

Upon cross questioning the girl he found out she had put his clothes on to make the pigeons believe she was their master. The girl began to cry, her tears having its effect upon the old bachelor and in place of discharging her as he had intended, he concluded to give her a lecture instead, and therefore said :

"It isn't that I object to your trying the clothes on, Marie, but what I do object to, is your doing behind my back what you would not do before my face."

FASHIONABLE PIGEONS.

BY RICHARD WOODS IN *Poultry*.

NO matter what the public may think or say there is no denying the fact that such a thing exists as fashion among pigeons and pigeon fanciers. We have only to take a glance around to substantiate this, for some breeds which were little recognized formerly now occupy an exalted position in the minds of those who make pigeon breeding and exhibiting a study. It would scarcely be correct to say that all the breeds which are in favour just now are entitled to be called "high class." Indeed an arrangement of that kind would be not only unjust to the oldest established kinds, but also an incentive to break down the ancient barriers which should, and do, separate the different grades of pigeons. It is no imaginative picture that I am about to paint, but one that will bear the closest scrutiny and strict examination. Up to the last dozen years or so, Carriers, Barbs, Pouters, and short-faced Tumblers were the only breeds considered "high class." Why was this? The reason is difficult to understand. Speaking conjecturally, it may be explained that these sorts are the oldest established, and therefore en-

titled to the place of honour which custom has assigned. Practically speaking, I never did, and never shall, admit that Carriers, Barbs, Pouters, and short-faced Tumblers only are entitled to be regarded as the premier breeds. Mind, I would not for a single moment wish to usurp the honorary distinction that has been claimed from time immemorial for the above named breeds. I do, however, think that many other kinds of fancy pigeons with which we nineteenth century fanciers are familiar are worthy to be classed in the highest rank. Jacobins, for instance, are surely quite as distinct as the so-called King and Queen of the Doos. I defy anyone to theorise correctly the origin of this wonderful pigeon. True, crosses have been resorted to, but the choicest pigeons of to-day have not been contaminated with much alien blood. All the old writers recognize the Jacobin as a very distinct breed. The number of its admirers can scarcely be estimated, for, go where you will, Jacobins may be found. They are largely cultivated throughout the length and breadth of England, in bonnie Scotland, and the breeders in "Ould Ireland" have sent to our shore some of the choicest specimens that ever graced a show pen. On the continent, in the colonies, and in Yankee land, wherever pigeons are cultivated, the Jacobin occupies a foremost position. So let pigeon fanciers henceforth look upon the Jacobin as a high class and fashionable breed.

Fantails, too, are very distinctive—very fascinating, and although tip-top specimens are rarely met with, this class did and always will command a host of enthusiastic admirers. But, mark you, notwithstanding this eulogy, Fantails just now can scarcely be classed among the most fashionable breeds. To my mind, this want of appreciation of the many grand properties possessed by the Fan-

tail is a little short of degrading to the fancy at large. Why is it that such a number of pigeon breeders should concentrate their attention in one particular channel?
 (To be Continued.)

Editor Pigeon Fancier.

DEAR SIR,—Mr. Thompson of Neenah, the present owner of the blue hen mentioned in that part of my letter, "Disappointments and Surprises, Etc.," in October number of PIGEON FANCIER, says to me in a private letter that I should not be ashamed to publish his name. He has a pair of youngsters bred from her the past season that he would not take \$10 for.

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