased to see him join the procession once more.

Mr. Charles E. Ford, of Quincy, has just received from across the pond two black Turbit hens and a black Turbit cock that are very fine and bid fair to make some one hustle next fall. They are fine in color and show extra fine head points, but seem to be a trifle short of gullet. One of the hens has laid since she arrived, and Mr. Ford anxiously awaits the first pair of young from them.

Mr. Middleton, of Waverly, has been again visited by rats, and they have more than made up for the time they have been asleep. They took ten in one night, and, as is always the way, they took none but the best. The pair of white Jacks recently purchased from C. F. Haven, a black Magpie from A. M. Ingram and a red Mag from John Orchard were among the dead; also some inside Tumblers and blue Jacks. Now that the damage is done, Mr. Middleton is hustling to have the floor cemented and the holes plugged, but he should have attended to this before, for rats are generally very hungry when they first put in appearance in the spring.

Mr. J. E. Morse, of Wrentham, Mass., is a new recruit to the fancy. He has started out to breed Homers, and has purchased a number from Dr. Kendall, also a few pairs of Runts. Mr. Morse intends to breed pigeons in connection with his extensive poultry business, and has shown considerable interest in them at the start. He has a large loft over his carriage-house, which will be fitted up for their convenience, and I would not be surprised before long to see Mr. Morse among the leading fanciers. It is his intention to go into high-class varieties as soon as he gets the necessary experience.

I am glad to note in the last issue of THE FANCIER that Mr. Kuhn intends to pay those premiums and that the American Pigeon Club is again showing signs of life. That Western trip of Mr. Abel must have

been full of business, and the boys can now look forward to a sort of reconciliation among the fanciers. This is as it should be, for surely our fast growing fancy cannot afford to have any set-backs.

STRAY GRAINS FROM AUSTRALIA.

BY OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

The most important occurrence since writing last has been the arrival of the steamship Australasian, which has caused quite a stir here in fancy circles of all degrees, but, as I am confined to pigeon matters, I will not keep my readers waiting, but commence by informing them the majority of the stock was secured by Mr. Rogen, of New Zealand, while on a visit to England. The Carriers were not as good as we have here, but the Jacobins were above the average. A pair of whites and a pair of sandies were, I hear, purchased by Mr. John Robertson, of Melbourne, Victoria, for £20. The reds and blacks were fairly good. Some real gems in Fantails were brought out and found ready sale. Taken on the whole, the shipment was highly satisfactory.

Another consignment of pigeons are expected by Mr. J. Maude, of Melbourne, Victoria, shortly, comprising Show Homers, Fairy Swallows, Turbits, Owls, Jacobins and Antwerps. Mr. Maude is one of if not the most enthusiastic lover and best judge of pigeons in Australia—a keen fancier and one who is ever up and doing for the fancy.

While writing of importations reminds me that two well-known fanciers (Messrs. H. C. Dellow and A. Stanfield, of Sydney, N. S. W.) have received from Mr. George Stanfield, Southsea, Eng., a shipment of Owls and Turbits. Another order has been sent. The above will give American fanciers an idea of the dimensions of the importations here, and it's a great pity one of the wealthy American fanciers don't take up the "cudgels of war" and send a small but good shipment of fancy pigeons to a well-known breeder to sell, so as to introduce American blood here. This is worth

thinking over. Now, brother fanciers, be up and doing.

The interchange of stock between the different fanciers of the colonies still continues, and birds are constantly arriving and leaving the shores of the different centers for new homes. Homing pigeons, however, seem to have the "call."

The recent floods in Queensland have devastated many fanciers' yards and those birds which were not at liberty perished. Many losses are reported, I much regret to say.

Homing fanciers in your country are, I'm glad to see, endeavoring to get some of their stock along this way. Two or three price lists have been received, but whether any orders have been sent it is more than I can tell. For the information of the above gentlemen and others, I might mention that the South Australian homing season commences April 1. One club will endeavor to fly birds from Melbourne to Adelaide, a distance of about 500 miles. It is difficult country to fly, having a large range of hills to cross and, worse than all, a ninety-mile desert. This fly has never been accomplished yet.

BALTIMORE NOTES.

BY ROUNDER.

"Nondescript" as well as "Pigeon" must have an inkling of what is going on in American Pigeon Club circles, if we judge with any degree of exactitude, from the general tone of their letters, which seem to impress upon us the very gladsome news that that "still-born baby" so slurringly referred to by that expert barn fencer, is kicking and cooing with an energy that at once dispels the idea of the necessity of having a nurse. No less welcome comes the news that Mr. Kuhn is going to pay those premiums. At the beginning of the Nashville trouble I gave your readers, through my column, an honest and impartial criticism of Mr. Kuhn's character, and, if I remember correctly, I said he was the most honorable and liberal fancier the country had. When I saw the great combination that was being worked against him and so chronic were

those behind it, I immediately perceived the utter folly of wrangling with them, but confidently let matters take their course. Those who will only do as little a thing as act a gentleman's part by Mr. Kuhn will be treated right. I know this from personal experience. But when a man's good nature is torn to pieces, himself dictated to and his character outrageously maligned, then I think it is high time to draw the line. From the letters of those mentioned above, I think the A. P. C. will soon be a very healthy "infant," notwithstanding the fierce attacks of some of its deserters and others whose policies have been clearly outlined to be in bitter opposition to exclusive pigeon shows, which any sensible fancier must conclude are the very stepping-stones to the exalted summit we are striving to attain. Chicken cranks may froth and proclaim, but they will see the day that one big exclusive show will throw all others, in its vast national importance, in the shade. I have information enough in my possession to convince me of the solid standing of the club to which we may confidently look to carry out the good work planned at its inception. While speaking about this club and the possibility of it holding a show, allow me to echo the sentiments of "Nondescript" as expressed in your issue of last week, in regard to those few who have expressed an intention not to show with the American Pigeon Club. To these gentlemen I would say that, should there be anything not clear to them now, it were well to hold off with their specials until they see what the developments will be. Nondescript says you will be treated right, and I have no doubt he knows whereof he speaks. At all events, everybody knows specialty clubs and those of their members who have offered specials can best be taken care of at an exclusive pigeon show.

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My advice to all the fanciers is to use seamless bands of any approved design on all varieties, for it is evident that many more classes for young birds will be offered the next show season than have ever appeared before in the history of the American fancy.

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In my next letter I will devote the larger portion of the space allotted

me to the discussion of classification, and think I can present the best classification ever offered. It will combine the ideas of not less than a dozen of the most prominent fanciers in the country, whose letters were kindly turned over to me by the editor of THE FANCIER.

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Has the Barb contingency given up the ghost that we hear no more of their club? This is not the way things should be done. Keep the iron hot; keep on pushing it and be in close communication with each other, or the matter will fall through. The Magpie Club also seems to drag. Surely, Mr. Fick is enough of a hustler to keep the boys in line. Such tardiness is hard to understand.

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I visited the establishment of Mr. Henry Tiemann, on Gay street, one day last week, and was well rewarded for the time I spent in viewing the birds, chatting with the proprietor and "taking in" the general surroundings. Mr. Tiemann is quite a young man to be the head of so large a business and to possess so extensive a knowledge of fancy pigeons; but his father and uncle were ardent admirers of pigeons as well as other blooded stock, so we may infer, being raised in this atmosphere of love for pets, he very naturally grew to manhood with the same humane instincts implanted firmly in his breast. Mr. Tiemann's store is fitted up on one side with shelving for cages, pigeon and bird foods, aquariums and appliances; on the other is a row of cages for fancy pigeons, and on the lower part of one side and the rear is a series of bins for seeds and foods for pigeons of all descriptions. In the pigeon pens I noticed several fine specimens, which were from one of our foremost breeders. In the rear of the store is a large room used for the storing of peas, corn and other foods in bulk, and is also used for an office. Adjoining this room is another which is fitted up for a breeding purpose and contains two lofts; one of them is filled with Magpies, while the other contains short-faced Tumblers, Jacobins and a few Turbits. I noticed several very fine birds in these lofts, and the majority of them seemed to be mated for good results. Leaving the house, we entered a large brick stable, in the second story of which I found six lofts

about 8x10 feet each, and containing some very fine birds. The first loft contained Barbs, and, if I am any judge, Mr. Tiemann will make them all hustle to win in the young Barb classes the coming show season. Space will not permit me to dwell upon any individual birds, otherwise I would do so. The next loft had quite a collection of tail and a few solid Turbits. The third loft is devoted to Jacobins and a few other varieties. The fourth is used for Homers and miscellaneous birds. Next I found a loft of Swallows, and there were many good ones among them. The last loft contained Carriers, Pouters and a few other birds. Mr. Tiemann has quite a nice collection of the various kinds and always makes it a point to give his customers their money's worth and courteous treatment.

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Hurrah for the Jacobin fanciers and their club! Fifty dollars for cups from two fanciers certainly does not look as if the Jacobin fancy was on the wane. With Mr. Blauch at the helm of the secretaryship, we may expect soon to hear that the Jacobin Club will be among the first of the specialty clubs, both in point of numbers as well as in the liberality displayed by the Jacobin adherents. In offering his donation towards the cups, Mr. Hoskins expresses a wish that they be competed for at either one of four prominent Eastern cities, and including Baltimore in the list. No doubt Mr. Hoskins remembers the good shows Baltimore has always put up, and it is on record that all outside exhibitors at every show given in Baltimore have always been paid promptly after the show. I will feel the pulses of several of our fanciers and try to ascertain what they think of an exclusive pigeon show. If they favor such a move, I may put them in a way of holding a show here without much assistance on their part.

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Your Boston correspondent says the "specials should be divided up among all the big shows to come." I don't approve of this. My plan is to put up the specials at the show holding out the largest and best inducements, and let the same rule apply to specialty clubs. If an association wants a specialty club to meet with them, why don't they offer the club some

inducement? And I think these are going where they are treated the best. As I said in the first part of my letter, it is a foregone conclusion that an exclusive pigeon show can better provide for specialty pigeon clubs than a show which is hampered by chickens and whose officials are being continually ding-donged at by the chicken men.

Allow me, Mr. Editor, to congratulate you upon THE FANCIER being the first to give its readers a sketch from life of one of the New York winners. Always to the front seems to be your aim, and it is a good aim at that. Keep it up, and you will soon lead the van.

The Fantail Club is a reality, and why should it not be when it has such a vigorous champion as Mr. F. M. Gilbert, who seems to be full of push and energy and takes hold of a thing with the determination to make it a success. As President of the Fantail Club, the Fan fraternity will have a good worker and no mistake.

Mr. Editor, in the last paragraph of my letter of last week you make me say "sleeping," when it should have been "slipping." No doubt many of the fanciers thought, when reading the part referred to, that this was a new disease to which pigeon flesh was subjected.

Reverting to young pigeons in the nest, I would say not only does the excrement which accumulates from lack of cleanliness afford vermin a safe harboring place, but it gives rise to a very disagreeable odor if damp; if dry, it creates a fine dust that is very injurious to the throat of human beings and not infrequently is the cause of sore eyes in the young. Probably a great many will say: "Well, that don't apply to me, for I keep my place very clean, but still I don't raise many young birds, and how do you account for that." Well, I am much pleased to hear you keep your loft and nesting-places very clean, but I assure you this is not the only requisite for the successful rearing of young birds. As I have said, cleanliness is the first desideratum; the next is care and watchfulness to see if the young have a full supply of food. If they have not, it becomes your duty to play foster-parent to the little peeper, and feed it yourself. Of

course, this is not as easy to do as it is to write about it, some will say. But I can assure all my readers that if you will try to feed a few youngsters occasionally you will soon get your hand in; and this once accomplished you will speak of feeding young birds with as much coolness and unconcern as any other ordinary affair. Next week I will give my mode of feeding youngsters by hand, or, more properly speaking, by mouth.

THE TIPPLER PIGEON UP TO DATE.

BY ARCHIBALD F. HEPWORTH.

From Poultry.

THE DISEASE OF TIPPLERS: THEIR CAUSE AND CURE.

Treatment.—The same power which expels the fecal matter from the bowels causes contraction of the cloaca. Give, therefore, 30 drops of castor oil by the mouth, the aperient properties of which will excite contraction, and when the drug reaches the cloaca will act also as a lubricant. At the same time apply by means of a feather some of the oil by the vent round the egg. This usually will have the effect of giving relief in half an hour. There is danger of inflammation of the cloaca and oviducts after the expulsion of the egg, but the passing of a small crystal of ice into the vent two or three times a day will act as a local antiphlogistic. If ice cannot be had the application of a sponge wrung out of hot water and pressed against the parts will have similarly good effect. I cannot speak from experience of puncture of the egg shell in obstinate cases, but I shall certainly feel disposed to try it rather than that a fatal issue should follow.

Diarrhœa.—Shown by frequent evacuations, which contain excess of fluidity, and diminution of the solid constitutions. It is a catarrh of running of the intestines, frequently caused by errors in diet. Treatment.—Isolate the bird, include some rice in the diet, and limit the amount of water. If this fail medicinal treatment may be adopted in the form of five drops of the tincture of catechu (undiluted), which is best given by means of a pipette or dropping tube,

and dropped on to the posterior of the tongue. This may be repeated three times a day. Aiken of York supply these useful tubes for about 2d. each.

Moulting.—Hitherto I have written of diseases, but moulting must not be treated as a disease, though the moulting bird must be treated as an invalid. Moulting is a natural state, that must be passed through. It is, so to speak, like the period of dentition in a child; some pass through it with little or no inconvenience, while others have had their lives sacrificed by it. The period is characterized by the gradual shedding of the feathers, and simultaneously the appearance of others in their place. At this time all the food &c., taken, which at any ordinary time form fat and give energy, is now used up in sustaining the animal during the loss, and supplying material for new plumage. It is this natural though unsatisfactory transition stage that renders the bird susceptible to cold, and produces states of catarrh in its many varied forms. The treatment of the invalid will therefore be on the lines of prevention—that is, we must guard against complications, and if the bird is so fortunate as to develop any complications must be treated on its own merits, and according to its variety; the treatment will therefore, be general rather than specific. The birds, as a rule, ought to be kept up the greater part of the time. When allowed out for exercise select a fine day, and do not allow them to settle on drouthy housetops, but entice them in. See that there is not a current of air blowing right through your Pigeon-house, or if so, see the birds have ample opportunities of sheltering themselves from the direct effects. Ventilation by perflation is, perhaps of all methods, the most perfect; but during the moulting period is apt to set up some catarrhal affection of the lungs or inflammation of the joints. The food should be very varied, as the appetite is very capricious, and the invalid will not fancy everything; hence a variety from which he can make a selection to suit his palate, will be judicious.

From A. G. & E. Ormsby, to Page & Shippen, of Louisville, Ky., the entire collection of white crested Fantails, comprising the winners at Louisville, Columbus, Charleston and New Orleans.

TURBIT MEN, ATTENTION.

In this age of marked progress in the pigeon fancy and the boom of specialty clubs in general let it not be forgotten that the Turbit Club is not extinct, though apparently indulging in a period of slumber. As Secretary of that institution, I owe an apology to the club for not infusing more life into it for the past few months, but the fact of the matter is my time has been so fully monopolized by business attentions that I have really had but little of it to devote to correspondence of my hobby, and this club in particular. With this excuse as a prelude and a promise for future amends, I launch into my subject.

Some time ago, and shortly after the meet at Nashville, I framed a list of disqualifications as an appendage to our adopted standard of excellence and submitted the same for inspection and approval of the executive board. I wish to revive this thing now, and respectfully solicit, through your columns, the opinions of the various members of our august body. To begin with, I took as subject material some of the exhibits at the Nashville Show. At that exhibition Mr. William T. Levering, of Baltimore, exhibited a wonderful-skulled black hen which, unfortunately, had a black beak. She so far outclassed, in Turbit properties, anything in competition, yet was awarded, I believe, a third or fourth place on account of her beak having the stain. Now, was this just? I think not. She was entitled to first place or else disqualification. Please bear in mind I am in no wise criticising the judge's decision from the standpoint he had at that particular time, as there was no provision for disqualification, and no standard but comparison to go by, and I overheard him remark that she was such a grand bird he hated to pass her, yet, on account of the blemish, he did not consider it proper to place her higher against such competition as the class afforded.

I immediately recognized the fact that we should have some provision to apply to such contingencies, and also a scale of points with relative value affixed by number of counts to be adopted by the club and applied to the government of judges. I ventured to suggest that a black or stained beak should be a disqualification, and the same met with the

approval of the balance of the executive members.

The next point of importance for consideration was that of feathered legs, many of the winners exhibiting grousely-booted limbs or small feathers extending down to the feet. This is due to the Oriental cross, which has been applied to many of our best headed specimens to improve skull, beak and color. I would suggest disqualification for feathers below the knee, or, if that is too severe, a certain cut of points should be the penalty. Other blemishes frequently seen in many otherwise grand Turbits are face and cheek markings, dark feathers in the tail, foul spots in the neck and frequently the shoulders, bishoped wings, and most, if not all of them, are attributable to crosses with foreign blood, such as the Turbiteen and Oriental Turbit. I would suggest disqualification or a certain agreed-on cut for each fault.

There is yet another point to consider and agree on as a minimum, and that is number of primary white flights. The standard is ten and ten a side, but is seldom met with, and when it is is frequently accompanied with a white wing-butt, or, as it is termed, "bishoped wing." I suggested that less than four a side should be a disqualification. Mr. Ryan raised me one, averring that as five was one-half of the requisite perfection that number should be regarded as the minimum. What we want is an adopted rule governing these points and the judges officiating; then the exhibitor knows what a standard show Turbit is and what are regarded as disqualifications.

A couple of years ago, when the A. C. A. was attempting the formulation of a pigeon standard, I was appointed as committee to tabulate a scale of points for judging this variety, also to frame a standard of perfection for application to it. The latter we have no use for, as we have already adopted one; but a scale of points and an appendix of penalties and disqualifications we are certainly in need of, and should agree on one and adopt it before next season's shows.—C. J. TANNER.

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Zinc baths will require an occasional good scouring out with a hard brush.

BARB CLUB.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

An interest to be advanced must be single, undivided and constant. The pigeon fancier of to-day has learned that fact, if one is to judge from the number of specialty clubs coming into prominence. I desire to add another to the list—the Barb Club of America. We have quite a number desirous of developing an interest in the above club, but would prefer a few more names before electing officers. Any one wishing to become a member will please send their names to me.—W. W. WHITE, Sec'y Pro Tem.
1101 N. Broadway, Baltimore, Md.

PEORIA NOTES.

The Peoria fanciers have invested heavily in birds the past winter. This goes to show that the club is infusing more interest into the fanciers. The following is a list of their investments: H. Hardin, Swallows and Turbits; J. P. Leuallen, Nuns, Swallows and Magpies; Robert Davis, Archangels and Swallows; Gus Kupper, Turbits; Frank Conibear, Turbits; William Koch, Swallows; August Joos, Swallows; W. Miles, Swallows, and Charles Suter, Fans. You will see by this list that Swallows seem to have the call in this vicinity.

Mr. H. Hardin, the recently-elected President of the Peoria Columbarian Association, has built a large aviary to his lofts, which makes a decided improvement.

Some time ago I paid a visit to the lofts of Mr. Max Koenig. On entering the lofts I noticed that he had made several changes. The loft is divided into two compartments, one for his breeders and the other for the youngsters. His lofts are models of neatness and convenience. Max takes a great fancy to Owls, and has some good ones, especially a blue Chinese cock.

March and April thus far have been very unsuccessful breeding months. I have sixteen pairs of breeders, and from these have only been able to get three youngsters up to date.

During the summer months change the drinking water twice daily.

A VOTE OF THANKS.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

At the annual meeting of the stockholders, held April 18, 1893, the following resolutions were unanimously passed: That a vote of thanks be extended to the exhibitors who so generously donated their premiums to the association, and special vote of thanks to Mr. Robert A. Colt, the originator of the plan.

H. V. CRAWFORD, Sec'y.

A FEW WESTERN LOFTS.

Two weeks ago I was agreeably surprised by one of my friends requesting me to take a Southern business trip for him to Memphis, Tenn., and Lexington, Ky. While en-route home it occurred to me that a short visit to Louisville to see the fanciers would be very agreeable to myself and perhaps a source of benefit to the fancy. Arriving in Louisville, I at once steered for the business place of Mr. John H. Kuhn, whom I found had recovered, in a measure, from his recent illness, although his physician has advised him to take very good care of himself lest he may suffer a relapse. Here, too, we found that genial and much-abused fancier, Mr. Charles J. Tanner, but, if I am to judge from appearances, he seems to stand the fusillade with the valor of a hero, being nowise impaired.

After a long talk upon various pigeon topics, I accompanied Mr. Kuhn to his residence, where Mrs. Kuhn had prepared a sumptuous dinner, and to which, let me say, I did ample justice. Dinner over, we adjourned to the loft, which is situated back of the residence, and is about sixty by eighteen feet and divided into four lofts each fifteen by eighteen feet and ten feet high. The loft is built about four feet from the ground and has a door with glass sash and a window in the front of each loft, giving plenty of light and an abundance of air in summer. The floor of the entire loft slopes to the front, so that all that is necessary to thoroughly clean the floor, after the droppings are scraped up, is to attach the hose to the hydrant and give it a good washing. The nesting-places are all in the rear of the lofts and are each of a different color, one being white and the next blue, and so on through the entire loft. In the front of each of these

lofts is a large wire aviary twelve by fifteen feet and as high as the loft and reaching to the ground, where the birds at all times can get a plentiful supply of gravel and other ingredients not to be had by birds that haven't access to the ground.

The birds comprising Mr. Kuhn's collection in these lofts are Carriers, Pouters and colored Fantails. Among the Carriers I noticed many very fine birds. Notable among them is a young black and a blue of last year, both possessing good straight beaks, fine wattle and eye-cere, narrow in head, good stout legs and good carriage. There were many more fine birds of this variety, but space forbids further comment at this time. The next variety to attract my attention were the Pouters, of which Mr. Kuhn has only a few pairs of good quality. Fantails are this gentleman's hobby, and I have often heard him remark that when he gives up breeding colored Fans he will be on the eve of leaving the fancy. Of this variety I saw not less than 150 birds in blue, red and yellow—saddle and tail-marked. Among the blues I saw some extra fine birds, with extra good carriage, color and tail. One hen, first at Philadelphia, is about the best blue in America to-day. The yellows are, as a class, very good in color and tail and have very good carriage. One young yellow bird raised this year has a splendid tail and color, and from appearances will make a fine one. The reds, though very hard to get good in color, show up better in this loft than in any I have ever visited containing colored Fans. Among the saddles and tail-marked birds I noticed many fine ones, but space forbids me to go into details.

Besides the four lofts named above, Mr. Kuhn has also two others over his stable, which also contain some fine birds. I found any number of young birds in the Pouter, Carrier and Fantail nests. I came near forgetting to mention a very fine collection of short-faced Tumblers Mr. Kuhn has, and they have held their own in the strongest competition.

J. D. A.

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If you do not receive your paper regularly don't lay the blame on us. We are not responsible for negligent postoffice officials.

MAGPIE CLUB.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

Mr. William Ehinger and Mr. Chas. J. Pollock, both of Philadelphia, have informed me that they will join the American Magpie Club. We now have six members, four of whom contributed five dollars each towards the cup. I believe there are enough Magpie fanciers in this country to organize a club second to none. Every fancier of this beautiful variety should not hesitate, but send his name to Mr. G. A. Pick, Secretary pro tem.—ROBERT JOOS.

AN EXPLANATION.

EDITOR THE FANCIER:

In justice to Messrs. Gilbert, Glasgow and myself, kindly allow me space in your columns to correct the misconstruction placed by the aforementioned gentlemen on the publicity given their names in my letter of defense against the recent imputation cast on me by the Nashville Columbarian Association. Be it clearly understood, I meant no reflection on the characters of these fanciers, but simply published intact correspondence which emanated from others. As these gentlemen have, however, suffered a fancied injury, I herewith publicly apologize.—JOHN H. KUHN.

THE TREATMENT OF YOUNG PIGEONS.

Many of our readers will about now be becoming the happy possessors of new additions to their lofts in the shape of young pigeons, says the "English Stock-Keeper" the appearance of which, whilst causing but very little inconvenience to experienced fanciers, may yet be sources of considerable embarrassment to novices. A few hints indicating the best methods of procedure when success is desired may therefore not be out of place, and these we will proceed to offer to our readers without further comment.

Assuming that the required stock birds have been selected and duly paired up, it is most desirable that all other pigeons should be removed from the breeding loft, as the presence of a gay young bachelor or flighty spinster may have the effect of upsetting the equanimity of the wedded pairs. It is a wise arrangement, however, to have a few old birds at hand

in case some of the aforesaid marriage may prove failures, and of course, in the case of some varieties, such as Pouters, Carriers, Barbs, and short-faced Tumblers, amongst others, a staff of reliable feeders should be provided. The earthenware nest pans are, in our opinion, preferable to the wooden ones at this period of the year, as they do not absorb the moisture of the squabs' excreta, and soon get nicely heated by the warmth of the bodies of the parent birds. It must be remembered that insects are responsible for many of the ills which visit young pigeons, and so it is a wise precaution to pour a few drops of paraffin oil or turpentine on the bottom of the nest pans before half filling them with coarse pine sawdust, whilst a little more paraffin sprinkled on the floor around the nest pan will be an additional protection to both the old and young birds.

As soon, as the first egg is laid, it should be removed, its place being supplied by a dummy egg, and not returned till the second one is laid, which is usually about forty-eight hours afterwards. When several pairs of birds are laying about the same time each egg should be marked when it is taken from the nest in order to identify it, and when it is replaced with its fellow the date should either be noted in a book or else pencilled on the outside of the nest box, so as to make sure there will be no mistake about the date of hatching. Eighteen days is the period of incubation amongst pigeons, but by about the tenth the owner should be able to satisfy himself, by holding them up towards a strong light, whether his eggs are fertile or not. As soon as the squabs make their appearance on the scene, which they will do about the same time, owing to their having been placed simultaneously under the parent birds, the latter will show whether they are to be regarded as reliable feeders or the reverse. When they take to their young there is no cause for any uneasiness on the part of the owner of the establishment, but if he is a wise man he will take the precaution of having a look at his young birds both morning and evening to satisfy himself that their crops are full, and that they have met with no mischance. He should be careful too to see that the old birds are provided with the right sort of food, else there is a great chance that the squabs will

suffer through not being supplied with a suitable diet.

Beans are not by any means to be regarded as a satisfactory diet during feeding time for the majority of pigeons, as they are not easy to assimilate and consequently the old birds are apt to fill up their young ones' crops with half digested food which will assuredly disagree with the juveniles. A few maple peas, or better still some good sound tares, together with a little dari or buckwheat, and a very liberal supply of patent pigeon food, a grand article for the rearing of squabs the merits of which cannot be overestimated, should therefore be supplied to the parent birds a day or two before the young ones are due to make their appearance, and this precaution should insure their supply of "pigeon's milk" being in a satisfactory condition. Squabs grow amazingly fast, and when they are a few days old the sawdust in the nest-pan should be changed, and care should be taken to have the floor around the pan itself cleaned up at frequent intervals, for, say what some fanciers may, it is not good for any birds to exist in an atmosphere vitiated by the evacuations from their bodies. In the case of the most delicate varieties of pigeons, millet and canary seed instead of the maple peas may be given to the feeders for the benefit of their charges.

All young pigeons very soon evince a disposition to shift for themselves, and by the time they are about six weeks old the majority of them are fit to be removed from their parents and placed in a loft by themselves, or rather in the company of other juveniles. Of course, it is not every owner who is fortunate enough to possess such a nursery for his youngsters, but the advantages of having such an arrangement can scarcely be overestimated, as not only do the old birds drive their offspring away when they go to nest again, but the other adult pigeons are usually very hard upon the defenceless babies who have been deserted by their parents. The young pigeons' loft requires no furniture except a liberal supply of perches, some of which should be near the ground, but on no account should a liberal supply of sawdust be denied them on the floor. Sand will do nearly as well, but sawdust is preferable, as it is warmer, and if a little turpentine or paraffin is added

to it the encroachments of insect persecutors will be checked. An outside fly, covered in if possible, is a very desirable addition to the nursery, for even in cases where the old birds are given their freedom, the young ones during the earlier portion of their careers are apt to fall an easy prey to marauding cats or thieving lads, and therefore we strongly advocate their being kept within the limits of an aviary until quite able to take good care of themselves.

Tares are the best staple diet for the majority of young pigeons, but we like to add occasional luxuries in the shape of a little buckwheat or dari as a change. Never give them maize or Indian corn, which is the same thing, as it disorders their stomachs, but a few—very few—grains of hempseed may now and then be offered the youngsters, in order that they may begin to get on sociable terms with their owner or attendant. A bath should also be provided for them, and a plentiful supply of grit and gravel mixed with salt must always be at hand. Finally, it should be borne in mind that though sunshine is beneficial to every living creature, there can be too much of a good thing, and that the color of delicate-plumaged birds, such as yellows, reds and whites, may be seriously injured if subjected to the powerful rays of a summer sun.

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Now that on all sides I get results of the breeding season, says a writer in *Feathered World*, a few words to young pigeon fanciers on the fledging of their birds may be useful. A careful watch should be kept on young pigeons when the feathers begin to grow, and the quill coating should be cast off. It sometimes happens that the flight feathers cannot pierce the skin, and if not properly attended to will cause what is called "lop-wing"—that is when the feathers overlap each other in a disordered manner and the major flights project over the minor. When it is seen that for some cause or other the flights are not bursting their casing, the "blind head," where the feathers should come through, must be carefully pricked with a darning-needle.

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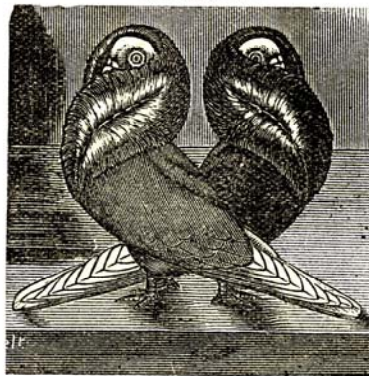
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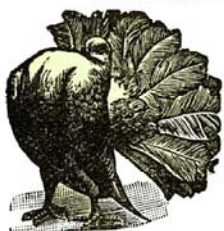
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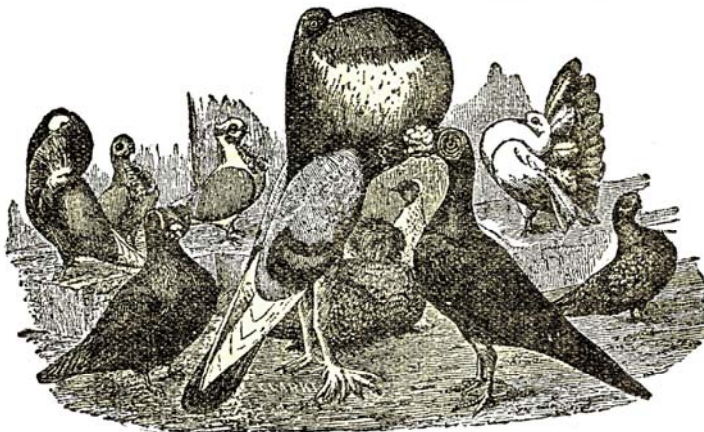
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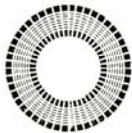
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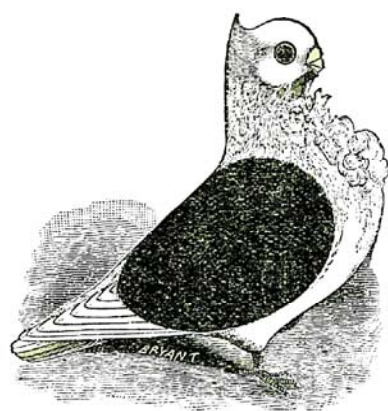
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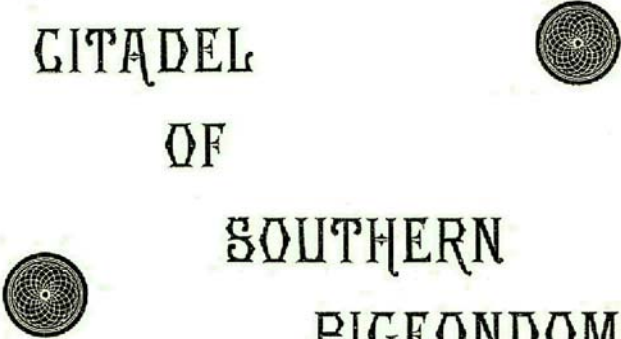
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