

Fancy Pigeons.

Editor Review.

The breeding of fancy pigeons is a source of great pleasure and recreation as well as profit, and it is a wonder there are not more fanciers than there are, as after once keeping them it is hard to give them up. What more pleasing sight than a loft of good, stylish, standard-pied pouters of good length stepping up and down the floor, and blowing to the fullest extent of their large globes, or the pretty, graceful fantail. Of course each variety has its admirers, and there is something to admire in every thoroughbred pigeon. Most fanciers, however, have their specialties, which they like a little better than any of the others. Let any one who is at a loss to know what to do with himself in his spare time, go in for a few pairs of first-class fancy pigeons of whatever kind he likes best; let them be *good* ones, even if they do cost a little more money to start with; keep them in good health by constant attention to cleanliness, as dirty lofts, foul water, and feeding from the floor are the cause of nearly all the diseases which pigeons are liable to (and there is no pleasure in keeping a lot of sickly, moping birds); give them fresh water twice a day, in fountains, to keep them from washing in it, also a lump of rock salt, with an occasional handful of rice, or a bit of bread, for a change, and he will be amply repaid by the pleasure derived in thus attending to his pets, besides having a lot of clean, healthy birds to breed from, which is one of the main points in the successful breeding and raising of fancy pigeons.

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Questions and Answers.

J. Moore—Qu.—Pigeons not feeding their young. Ans.—Give occasionally a handful of rice and hemp seed with a few crumbs of bread now and then. You do not state the variety. Pouters and carriers require foster parents, as they will not feed their young to maturity.

U. A., Bowmanville.—Qu.—Pigeons laying unfertile eggs. Ans.—Remove the cock for a week or ten days, giving each a handful of hemp seed. This will probably make matters all right. It is too late to breed birds successfully this season.

Pouter, Berlin.—Qu.—Pied pouter markings. Ans.—The wings at the shoulder should have from eight to twenty white feathers arranged if possible in the shape of a rose; flights should be white.

N. A., Montreal.—Qu.—Carrier with bad eye. Ans.—Your bird is probably afflicted with "sprouts." Remove the fold in the lower eyelid with a pair of curved scissors, and anoint with zinc ointment. While under the operation the bird should be closely stitched into an old stocking and left lie on its side for 3 or 4 hours to allow the wound to harden. On removing the stocking tie the legs together, allowing freedom enough to walk, but not enough to scratch the eye with its foot. Before applying the ointment staunch the flow of blood by bathing the wound in warm water, in which a few drops of carbolic acid have been put.

Canary, Winnipeg.—Qu.—Canaries losing their feathers. Ans.—They are probably in moult, and will come all right in a few days. Put a rusty nail in the drinking water as a tonic and supply liberally with green food, such as water-cress, lettuce, etc.

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