

The Poultry-Yard.

SATINETTE PIGEONS.

THIS delicate variety of birds is very active on the wing and in its native climate flies long and well. The Satinette is highly prized in England, for its beautiful plumage and dignified and upright carriage. Smyrna, a seaport town of Naticolia, in Asiatic Turkey, is said to be the place where this breed was originated, but it is not known there under the name of Satinette, which is given them by English breeders.

The London Poultry Chronicle, from which we take our illustration of this beautiful pigeon, says it "will compare favorably with any known breed in form and feather, and what the Seabright Bantam is among poultry such is the Satinette among pigeons."

The points of the Satinette are as follows: The head is round; the beak short, strong, and flesh-colored; the eye is large and dark; the neck is gently tapered, and well arched; the breast prominent, and a large frill must be well defined (as shown in the illustration,) from the neck to the breast; the body small and compact; the legs and feet well feathered, and entirely covered to the nails; the carriage of the bird must be erect, and in most points of form bearing resemblance to the Owl. The head, neck, breast, belly, thighs, and lower part of back pure white; on the sides of wings, primary coverts, and saddle of back is a ground tint of a light and delicate pinkish brown, deepening in tone towards the edges of each feather and terminating in a fine black fringe upon all the smaller feathers on the sides and shoulders of wing; the coverts, however, are not fringed with black at the edges, but they, in company with all the feathers upon which the brownish color is visible, are distinctively marked with black spear points. Thus there is a variety of graduated shades of rich brown upon every colored feather, bordered by a fringe of black, such as may be seen in the Hamburgh fowls. The tail of the bird is of a slaty blue color, with a broad band of black at its extremity; in the centre of this band, and upon each of the twelve feathers of which the tail is comprised, should be a distinct and well-defined white spot. This peculiar feather is not found in any other variety of pigeons and forms one of the chief characteristics of this breed.

We are not aware of any of these pigeons being either owned or bred in this country; if there are any we hope to see them at the next exhibition of the New York Columbarian Society.

JAPANESE BANTAMS.

THESE beautiful and trim little birds have been highly praised for their peculiar and unique appearance, so much so, that we have been induced to picture them in the columns of the RURAL NEW-YORKER. They were shown at the Annual Show of the N. Y. State Poultry Society, and attracted marked attention. Their appearance is such as to make a decided impression, in their favor, on those who have seen them. The American Agriculturist says "the whole form and style of these unique little fowls are such as to distinguish them from all others, although they vary greatly in color and markings among themselves.

"Their bodies are small and very compact; legs short and smooth; combs single, erect, and very large in both sexes; heads carried well back, making the fowls remarkably 'pigeon-breasted.' The backs almost disappear between the necks and tails. The tails are carried more than erect, leaning forward, and in the case of male birds, frequently extending further forward than their heads. The fluffy 'coverts' at the base of the tails are quite remarkable. Their wings are carried drooping, like several other varieties of bantams. The color is white, with black tails and tips of light feathers. They are a sprightly, vigorous, hardy breed, at present rather a novelty, and likely to bring pretty high prices for some time to come. They should be bred to preserve their peculiarities of form in the highest possible perfection; the plumage in each flock should be kept true to certain definite markings; very small size should be a requisite in breeding stock."

POULTRY NOTES AND QUERIES.

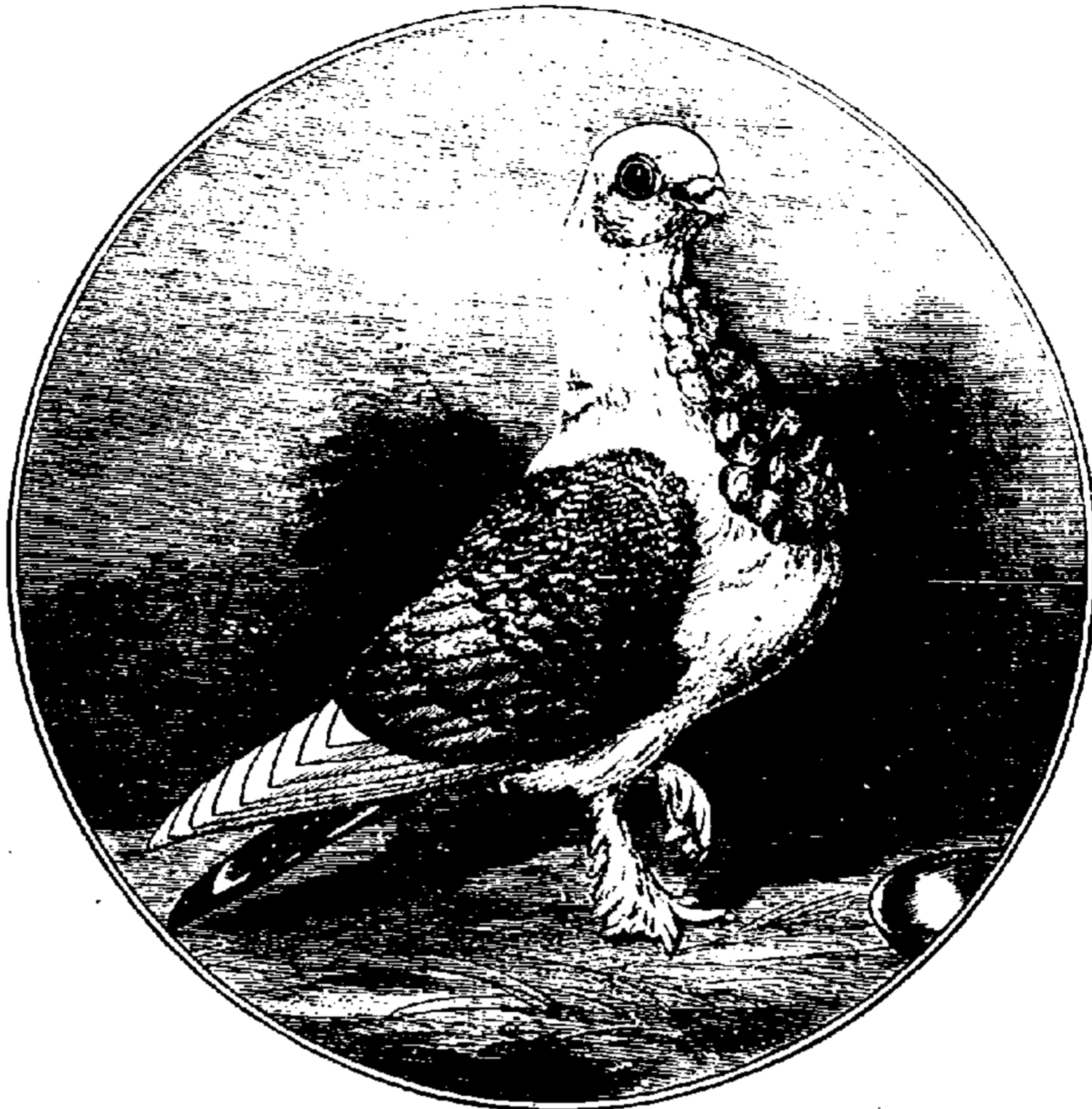
Points of Dark Brahmas.—ROBERT YATES, Sandusky, O.:—We have answered the above question time and again in the RURAL NEW-YORKER. Dark Brahmas should certainly have pea-combs, we care not what the Illinois Association say in

favor of single combs, they are not admissible; well pencilled plumage, neck hackle silvery white, striped with black; no vulture hocks, yellow legs, and well feathered. The cocks should have pea-combs, black, or black and white striped; light, almost white hackle and saddle striped with black and white tails. Vulture hocks are feathers growing below the knee-joint, and project-

Hygienic Information.

HYGIENIC NOTES AND QUERIES.

Scarlet Fevers.—Seeing an inquiry in the RURAL NEW-YORKER about scarlet fever, I send the directions given me several



PORTRAIT OF A SATINETTE PIGEON.

ing outwards. By pea-comb, we do not mean the thick, heavy "beefsteak" comb, but one nicely and evenly serrated.

Hamburgh Fowls.—A new subscriber.—All the sickle and principal feathers of a Silver-Spangled Hamburgh cock's tail should be white with a black spot at the end of each. The Golden-Spangled's should be yellow in the place of white with the black spot.

Committeemen Exhibiting.—C. COLBY, Conn.—We do not see any good reason why a judge at any poultry show should not be allowed to exhibit his stock because he is to pass judgment upon his own poultry. If he is not honest his colleagues should be, and not swayed in their judgment by his opinion. Then, again, we believe every man, in whatever position he may be placed, is honest until he is proved otherwise.

What Ails My Turkeys?—This question is asked us by H. W. M., Illinois; from his description of the disease we should say his turkeys are affected with diarrhoea. The causes for this disease are various, among which are too scanty supply of grain, dampness, undue acidity in the bowels, or unwholesome diet. For a cure, we have



JAPANESE BANTAM COCK.

used, with good results, five grains of powdered chalk; five, do., of rhubarb, and three of cayenne pepper. If the relaxation is not speedily checked, give a grain each of opium and powdered Ipecacuapha every two or four hours.

years ago by an intelligent physician, and which I have followed with profit in my own family:—"Dissolve a lump of saltpetre as large as a hickory nut in a tumbler of cold water, to clear the throat, and operate on the kidneys. Give cream tartar water, sweetened, to drink, enough to move the bowels daily, but not to physic thoroughly. Just as the eruption comes through the skin or begins to, rub the body all over with a piece of salt pork. Be careful about exposure to taking cold. Nursing is more than medicine. That is all we Doctors can do with scarlet fever."

If the throat swells on the outside after the fever passes off, poultice with mustard as long as it can be borne.

The symptoms in the cases I have had were chills, and vomiting followed in the course of twelve hours by the scarlet eruption. The skin looks sometimes as if it had been scalded. The fever lasts four or five days, and when it subsides is followed by profuse sweats.—AUNT LID.

Sleeping-Rooms with Plants.—In answer to L. R., Reading, Pa., under query:—"Are House Plants Injurious?" Permit to say, that all healthy plants, during the day, throw off oxygen and absorb carbon; but during the night the reverse takes place—oxygen is absorbed and carbon is thrown off. To man, oxygen is life, and carbon death. Although the amount of oxygen taken up by



JAPANESE BANTAM PULLET.

plants during the night is not yet determined, if they are to be kept in the sleeping-room, it should be large and well ventilated, in order that it may contain enough pure air for the consumption of both sleepers and plants. L. R.'s harm results from inhaling air breathed by plants during the

night as that which has already been breathed by man. Treat your plants, then, as if they were human beings, and enlarge your sleeping-rooms accordingly.—Dr. F. J. B., Andover, N. Y.

A Cancer Cured.—I wish to tell how cured my cancer, last summer, without pain or money. Eight years ago a cancer came on my nose. It grew slowly for several years the last two years it grew fast, and it got frightful. It was beginning to eat out my left eye. I had paid out hundreds of dollars and tried doctors from far and near. No body did it any good. Last summer I drank wild tea and put the tea-grounds on my nose every night; in six weeks the cancer was cured. I told it to a good many who had cancer. I know two have cured their cancers since. I am sixty-two years old. I believe Wild Tea grows most everywhere of high land.—CHARLES YARDLEY, Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 6, 1871.

We do not know what "Wild Tea" is. We do not know of any plant that has it as a local name. Will not our corresponders send us a specimen plant that we may determine its true name?

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