Red Jacobin Cock "Alexander," (Imported,)
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Jacobins.

There having been so much written lately in regard to this most beautiful of all toys, that now being called upon for an article, feel just as though I were writing upon a subject that had already been exhausted. Therefore instead of going into a lengthy description of what a Jacobin ought to be, or the manner in which they should be bred, I will simply copy from the *Live Stock Journal*, of London, England, its description of the Jacobins that were upon exhibition at the great Irish show, held at Newtowards, September 1st. As many of our American and Canadian fanciers know little as regards the great shows of England and Ireland, I trrust the article may prove acceptable.

"The annual fete-day at Newtowards came off on the 1st of September, and to the other attractions a poultry and pigeon show were added this year. The weather was all that could be desired, and the entries, which numbered 370, were very good for an Irish summer show.

The pigeon classes were rather better filled than the poultry, and the quality in all classes much superior.

"The Jacobin class was the feature of the show, and an American fancier, Mr. H. V. Crawford, of New York, who was present, expressed himself as much pleased with the quality.

"Old reds were a fine class. The 1st prize (owned by J Frame) was better in hood but not so close in chain as the 2nd prize bird (A. G. Shaw); neither was very perfect in color. The 2nd prize (A. G. Shaw) was the Belfast cup bird, who was better in condition and flights, but whose mane was in moult. The 3rd prize (J Frame) was the longest feathered bird in the class, but in moult. A. G. Shaw was "V. H. C." with a good cock, but not looking well.

Yellows.—The 1st prize was a cock, the 2nd and 3rd prizes were both hens; the last mentioned was in best condition, but short of hood. All three were the property of John Frame; he also received h. c. with a fine bird. No. 197 contained a good, long feathered hen, but bad in hood, owned by A.G. Shaw.

Blacks—The 1st prize and cup bird, the champion (J. Frame,) not quite himself owing to moult, still an easy winner, both in his class and for the best old Jacobin. The 2nd prize (J. Frame) a grand faced, good hooded, very showy bird, but might be closer in chain. The 3rd prize (A. G. Shaw) was an old champion hen, now getting out of date (few Jacobins have the same number of cups and specials to their credit. No. 204 contained a very stylish hen, whom some people would have preferred for 3rd place.

Whites—The winner (W. Shean) was an exceedingly fine bird, and having been purchased by Mr. H. V. Crawford, goes to his lofts in America. The 2nd and 3rd prizes were both fine, and the property of Mr. William Shean.

This closes the class for old birds, and next we come to the youngsters, which, as a whole, were a remarkable fine lot.

The 1st prize young red (J. Frame) was very long in hood and chain and good color. The 2nd (H. Jeffery) and the 3rd prize (J. Pyper) were both fine. There were several unnoticed ones that for youngsters were exceedingly tidy.

The 1st prize yellow (J. Frame) was a rare little squeaker, very close in hood and chain and remarkably good color. The 2nd prize (J. Frame) being a nice hen, nearly moulted; she had a nice face for a hen and splendid feather. The 3rd prize (H. Jeffery) will with age make a hard one to beat. The whole class of yellows were so good that it gave the judges great trouble, and they were obliged to award two equal 4th prizes.

Blacks were also another grand lot of youngsters. Hardly a bird in it that was not fit to win in good company. The 1st prize and cup bird (J. Frame) being very small, fine in hood, chain, face and carriage, and an easy winner for cup. The 2nd prize (J. F.) a fine stylish bird but bad in moult. The 3rd prize (A. G. Shaw) appeared to us should have received 2nd as he was fine in hood, face, &c., &c., in fact a really nice bird. Two equal 4th prizes