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## OUR ILLUSTRATION.

**W**E bring before our readers this month an engraving of an ideal black Jacobin from *Feathered World*. We also publish the American Jacobin Club standard in another column.

## NEWS OF THE MONTH.

**W**E are pleased to hear the fancy is brightening up again. There have been quite a few sales made by different fanciers lately.

Col. F. M. Gilbert writes us he has had a very good breeding season, having raised some young Fantails this year which excel his old imported birds. He wishes it to be understood that he has no birds for sale at present.

We hear our old friend H. L. Hayden, Plymouth, Mass., has been importing some very fine black-laced Blondinettes, of which he will favor us with a photograph in the near future.

Peoria fanciers will hold a grand show this season. The premium list is a very extensive one, all varieties being pretty well represented. Mr. John Kuhn, of Louisville, Ky., who is known as an honorable, good, whole-souled fancier will officiate as judge. Will silk hats be in order?

Mr. P. F. Hager, Secretary of the A.C.A. wishes it mentioned that Mr. W. T. Levering and Mr. H. L. Smith should be added to the list of members for 1894.

We are informed by the Secretary of the American Barb and Carrier Club that New York and Cincinnati fanciers have both invited this Club to meet at their shows. Which place shall it be, Cincinnati or New York? We think Cincinnati would be the most desirable place for all members

concerned, all birds would stand an equal chance of winning after being shipped any distance. If held in New York the home birds will be fresh and bright just taken out of the loft and put into the show pen, and of course will naturally stand the best chance of winning against birds which have been tossed about by a lot of greenhorns on their journey to the show.

We had the pleasure of a visit to our lofts last month by that keen fancier "Grandfather William." His love of birds was plainly evident.

We regret to learn that Mr. G. Duffield, of Norwood, has had the misfortune to lose his white Fantail cock second at both Toronto and Ottawa.

## MASSACHUSETTS COLUMBARIAN ASSOCIATION.

*Editor Pigeon Fancier.*

**T**HE regular monthly meeting of the above association was held at their new quarters, Union Hotel, 133 Blackstone St. Boston, John Murray calling the meeting together at 8.15 p.m., a large attendance of members being present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary and approved. Mr. Finn made reference to the apparent reluctance of the president in attending these meetings and thought the confidence reposed in him by the club might possibly be a little misplaced. Quite a few comments followed this in a friendly spirit by Messrs. Billings, Murray, Whitely, Horsman, Albee, Davis and Middleton. Eventually Mr. Albee made a motion that the secretary be authorized with a view to ascertain the cause of his non-attendance at the club. This motion was carried.

Mr. Albee's report on behalf of the printing committee, re letterheads and envelopes was accepted and the bill paid.

Mr. Middleton then read the following committee's report. At the July meeting of this association a committee of three consisting of Messrs. Berry, Feather and Middleton, was