

high as possible in order to prevent the hawk from gaining this advantage. We have had many Homing pigeons captured by hawks, but never to our knowledge has one been taken while in direct flight, except when the bird was very young.

After the Shows.

No matter how good the care may be that fowls receive at the shows they are more or less fatigued when they reach home, and require some extra attention for a few days. The confinement in the close coops during the journey alone is very fatiguing, and when to this is added several days in the show pen, often poorly arranged for their comfort, and sometimes in company with diseased fowls, too much extra care cannot be exercised in permitting them to mingle with the other flocks at home on their return. Scarcely a year passes that we do not hear of several birds being smothered by the coops being packed so closely in the cars as to prevent their getting sufficient air to support life; and others again from this and other causes contract colds, that further exposure in the show-pen develops into roup. Those birds are taken home and at once put with the other flocks; the result is all become affected, the whole quarters are converted into an hospital and the poultryman, instead of finding his flocks a source of profit during the winter months, is called on to use all his skill to keep life in them.

No poultry yard is complete without a place separate from the rest of the quarters in which to place sick and diseased fowls, and before sending the birds to the shows this should be prepared for their reception on their return by making it sweet and clean. When the exhibition birds are returned, if they show the least signs of cold or disease of any kind, they should be placed here until cured. If a number of varieties are kept this room may be fitted up with the necessary number of roomy coops, where the birds will be easily attended to. Where this precaution is taken may valuable birds will be saved to their owners every year.

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