

ment, unappreciable to the eye of the observer—necessitates that the figure of the bird should be at least half an inch long on the print. If the figure is small, but clearly defined in detail, enlargements will be preferable to contact-prints, and will be judged of equal merit with direct prints. Careful notes should be written on the back of each picture, detailing the appearance to the eye, the quickness of the shutter, the angle of camera, etc.; also the full name and address of the contributor. Two prints of each picture should be sent. All contributors must prepay the transportation charges of their exhibits (which may be simply card mounts), and in no case will they be returned. Photographers throughout the world are cordially invited to compete.

This offer remains open until October 1, 1896; but if on that date at least one hundred different photographs have not been received, the limit of time may be extended, of which due notice will be given. The Club freely offers its galleries for the exhibition of the pictures submitted, and pledges its best efforts to select judges fully competent to decide upon their merits and to make the awards. All contributions should be sent to the Boston Camera Club, 50 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass., U.S.A., and marked "Cabot Competition."

For further information apply to Mr. Samuel Cabot, care of Boston Camera Club, at above address.

PERSONAL MENTION.

MR. E. POOLE, of St. Catharines, Sec.-Treas. of the P. A. of C., was in Toronto last week attending a convention, and with an eye open for anything new in accessories or styles that would fit St. Kitts. Upon being asked how *long* he

was going to be in town, Mr. Poole, with his well-known aptitude for repartee, replied, "About *five feet*."

MR. J. T. GROVES, also of St. Catharines, and a very enthusiastic amateur who does exceptionally good work, paid Toronto a visit lately. Mr. Groves has been quite ill for some time, but is now well on the way to complete recovery.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"REX."—Fill your silverware with cold or ice water. Condensation on the surface of outside will then dull the reflecting surfaces.

J. C.—To remove the silver stains from your negative, clean off the varnish with methylated spirits, wash for thirty minutes, then place in a solution of

Potassium iodide 120 grs.
Water 20zs.

until stain disappears, then wash thoroughly.
(2) The firm you speak of did advertise in our pages some time ago. You will find the American papers just as good. (3) Thanks.

INTENSIFYING SOLUTION.—Correct exposure and development produce the finest results; but if strengthening is necessary, wash negative thoroughly after fixing, and use the following:

No. 1.

Bichloride of mercury . . . 60 gr.
Bromide of potassium . . . 60 gr.
Water 6½ oz.

No. 2.

Sulphite of sodium ½ oz.
Water 4 oz.

Place the negative in solution No. 1 until bleached, then rinse and place in solution No. 2 until entirely cleared, after which the plate must be well washed. This operation may be repeated if there is not sufficient intensity gained by first treatment.