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The Carrier should be a large bird; large in body, large in limb, and large in presence; a bird with style, of the quality noble. Not a bird deformed by an immense beak or distorted wattle, but a bird of proportions. Who cares for a long hook, piercing a wrinkled bunch of excrescence, attached by a short neck to a runtish body? Wring off such heads and feed the bodies to the dogs, and rid the earth at once of two-thirds of the Carriers now encumbering it. We want the blooded style, the thoroughbred, not the Runt head, with its heavy Flanders look. Let the Runt retain that; it is bred for the pot and deserves all the weight that can be attached to it. Who of us would choose a woman whose ankles were beef to the heel? Not one; and we should be as well educated on the symmetry of Carriers.

The body of the Carrier should be large, broad across the shoulders, the muscles prominent and firm; the feathering should be as hard as that of the game fowl; the bow of the wing must be prominent, the flights long and smooth with a wide

stretch—say 35 inches, and should lap above the tail, the leg must look large in proportion to the body, the bird standing high; the feet must be red, the toes long and well spread; the neck long and thin, closely covered by small hard feathers. The head is of itself a study; most of the properties are claimed to lie there, and so much attention has been devoted to it that the equally valuable size, shape and style have almost ceased to exist. The result is that any dumpy mass of feathers with a fungus and a hook at one end is called a Carrier, and takes rank by reason of the length of its hook. To my mind this is a very great mistake, and a large, firm, reachy bird, with a bold, fearless style, should always take precedence of a dump, no matter if there is a difference of a sixteenth of an inch in beak or wattle.

The properties of the head lie in the beak, wattle, eye, and skull. Much attention has always been paid to the beak, and there are many persons who are called beak fanciers, because they set more store by that point than any other. Their object