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PIGEON DEPARTMENT.

Until further notice, communications, news items, and correspondence upon pigeon matters should be addressed to Mrs. E. S. Starr, 2nd Park Row, New York City.

J. A. D. Smoot recommends white Castile soap water as a preventive of throat disease in pigeons. Says his birds were effected, but since having the water from the waste-pipe of a stationary wash stand in his house to drink, the loft has been free from the trouble.

The inside measurement of a box for carrying pouters should be: length 18½ inches, width 8 inches, depth 7½ inches. Place a division to allow 5 inches at shoulder and 2½ inches for tail. This should hold two pouters. Make forty quarter inch holes in each end, beginning with one at an inch from the top, making a shape like a triangle.—*Chronicle*.

The New York and vicinity members of National Columbarian Society, in spite of the announcement to the contrary, held a most successful exhibition in January last. The exhibition was in accordance with the fancies of this portion of its membership: strong in the high-class birds, pouters, carriers, jacobins, barbs, but in the toys, weak indeed. The lofts of a few members show great variety and include toys, but these are kept more to round out a collection than to breed any to perfection. The late exhibition was upon an entirely new basis, and worthy in many points of being copied; of this we have made notes for use at a time when their suggestions will be seasonable.

At this season pigeons, whether bred for feather or for flying, are upon a common ground for care. For each there is the same law for life and the same demand for its support. In the majority of lofts the first young are already trying their wings, and the breeders are making for their second nests. The fancier meanwhile has but little to do beyond watching