

only at stated times, early morning and noon is best for flying them. They are, notwithstanding their wonderful flying powers, of a very tame disposition, and very small eaters, and the best kind of a pigeon; to keep where real good pleasure is desirable for little outlay and trouble.

Mr. Grist's 500 Miles Challenge.

Editor Review,

When, in your issue of October, the flying fanciers of Canada and the United States saw Mr. Grist's challenge, not only in your widely circulated paper, but also in the *Fancier's Journal*,—coming out in such bombastic style as expressed in the *Journal*, saying that he, Grist, will fly "one, two, or three birds" at once, a distance of 500 miles, air-line, for \$100 each bird and up, and that no excuse should be offered on account of the weather; and that if they were not afraid of Grist's birds, that they should take up his challenge, and fly their birds at once, and claiming the championship of America for birds that have not a shadow of right to that honor, fanciers must have thought that Mr. Grist, after all, must have exceptionally good stock, and that the descendants of "Storm King," *alias* "Gladiator" Senr., must be redoubtable stock indeed. I will simply state now, as I have not time at present to go into details, that under date of October 13th I accepted Mr. Grist's challenges, and that by reply of the 16th he backed out in a cowardly manner.

I will send you the full correspondence on the subject for your next issue

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How the Birds Appeared.

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(Continued.)
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OLD BIRDS.

Dorkings—White, only one good pair; Silver Gray, very good birds, and in nice condition; Colored, only one pair of good birds. Cochins—Buffs, 1st prize pair very good birds, so also was the 2nd prize cock, which had he had a better mate would have, no doubt, won first honors; Partridges—only two pairs good enough to win the prize;—the hen in first prize was a good bird, and the cockerel in 2nd prize pen was also, but the hen in the latter lacked pencilling;—Whites, only middling birds, and blacks did not put in an appearance. Brahmas—Dark, 1st and 2nd prize cocks good birds, but hens deficient in pencilling. Light, some very good cocks, but a very poor show of hens. Black Spanish—only one pair good birds, but could not compare with Toronto. Leg-

horns—in much better showing condition than those exhibited at Toronto. Games—B. R. Red cocks mostly rather soft in feather, but well stationed and reachy; 1st and 2nd prize hens good; Duck-wings, fair birds, but would have ranked after third at Toronto. Polands—Black, both first and second prize pairs really magnificent birds, good enough to win 1st at any of the fall shows; Silver Spangled, a splendid pair but in rather poor show condition; Golden Spangled, 1st prize pair really good birds. Hamburgs—Golden spangled, first prize pair very fine birds, and 2nd very fair; Silver Spangled, 1st prize pair good, 2nd very little behind; Golden pencilled, in the first prize pair the cock was only medium, but the hen really fine, 2nd prize pair pushing them closely for rank; Silver pencilled, about same as Golden. Houdans—1st and second prize pens magnificent birds; Plymouth Rocks only medium. Bantams—Black-breasted reds, fair birds; same as Duckwings, but not nearly so good as at Toronto. Ducks—Aylesburies, just magnificent, and the party who owned them has nothing to learn in how to show them; Rouen—1st prize good birds, but not very large, Geese—two splendid pairs, 1st and 2nd, and if judged by me again, pair in best condition would win; any other color, good geese. Turkeys good birds generally.

Pigeons—The collection shown by Mr. Jas. O. Weldon of London was splendid

CHICKS.

Dorkings—Whites, fine show birds, and in good show condition; Colored, one splendid pair shown by J. Main, the other pair not so fine, nor so early. Cochins—1st prize pair large and good; Partridge, the first prize pair was really nice birds, the pullet showing beautiful pencilling; Whites, none. Brahmas—Dark, 1st and 2nd prize cockerels young but will be heard of next winter if well cared for, pullets lacking in pencilling. Light, few good birds, but no young for exhibition. Leghorns—very young but promising birds. Game.—B. R. R. quite a large class and very promising birds where the prizes fell. Duckwings, not good in color, and soft feathered. Polands—White-crested black, one good pair where the first prize fell; Golden spangled—good birds, but a little dark on breasts; Silver, nice birds but young. Hamburgs—Golden Spangled 1st prize pair good birds; Silver Spangled 1st prize cockerel very young but promising, pullets in both 1st and 2nd prize pens good. Golden pencilled only medium birds; Silver pencilled 1st prize pair nice birds, and will grow, 2nd prize cockerel deficient in ear-lobe. Houdans—first prize chicks duplicates of the winning old birds, 2nd prize good but small. Plymouth Rocks—match well in pairs, but a little on the dark side. Ducks—Aylesbury, 1st prize fell on