

## Pigeon and Pet Stock Department,

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We have received a copy of the Ontario Poultry Association's prize-list for 1885. Pigeons are provided for as follows: Carriers, 6 classes; Pouters, 6 classes; Birds, 4 classes; Antwerps, 8 classes; Fantails, 4; Short-face Tumblers, long-faced Tumblers, Trumpeters, Jacobins, Archangels, Nuns, Owls, Turbits and "any other variety," two classes each. Rabbits and Pheasants have each a few classes. We would like to see the pigeon classes better filled than at last year's show. The list is a moderately good one, though of course not perfect, and

their liberty, but have no doubt they could be taught to home. They could not stand the winter outside, and would require to be kept confined in a warm place.

"Simcoe"—Mating pigeons.

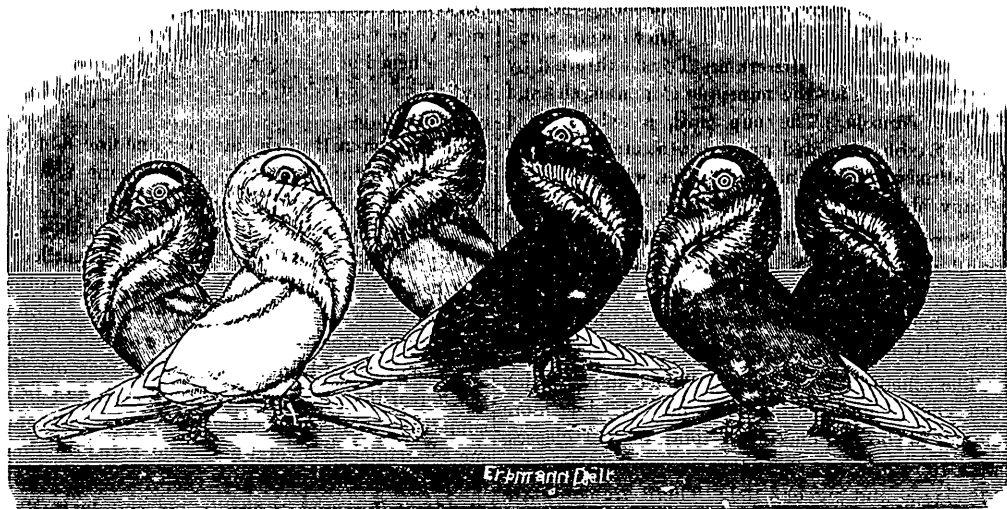
Ans.—It is now too late to breed. Separate the sexes now and mate up about the 1st of March, or or if the less hardy varieties a month later will be better.

A. Howard.—Pigeon with cough.

Ans.—Try giving quarter teaspoonful of pure glycerine once a day, feed on soft food, such as bread, &c.

A. McKinnon.—Species Finches.

Ans.—There are several species of English Finches, the most prominent of which are the Gold-finch, the Bull-finch, and the Chaff-finch.



### GROUP OF JACOBINS,

Selected and brought over from Europe last summer by Mr. Geo. E. Peer, of Rochester, N. Y.

deserves more support. In a correspondence with Mr. George Murton, the Secretary, he promised to do his best to have cage-birds noticed in the list of specials, to be issued subsequently. Send for a list to Mr. Geo. Murton, Guelph, Ont.

### Questions and Answers.

A. Ross.—Pouters.

Ans.—There are five standard colors in Pouters: blue, black, red and yellow-pied, and white. There are also one or two offshoots of these, useful to breed from, but not recognized as standard colors.

J. Barber.—Ring Doves.

Ans.—We have never tried giving Ring Doves

### Our English Letter.

Editor Review.

SIR,—The summer just past has been one of the brightest and finest we have experienced in England for many years, and the heat during some weeks was almost unbearable to us who are so little accustomed to anything of the kind. Even now the summer seems loth to leave us, and as I write (November 3rd) the geraniums and French beans, etc., are still in flower in the open air, and only last week I gathered some ripe strawberries and raspberries. As yet there has been no frost. All pigeon fanciers are now busy getting their birds ready for the large shows, one of which, the Dairy Show, has already come and gone. This ex-