

## Pigeon Notes.

BY OUR ENGLISH CORRESPONDENT.

Editor Review.

Sir,—Allow me to correct an error on the part of your engraver in the picture of my model nest pan, Fig. 10, page 150, though I dare say many of your readers will have guessed it already. The inside of the nest should be round or basin-shape, and not flat like a flower pot saucer, as shown in the picture, otherwise the eggs are apt to roll away into the corner and get chilled. This is a great objection to the use of a box or similar contrivance for the nest. There are one or two small typographical errors which are probably due as much to my hurried writing as to the printer's devil. I will therefore correct one at the bottom of first column, page 149. The sentence should read "The staple food in England is grey peas, tares or vetches;" the two latter terms being synonymous.

The heat in the south of England during July and August was very unusual, the thermometer frequently reaching 88° or more in the shade. This had rather a prejudicial effect on the birds, making the old birds restless and neglectful of their parental duties.

Of course all breeding is over now, and we are preparing for the great winter shows; the first of which, the Dairy Show, opens on October 7th, at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, London. The Fanciers' Carnival, as the great annual gathering at the Crystal Palace is called, will be a fortnight later than usual, as the building cannot be cleared of the exhibits, now forming a part of a large Industrial Exhibition there, in time to hold the poultry show on the usual dates. The foreign birds are making great advances in public favor here, and I hear there will be several new varieties from India on view at the big shows. I shall hope to describe them, all well, in due course.

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## Trip Among the Pigeon Fanciers of New York City.

Editor Review.

While on a flying trip to New York City recently, I dropped in at J. C. Long's, Jr., 62 Cortlandt street, who is one of the largest dealers in fancy fowls, pigeons and pet stock in this country. I found him, along with his faithful attendant, "Dick Kirby," hard at work as usual, and their large store was well stocked with fowls, pigeons, dogs and pet stock of all varieties. Mr. Long has an extensive farm just out of the city, where he resides, and where a greater part of his fancy stock is raised and kept. After receiving an urgent invitation from him to visit his farm, which owing

to my time being limited I was obliged to decline, I started up town to call upon Mr. D. E. Newell, of Barb fame. It was nearly a year ago that I first met him and his birds; in fact it was while in the city previous to my sailing across the pond, and well do I remember his genial face and grand stud of Barbs that he at that time showed me. Well, upon arriving at his office I found the same pleasant face, but for his birds, well, they have improved in the past year, if such be possible, and although in the meantime I have visited many Barb fanciers in Europe, yet as a lot, I have never seen a finer stud of birds than Mr. Newell possesses, and I believe he intends sending one or more pairs over to the great London Palace Show, that is to come off this winter; and should he I have no doubt that his name and birds will be a credit to us American fanciers. His favorite colors are Blacks, Reds and Yellows. In the latter color he has some grand birds, clear from beak to tail, a good sound yellow, a point so hard to find in this variety. In Blacks he penned four birds for my inspection that would make the heart of any fancier happy were he the owner, and in as much as Mr. Newell bred them all himself he deserves even more credit. I was shown a Dun cock that for head and beak properties would be hard to beat; in fact his whole stud run exceeding every, and are without doubt one of the finest collections of Barbs either in this country or Europe. In Whites, although he does not pretend to breed this color, yet I noticed one or two old veterans that would be hard to show against.

From Mr. Newell's place I stepped over to Sixth Avenue, and called upon Mr. H. C. Cock, the noted Pouter fancier, and the gentleman better known as being the person who purchased the collection of Pouters that belonged to the late Mr. Andrew Scheld, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

From there I came down town to my friend's H. V. Crawford, the noted Jacobin fancier, and as his specialty is my own hobby, I remained with him some time. But as I am drawing already too much upon the kindness of the Review, and the good nature of its readers, I will save my remarks upon this noted loft for a future article. Therefore, dear editor, wishing your paper and your readers all success,

I remain faithfully yours,

GEORGE E. PEER.

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Owing perhaps to the continued warm weather we hear many complaints of young hen pigeons proving more than usually troublesome in persisting to pair with each other. The best remedy we know of is to shift them continually from one loft to another.—*Poultry*.