

### Inter-State Concourse.

June 25th, 1881—Birds liberated at 7 a. m., local time. Weather clear, wind generally east. Distance as near 250 miles as liberating stations could be had. Average time per mile of the first bird home, 1 minute and fifty-six seconds.

Prizes of Honor.	Owner of Winner.	Time of arrival	
1st, 2nd,	E. S. Raymond,	2.02	p. m.
3rd, 4th, 5th,	T. H. Richardson,	2.45	
6th,	" "	2.46	
7th, 8th, 9th,	Newton Adams,	2.45	
10th; 11th,	" "	2.45	
12th,	W. Wells,	2.51	
13th, 14th,	O. Royland,	2.49½	
15th,	T. H. Richardson,	2.50	
16th, 17th,	W. Wells,	2.51	
18th	E. J. Bramhall,	3.43	
19th,	L. Waefelaer,	4.45	
20th,	J. R. Husson,	4.45	
21st,	H. Rover,	5.00	
22nd,	E. J. Bramhall,	5.00	
23rd,	" "	5.09	
24th,	John Van Opstal,	5.25	
25th,	A. P. Baldwin,	5.30	
26th,	Thomas Cooper,	5.45	

—Apparent discrepancy in prizes and time of arrival is accounted for in difference in distance from starting points.

1st Series Prize:—To the loft having three pigeons home first, Thomas Richardson.

2nd Series Prize:—To the loft having two pigeons home first, E. S. Raymond.

The Alexandria, Va. birds were thrown out of the race by a mistake on the part of their conveyer. The birds were shipped to Wytheville the evening of June 22nd. When they arrived at 8 a. m. June 23rd, instead of being delivered to the parties waiting for them, they were set free then and there. "The Old Dominion Club," writes Mr. Smoot, "is in sackcloth and ashes."

The 22nd prize may be disputed, as Mr. Rover had a second bird come in at 5.09, and the dispatch announcing it was not received by the secretary though regularly sent.—*The Homing Pigeon*.

The fancier who trains Homers must make up his mind to incur losses, no matter how good his stock may be, and those who cannot bear losses bravely should not take up this fancy. As "misery loves company," it may be consoling to some of our readers to learn how others have done. Mr. D. S. Newhall, of Philadelphia, Pa., who has as good stock as any, in writing to *The Homing Pigeon*, says: "We have lost a good many birds since beginning our training, and I do not quite understand it in my own case, as with two exceptions my 20 birds had been to Altoona, 75 miles; last year. So far (May 25th) I have lost 13 out of 20. One, a good bird, brother to Garfield, I know to have been killed by a hawk. Mr. Cresson has lost 20 out of 25. The Germantown lofts have

done better. Mills has 7 out of 16 left; Henry has lost none up to Lewiston, 135 miles." Also in the same paper we read that "Dr. L. S. Clark, Philadelphia, has had about the hardest luck of any one in the fancy. He began this season's training by loosing 19 birds at Haverford, Pa., 9 miles, April 23: one missing. Sent 18 to Paoli, 20 miles, April 25th: one missing. Seventeen to Downingtown, 30 miles, April 27: two missing; twelve home in time to go to Bird-in-Land, 56 miles, April 30th: again two missing. Ten to Harrisburg, 93 miles, May 5th: two returned the same day, six missing, one returned each May 15 and 18. Two sent to Lewiston, 134 miles, May 12: neither returned."

### Pigeon Race from Bilbao to Belgium.

On July 3rd last 380 birds were liberated at Bilbao, Spain, at five o'clock in the morning, weather fine, wind blowing from the S. E. The first bird back was noted on the following morning at 10.13, and the winner of the last prize (38th) was registered at 5.48 p. m.; thirteen more birds returned that day. I consider the result of this race as very satisfactory considering the distance. The weather, it is true, especially on Monday, the 4th inst., was very favorable to pigeon flying. The velocity proper attained by the winner of the first prize was 743 metres, or rather more than 800 yards, and the winner of the last prize had travelled still at the rate of about 600 yards a minute. G. H. MILLS.

Brussels, July 12.

[It may be information to some of our readers that Bilbao is situated on the coast of the Bay of Biscay, and its distance from Brussels in a straight line is very nearly 700 miles.—Ed.]—*The Field*.

PIGEON FLIGHT.—FOUR homing pigeons belonging to James Fullerton, publisher of the *Canadian Poultry Review*, Strathroy, were liberated from the office of the *The Globe*, Toronto, at 9:15 a. m., Aug. 5, and three of them arrived at their coop in the forenoon of the following day. On the leg of one of them was this message:—"Globe sends greeting to Strathroy. Will. Campbell, City Editor; C. W. Taylor, Secretary." The weather from time of liberation to arrival was extremely unfavorable for homing, being very hazy, with a violent storm of wind and rain in the neighborhood of their home."—*Globe*. Fourth bird home on 12th.

The same birds made the flight from Toronto to Strathroy the week previous in four hours and eight minutes.

"Buffalo Bill," a homing pigeon belonging to Charley Goodchild, of Toronto, was liberated at London, and after several days returned home. The old fellow did not get half a chance, having had but one previous toss this season. His exhausted state on arrival gave evidence that he had worked hard in search of his home.