



PIGEONS AND PETS.

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Pigeons at Bowmanville.

TOGETHER there was a good show at Bowmanville,—some classes being exceedingly well filled. The judging was about as good as usual. In Pouters we think a pair of whites winning 1st, were in bad trim and should have given way to a good pair in good condition and slimmer in girth. In Fantails we think the whites should have been vice versa, others correctly placed. In Owls, a black cock, we think, should have been in the money. In Jacobins the any other colour hens should have been reversed; a pair of white Jacobins were rightly disqualified for having been trimmed about the heads with the scissors. Antwerp cocks we thought were somewhat misplaced. The others were pretty well in their places. The winners of the Association diplomas are, up to date, unknown to us.

Carriers.—Black cock, 1st and 2nd, W. Fox; hen, 1st, W Fox, 2nd, J B Jones; any colour cock, 1st and 2nd, W Fox; hen, 1st and 2nd, W Fox. Pouters, white cock, 1st, J B Jones, 2nd, W Fox; hen, 1st, J B Jones, 2nd W Fox. Blue or Black Pied cock, 1st, J B Jones, 2nd, E F Doty; hen, 1st and 2nd, E F Doty. Any other colour cock, 1st, W Fox, 2nd, J B Jones; hen, 1st, W Fox, 2nd, J B Jones. Tumbler, cock, 1st and 2nd, Doty and Hobden; hen, 1st, Doty and Hobden, 2nd, W Fox. Fantail, Blue cock, 1st and 2nd, John Fogg; hen, 1st and 2nd, J Fogg; white cock, 1st, J Fogg, 2nd, J B Jones; hen, 1st J B Jones, 2nd J Fogg. Jacobins, white cock, 1st J B Jones; hen, 1st J B Jones, a pair in this class was disqualified for being trimmed. Any other colour cock, 1st J B Jones, 2nd W Fox; hen, 1st W Fox, 2nd Doty & Hobden. Barbs cock, 1st and 2nd W Fox; hen, 1st W Fox, 2nd J B Jones. Trumpeters, cock, 1st and 2nd W Fox; hen, 1st J B Jones, 2nd W Fox. Magpies, 1st on cock, W Fox, 2nd W Fox; hen, 1st W Fox, 2nd S P Jackman; Swallow cock,

1st J B Jones, 2nd W Fox; hen, 1st J B Jones, 2nd W Fox; Owls, cock, 1st J B Jones, 2nd W Fox; hen, 1st J B Jones, 2nd Doty & Hobden. Antwerps, cock, 1st J B Jones, 2nd W Fox; hen, 1st W Fox, 2nd J B Jones. Any other variety, 1st on cock, W Fox, 2nd W Fox; hen, 1st J B Jones, 2nd W Fox.

Balancing the Account.

MR. Vernon, like many other suburban residents, amuses himself by keeping fowls. It was his intention, when he first began it, to make it a self-supporting source of entertainment, and he had some hope of saving a little money in the supply of poultry and eggs for his own table.

But "chicken food" costs money, and all the coops and fences and roosts which Mr. Vernon thought necessary cost much more, so that it was only by great industry that he kept from losing instead of making money in his raising of chickens.

One day he found that his account for the week did not balance. He was behind in his accounts. He sat and pondered over his column of figures for a little while, then put on his hat and went down to the hen yard. Presently his daughter Eva saw him coming back to the house bringing a big rooster—headless. She ran out to meet him.

"Why, papa!" she exclaimed, "what did you kill old Brahma for?"

"For dinner, my dear," answered her father "He's worth three dollars, and I'm three dollars behind in my chicken accounts this week."

He took the fowl into the kitchen, then went on into the library and took up his account book, credited himself with the price of the big rooster, and announced with pride that he had balanced his account!—Youth's Companion

COMING SHOWS.

Eureka Poultry Association Chatham Jan. 20th to 23rd, S. Butterfield judge, C. M. Baskerville, secretary, Chatham.

Owen Sound, February 5th, 6 and 7th, J. Y. Bicknell, Judge, J. Maunders, Secretary.

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Central Ohio, at Mt. Gilead, Ohio, January 7th to 11, 1890. J. Y. Bicknell, Judge, W. F. Bruce, Secretary.

Cleveland, January 14th to 19th, 1890. C. C. Schellentrager, Sec., Glepville.

Fayette Association, at Washington C. H., January 14th to 10th, 1890. J. B. Collier, Sec.

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