

ter's door having returned that night. But perhaps the strangest case of a dog finding his way home is a story told me by a friend, which I have every reason to believe is strictly correct; it is of a colley dog, and the tale is this:—Several years ago a drover living in Western Ontario, made regular visits to Albany with cattle, his dog Rover generally accompanying him. On several occasions the dog was left in Albany, and after a few days would return home alone, having stolen a free ride on the cars. How the dog could discern the proper train to take at stations where many were going out, and know when he had reached his home was very strange.

Even allowing only part or very few of all the tales told of animals finding their way home to be true, it is still quite sufficient to convince me that they have an instinct and a power of reason of which even the human family are devoid.

In no animal known to us is this power so largely developed as in the Carrier Pigeon, the great distances this bird will fly to his home is in some cases most extraordinary. I have no figures by me which gives the greatest distances ever covered by a Homing pigeon, but they have been known to fly in a place in Europe a distance of 600 miles. What it is which enables a bird to do this, is to us something very extraordinary. He is taken in a small box or basket by rail or sea, he sees no land marks on his route, he knows not whether he is travelling east or west, north or south, still as soon as liberated he ascends high in the air, makes a few circles and then strikes out in a straight line for his home, and if he is a good strong healthy bird he will make it, and at a pace equalling a railway train. It can't be possible that his sight is so keen that he can see from the height he ascends some familiar object, although this theory is believed by some, but although the power of vision in birds is perhaps unequalled in any other animal, still I am of opinion that there is some other instinct than sight which the Carrier pigeon depends on to guide him through a long flight to his native loft.

That animals do possess in this matter a power or instinct which enables them to find home from unknown localities is a question beyond dispute, and what this power or instinct is, appears to be, at present, entirely beyond our comprehension.

× ROADS.

A hawk swooped down upon a weather vane on a church spire, and was disgusted to find it only an imitation rooster. That bird now agrees with the preacher of the church—that all is *vane-ty*.

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COMMUNICATIONS.

Pigeon Race.

The 2nd annual race of the Philadelphia, U. S., No. 1 Homing Pigeon Club, for 1878, was flown on Friday, June 14th. The birds were tossed at Mount Union, a distance of 189 miles, at 8.10 a.m.; weather clear but *wind dead against the birds*. Considering this disadvantage the birds really made remarkable time, as the following table will show.

1st prize and Silver Cup,—Mr. James Grist, with the celebrated bird "Gladiator." Time, 4 hours 25 minutes.

2nd prize,—Mr. Henry Heintz, who entered one of Mr. James Grist's birds, named "Beauty." Time, 4 hours, 25 minutes, 10 seconds.

3. prize,—Alfred C. Gohr. Time, 5 hours.

4. prize,—Mr. Thomas Grist, with his little blue hen "Silversides." Time, 5 hours, 16 minutes.

The next race comes off on Monday, July 8th, from the Mountain House, Cresson Springs, a distance of 252 miles. This place is situated on the very top of the Alleghany mountains. The first prize is a grand Silver Vase, beautifully and appropriately engraved. If the day should be favorable we are confident the birds will show some fast aerial travelling.

The father of the winner in the Mount Union contest is an imported "Brussels" Belgium bird, who has flown from London to Brussels in all the International races; this is a distance of 200 miles. He has also flown from Marseilles to Brussels, 500 miles. I will inform you of the result of the Cresson Race.

JOHN GRIST.

Hon. Secy.

Editor of Canadian Poultry Review,

In looking over your valuable paper, I see that Mr. Bessy has imported some Homing Antwerps, and that he would like to fly them fifty miles in October. There are a few members of the Canadian Columbarian Society that will fly him a home and home match in September if he is willing; then we will see what kind of stock he has. By inserting this you will confer a favor on yours,

CHARLES GOUGH-LE,

Toronto.

ANOTHER.—We are in receipt of the first number of a new poultry monthly, published in Mobile, Alabama, by Shield & Co, and edited by Col. R. M. Quinn. It is well printed on clear type, and full of interesting matter. It is now the only poultry paper in the South and should succeed.