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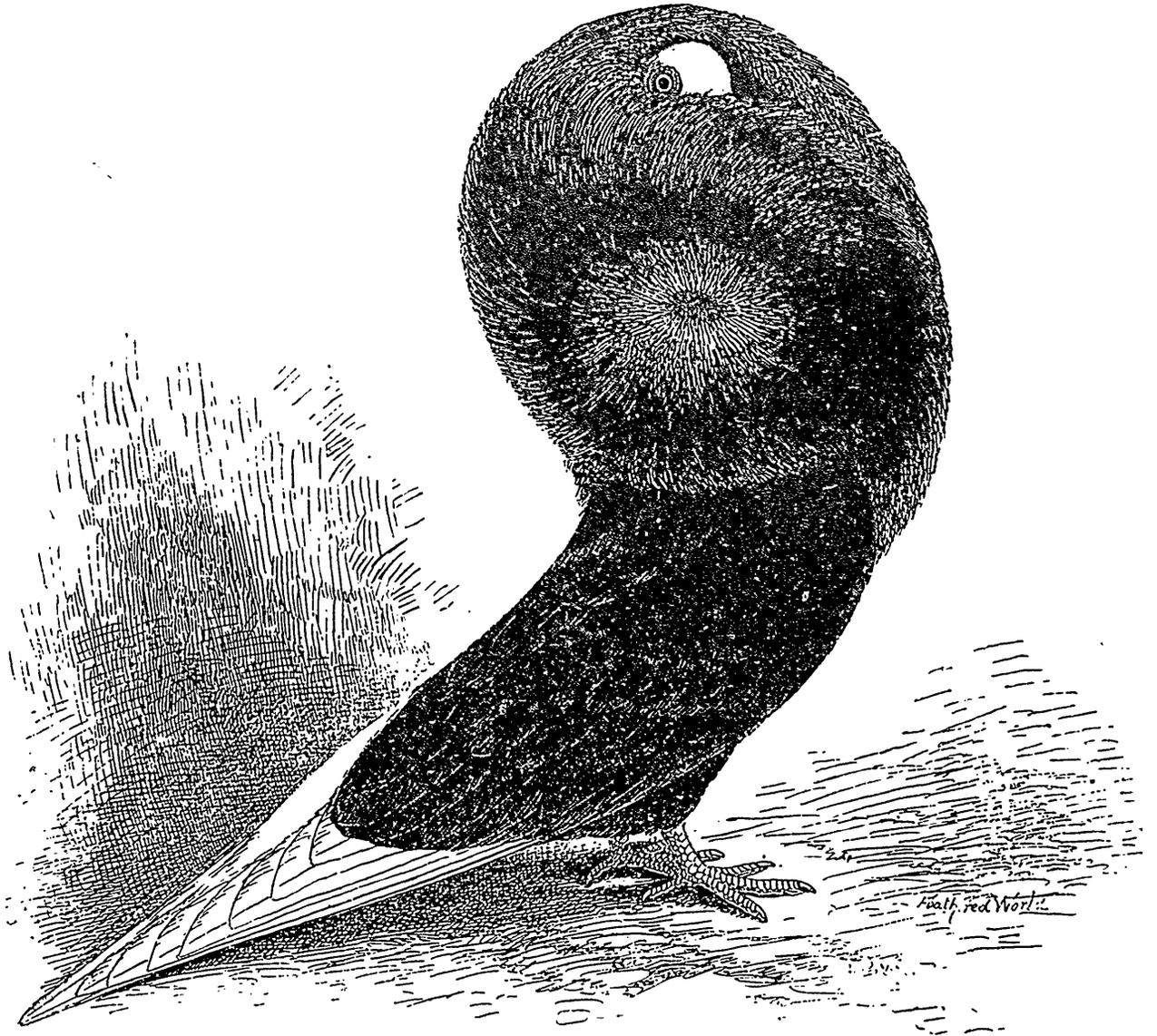
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AN IDEAL BLACK JACOBIN.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

WE 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.

WE 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.

THE 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

appointed for the purpose of dividing some pastime for the coming winter evenings on which the club meetings are to be held.

The following schemes were adopted: first, to have on different evenings different breeders bring in different specimens of their birds, showing general types of formation and general characteristics, each exhibitor to read a paper written by himself with quotations from other authorities, if he sees fit, illustrating his remarks with the specimens he brings in.

This is calculated to be of great value to many of the many young fanciers to be found among us.

Second to have young and old birds shown the same evening, but in separate competition, and to offer special inducements for young birds, bred by the exhibitors. It seems to be the general sentiment that no money prize be offered, giving simply prize cards, which will, we believe, be valued by the true fancier far more than money.

A few other pleasant schemes were discussed and will doubtless be carried into effect later, but owing to the amount of business on hand it was not deemed advisable to submit them until later in the season. The report was accepted. It was suggested by W. J. Middleton that the secretary and also other members get up a schedule or prize list showing the dates on which the different varieties shall be shown.

The question of a room was then brought up and thoroughly discussed. Mr. Middleton illustrated, in a style which was truly his own, why we should accept the offer of this room. Mr. Finn thought we ought to accept it as it is and fix the number of nights finally. A motion to secure this hall was made and carried, and the chair appointed the following committee to settle question of leasing this hall: Messrs. Albee, Middleton and Horsman.

The question of cages was brought up, and it was ascertained they cannot be bought from the Spratts Patent, but can be hired at 25 cents each. Without further discussion a motion was made and carried that a committee of three be appointed to look up this cage business and find out just where they can be got and at what cost. The chair appointed Messrs. Middleton, Connors and Willets.

A further motion was made and carried that this committee be vested with full power to purchase 24 or 30 at as reasonable a rate as possible.

Motion to adjourn was made at 10 p.m.

GEO. FEATHER, Sec'y.

SEASONABLE HINTS.

THERE is no more important work than that connected with the management of the pigeon loft in autumn. Some fanciers encourage the attempts of their birds to produce late young ones. They refrain until the last possible moment from going over their birds, and when this is done they prefer to retain young pigeons which they have bred and to which they have become somewhat attached on that account, instead of deciding to sell them at once and so give the best birds more room and attention, as well as make what money they are worth at the earliest possible moment. It cannot be too often pointed out that there is no economy in keeping inferior specimens in the loft in the hope of effecting casual sales. If pigeons which are of no use for breeding or exhibition were rigidly sold year by year as soon as their character was recognized, the pigeon loft would be cleaner and healthier, fewer birds would be bred by the fanciers, and the prices obtainable would be commensurately higher. As a matter of fact, there is no doubt that multitudes of inferior specimens are kept on in this way and not being sold during the winter, they are again mated in the spring, and so continue to perpetuate young ones no better than themselves, if as good.

Now is the time to go thoroughly into the matter, to overhaul every pigeon, and having decided upon the lines to be followed in next year's breeding, to rigidly exclude every pigeon which is of no exhibition value, or which will not be required for crossing another season. Some birds, it is true, are of little value, for sale, but may be kept for crossing on account of some special feature that they possess. This is a matter that the fancier must deal with himself, and all those pigeons that possess no special redeeming quality should be sold off at once or disposed of into a delicious pie.

The loft itself should also be overhauled where defective and everything removed which is used in the summer season but which is not required in the winter. The nest pans or boxes should be thoroughly cleaned out and coal oiled and put away until spring.

A pigeon loft is so apt to become dirty by the accumulation of filth, feathers, sawdust and sand, that the fewer the articles within it, the better for the birds. The floor having been entirely scraped over and swept clean, and the walls

and ceiling lime-washed, the floor covered with clean oat hulls, sawdust or chaff, the place will be complete for the winter season, and there is every possibility that any vermin which may have accumulated will be destroyed, and annoyance and loss the next season be prevented. There are many young fanciers, chiefly living in cities or towns, who obtain the assistance of more experienced men than themselves, especially if they are members of any of the pigeon clubs, in the selection and rejection of their birds year by year.

There is no better plan than this: for the judgment of men who have had more experience than those who seek their advice, is the greatest possible value.

A few hints may be in place here to give beginners an idea where to look for bad points, for instance take the Carrier: It is well to reject all those young birds which have not sufficient length and stoutness of beak, in which the beak is black and imperfect in form, the eye and beak wattle badly formed and showing indications of poor development, the neck short and thick, etc.

Owing to want of space we will continue in our next.

STOCK TRANSFERS.

From Mr. H. B. Donovan to Mr. Henry Bruder, Guelph, two of his well-known strain of white African Owls, both hens.

From the Rockwood Lofts (Dr. C. K. Clark), Kingston, to Mr. W. Reid, Kingston, their entire stock consisting of short-faced Tumblers, Dragoons and Owls.

From the loft of F. A. Rommel, Baltimore, to J. H. Baulch, Port Hope, Ont., one fine pair of Russian Trumpeters.

From the loft of C. F. Wagner, Toronto, Canada, to H. B. Donovan, of same place, his entire stud of Swallows, Nuns, Blondinettes and Satinettes.

To R. Burroughs, of same place, all of his Archangels.
To W. H. Reid, of Kingston, his entire stud of Fantails.
To Louis Dunseath, Toronto Junction, one pair beard

Tumblers, one pair Tumblers, one Carrier cock and one Dragoon hen.

From the loft of R. Burroughs, Toronto, to R. E. McKinstry, Ottawa, a pair each of red, yellow and black Swallows. To C. F. Croscher, Bowmanville, Ont., 1 pair black Jacobins, 1 pair black Nuns, 1 pair Archangels, 1 pair Swallows, 1 pair Antwerps.

From the loft of C. F. Wagner, his entire kit of grand Russian Trumpeters to R. Burroughs, Toronto, Ont.

SCIENCE FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN POULTRY AND PIGEONS.

Editor Pigeon Fancier.

I WAS myself delighted to find that scientific observations and experiments had recently been made in directions of interest to those who keep fowls and pigeons.

1. It has been shown that newly hatched pigeons react for the first few days like cold-blooded animals, such as frogs, turtles, snakes, fishes, *i.e.*, their output of carbonic acid, by the lungs, decreases with the fall external temperature hence the necessity for their being kept warm either by the parent or otherwise. Cold has thus been shown scientifically to be a depressant, a fact we all know by observation. With adult animals this is not the case, at least as regards moderate cold.

2. Prof. Reid has shown that during the breeding season the lateral pouches of the crop of pigeons undergoes a change as regards its minute structure, resulting in altered activity; by which the so-called *pigeon's milk* is formed. The process is analogous to the formation of fat in the sebaceous glands of the skin, *i.e.*, those glands which produce the fatty material we can at any time wipe from the skin of our own faces.

Chemical analysis of *pigeon milk's* shows it to be made up of 7 to 9 per cent. of fat and 12 to 15 per cent of proteids albuminoids. Unlike true milk it contains no sugar; but among its proteids is caseinogen which clots with rennet; so that it will be seen that the term (pigeon's) milk expresses fairly well the actual composition as ascertained by analysis.

Yours truly,

SCIENCE.

Cote St. Antoine, Montreal.

PIGEON NOTES FROM PORT HOPE.

BY C. MASSIE.

WATCH your birds closely at this season of the year for moulting goes hard with some of them.

A sun bath is excellent on mild days and seems to act as a stimulant to the birds.

Another breeding season is now over and the boys are all looking over their youngsters for future prize-winners. Some good ones have been raised and we think there is marked improvement in quality all round.

Several of our fanciers have lately added more new, and expensive specimens, and in their specialties will be able to get into the front ranks at any show.

The pigeon list at our coming exhibition this winter will be larger and better than ever. Pouters will have sections for all colors as also Jacobins, Trumpeters, Carriers, Turbits, etc. We hope to see every breeder represented. Come along boys, and have a good time, you will find plenty of "pigeon cranks" in Port Hope and a few good pigeons too.

Mr. J. B. Jones, Toronto, and Mr. R. C. Binning, Montreal, were in town a few days ago, and spent several pleasant hours inspecting the birds. We are always pleased to have visitors call, and will show them around with pleasure.

I have received a copy of the Peoria, Ill., Columbarian Association's Prize List, to be held November 28th, 29th, 30th, December 1st to 3rd. Their list is very extensive and some good specials are offered, but no cash in regular classes—1st premium being a blue rosette, 2nd a red do., 3rd a white ribbon. We wish them a most successful show, and were the distance not so great, would be tempted to send along some birds.

In my report of Pigeons at the Industrial in last issue of FANCIER, re Archangels, should read very nice *peaks*, not beaks as printed.

Mr. Editor, please allow me to congratulate you on the last issue of the PIGEON FANCIER. I think it is a great improvement in connection with the POULTRY REVIEW.

The cut of blue pied Pouter cock alone is worth the price of subscription. Every breeder and fancier throughout the land should support it, subscribe for and advertise in it, and every one should write for it. There are scores of old, and young fanciers too, who go on breeding and showing from year to year, yet never think of writing up an article or sending in some news for their paper, to help keep up the interest in same, and strengthen the hands of the editor. Come boys, wake up and let us hear from you.

STANDARD FOR THE JACOBIN PIGEON.

AS ADOPTED BY THE AMERICAN JACOBIN CLUB.

BEAK. Short and thick, well curved downwards, forming a continuation of curve of skull, and flesh color.

HEAD. Small, flat between the eyes, with full appearance in front.

EYES. Centre, black, surrounded by pearl or light grey.

HOOD. Long, fitting well down on head, even at edge, crossing the head in a line with the front of the eyes.

CHAIN. Fitting close and even from back to breast, standing well out, giving a curved line from hood to breast.

MANE. Full, being well filled out at back, even at edge, and fitting in evenly with the hood,

ROSE. Shape, oval, in a line slanting across bottom of neck.

SIZE AND SHAPE OF BODY. Breast full, long and slender. The back to be narrow, flat and straight.

WINGS. Rather low at butts, flights resting on tail.

CARRIAGE, Sprightly, the head carried about eight inches from the ground.

LEGS AND FEET. Short, and free from feathers below the hock, color red. Feet small and fine, with claws same color as beak.

RUMP. Smooth, flat and narrow.

TAIL. Narrow and straight in line with the back.

COLOR. Red, blacks and yellows, sound, lustrous, and even, from lower mandible to vent, with rump, tail, ten flights, and head white. Whites pure throughout.

M. B. BLAUCH, Sec'y,

Lebanon, Pa.

TWO NEW CASES.

FRRIEND. "Well, Doc, how is business?"

DOCTOR. "Fine." "Got two new cases in the next room."

FRRIEND. "What, smallpox?"

DOCTOR. "No, pigeons."

THE ALMOND TUMBLER.

BY WREN.

WHAT bird occupies the throne of supremacy in the Pigeon kingdom? Who that has an eye for the beauty can look upon an Almond Tumbler without a tint of admiration even if he be not an ardent fancier? Can you find another bird so radiant in such magnificent feathering, of carriage so courtly, and manners so engaging, that tame and graceful creature with that lustre of amethyst bathed in emerald, quivering on its shining neck as he struts about with proud imperious carriage, who thus can observe it without making an exclamation of delight? It was the first domestic pigeon honored by having a book written all about itself, such literary attention was paid to it in the year 1802, by Mr. Windus, a London solicitor. In 1851 the homage was repeated by Mr. Eaton, since which the expenditure of much time and skill the bird has become wonderfully improved in fineness of qualities. The formation of the head much broader, the beak much shorter, the brow more beetling, the carriage more spirited and graceful. If there be room now left for improvement it is in the ground color of the plumage, which wants changing from the dusky red or mahogany brown to a rich toned yellow? There is also an art of rearing and perfecting this little bird, especially if one intends to win his laurels in the show pen. Every fancier has an ideal of his own and it is for that perfection he is striving, and like virtue it is his only reward. If he does not keenly relish the hobby, after a few disappointments he will abandon it, for it is not every time the egg breaks open that a prize comes forth. You will find many failures attaining your efforts. It requires hard and constant work and only the love of it compels the effort for many days, yes years, you will grope around in the dark striving to attain that which is the heights of one's ambition. Some fanciers are a little vain and think they have an ideal or perfection, such sometimes give vent to a little bragging, but competition generally brings them to grief.

There are two kinds of fanciers, "the head and beak" and the feather fancier, the former offers a bird that is mousy or pleasant faced, it must have the grand "stop" to it by fair means or foul. Fulton in his book of pigeons reveals the method of malpractice, there is no way of putting down this evil, but may the tireless clamor of the indignant public kill him by criticism, that which I refer to is the crushing in of the skull. The practice is cruel and outrageous and I trust will never be done in this country to the extent it is in England.

As photographing seems to be a great fad among fanciers let me tell you a good way in which it can be accomplished, tie a string in the ring or band, place the bird in your hand and draw the string down between the fingers and across the back of hand there make it fast to your sleeve button or button hole, after fluttering and trying to get away he will at last stand up, when a fine picture may be obtained.

Remember the best bird has yet to be bred.

Always purchase the best quarry for it is the cheapest in the end.

A besetting sin common to fanciers is overcrowding the loft.

Do not blame the food and water for sowing the seeds of disease look oftener to your defective ventilation.

Many diseases of your birds are through neglect, carelessness and ignorance.

Experience will teach you many a wrinkle.

Make your loft wind and water tight.

Ointment is the proper remedy for insects upon your birds.

All are good: millet, rice, wheat, darn, tare, canary seed, rape and small maple peas.

Do not let droppings accumulate, remove them often.

When the young are a fortnight old remove their old nest and give them a new one.

In looking over an old pigeon book published in 1851 I came across the weights of a few pigeons made Nov. 6th, 1849.

	Lbs.	Oz.
Pair Leghorn Runts.....	3	7
" Jacobins.....	1	7½
" Cinnamon Tumblers.....	1	5
" Archangels.....	1	10½
" Nuns.....	1	10
" Barbs.....	1	9
" Owls.....	1	6½
" Turbits.....	1	7
" Blue Antwerps.....	1	12½

PAPA IS QUITE SILENT NOW.

Eddie.—"Papa why is a woman like a pigeon?"

Papa.—"I don't know my boy, perhaps because they are dove-like."

Eddie.—"No, that's not it.—It's because they win men!"

Papa.—"You bad young rascal I'll take a stick to you."

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PEORIA'S GREAT SHOW.

Editor Pigeon Fancier:—

THE first Pigeon and Poultry Exhibition of the Peoria Columbarian Association, will be a grand affair, many promises of entries have been received and we anticipate strong competition in all the principal classes. Our premium list is now ready, it is without doubt the most liberal (in the matter of classification) ever issued. One Hundred and Fifty Dollars in specials have been offered by the business men of Peoria. Mr. John H. Kuhn, of Louisville, Ky., one of the best all round judges in America, will place the awards on Pigeons. Mr. Charles Proctor and Henry Schimpff, both of Peoria, Ill., will judge the Poultry. The exhibition will be held in the Paddock Building, one of the best located buildings in the city. In addition to the Specials offered in the Premium List, Mr. C. W. Buttes, the great pigeon artist of Columbus, Ohio, offers an ink drawing for the best bird, any variety and sex on exhibition. The drawing will be taken from life of the bird that wins the same, it is valued at \$10. We want every fancier in America to send for a Premium list and if possible favor us with an entry.

ROBERT JOOS,
Superintendent.

CENTRAL CANADA FAIR.

LIST OF AWARDS.

POUTERS, any other color, 1 G Wood jr, Ottawa. CARRIERS, any other color, 1 Wood. BARBS, black, Wood; any other color, 1 Wood. JACOBIANS, red or yellow, 1 Couch, Ottawa, 2 Wood; any other color, 1 Couch, 2 Wood. FANTAILS, white, 1 Wood; any other color, 1 Couch, 2 Wood. TRUMPETERS, 1 Couch, 2 Wood. TUMBLERS, 1 Mason & Son, 2 Couch. ANTWERPS, short-face, 1 Mason & Son; long-face, 1 Couch. TURBITS, 1 Wood, 2 Couch. OWLS, African, 1 Mason & Son, 2 Wood; English, 1 Couch, 2 Wood. SWALLOWS, 1 and 2 Wood. NUNS, 1 and 2 Wood. DRAGOONS, 1 Couch, 2 A Geddes. HOMERS, any color, 1 and 2, Mason & Son. Any other variety not barred, 1 Wood. Best collection, diploma, Wood.

SHE WOULD WEAR THE PANTS.

AN old bachelor once went away on a trip and left instructions to his chambermaid to feed his pigeons, and be sure and not try on his clothes in his absence.

In a couple of weeks he returned and the first thing he noticed was that someone had been making free with his columbarian suit.

Upon cross questioning the girl he found out she had put his clothes on to make the pigeons believe she was their master. The girl began to cry, her tears having its effect upon the old bachelor and in place of discharging her as he had intended, he concluded to give her a lecture instead, and therefore said :

"It isn't that I object to your trying the clothes on, Marie, but what I do object to, is your doing behind my back what you would not do before my face."

FASHIONABLE PIGEONS.

BY RICHARD WOODS IN *Poultry*.

NO matter what the public may think or say there is no denying the fact that such a thing exists as fashion among pigeons and pigeon fanciers. We have only to take a glance around to substantiate this, for some breeds which were little recognized formerly now occupy an exalted position in the minds of those who make pigeon breeding and exhibiting a study. It would scarcely be correct to say that all the breeds which are in favour just now are entitled to be called "high class." Indeed an arrangement of that kind would be not only unjust to the oldest established kinds, but also an incentive to break down the ancient barriers which should, and do, separate the different grades of pigeons. It is no imaginative picture that I am about to paint, but one that will bear the closest scrutiny and strict examination. Up to the last dozen years or so, Carriers, Barbs, Pouters, and short-faced Tumblers were the only breeds considered "high class." Why was this? The reason is difficult to understand. Speaking conjecturally, it may be explained that these sorts are the oldest established, and therefore en-

titled to the place of honour which custom has assigned. Practically speaking, I never did, and never shall, admit that Carriers, Barbs, Pouters, and short-faced Tumblers only are entitled to be regarded as the premier breeds. Mind, I would not for a single moment wish to usurp the honorary distinction that has been claimed from time immemorial for the above named breeds. I do, however, think that many other kinds of fancy pigeons with which we nineteenth century fanciers are familiar are worthy to be classed in the highest rank. Jacobins, for instance, are surely quite as distinct as the so-called King and Queen of the Doos. I defy anyone to theorise correctly the origin of this wonderful pigeon. True, crosses have been resorted to, but the choicest pigeons of to-day have not been contaminated with much alien blood. All the old writers recognize the Jacobin as a very distinct breed. The number of its admirers can scarcely be estimated, for, go where you will, Jacobins may be found. They are largely cultivated throughout the length and breadth of England, in bonnie Scotland, and the breeders in "Ould Ireland" have sent to our shore some of the choicest specimens that ever graced a show pen. On the continent, in the colonies, and in Yankee land, wherever pigeons are cultivated, the Jacobin occupies a foremost position. So let pigeon fanciers henceforth look upon the Jacobin as a high class and fashionable breed.

Fantails, too, are very distinctive—very fascinating, and although tip-top specimens are rarely met with, this class did and always will command a host of enthusiastic admirers. But, mark you, notwithstanding this eulogy, Fantails just now can scarcely be classed among the most fashionable breeds. To my mind, this want of appreciation of the many grand properties possessed by the Fan-

tail is a little short of degrading to the fancy at large. Why is it that such a number of pigeon breeders should concentrate their attention in one particular channel?
 (To be Continued.)

Editor Pigeon Fancier.

DEAR SIR,—Mr. Thompson of Neenah, the present owner of the blue hen mentioned in that part of my letter, "Disappointments and Surprises, Etc.," in October number of PIGEON FANCIER, says to me in a private letter that I should not be ashamed to publish his name. He has a pair of youngsters bred from her the past season that he would not take \$10 for.

Toronto, Oct. 17, '94. W. STEVENS.

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